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In the Spirit of Community

News from April 8 Town Council meeting

By Hanna Gilley

Town Council Reports and Correspondence

Councilor Penny Jordan gave an update on the School Board Advisory Committee, saying that surveys were mailed out and arriving in residents' mailboxes this week. The survey contains "lots of info" on the three recommendations for the school projects. The survey is also available online on the town website. Submissions are due by April 22. Jordan added that "all of your emails are read and considered even if you don't get a response immediately."

Town Manager Monthly Report

Town Manager Matt Sturgis informed the chamber that the Public Works Department is diligently working on cleaning up tree branches and limbs from the "substantial storms" the town has seen recently. He suggested that if residents have limbs from their property that they'd like removed, to

bring them to the side of the road for cleaning crews to dispose of. Sturgis also noted that there is a methane gas study at the Gull Crest site happening during the month of April. The testing will take approximately 10-14 days with results being presented at the June Town Council workshop.

Public Comment on the Consent Calendar Agenda

Cynthia Dill shared her concerns on consent item #65-2024 which discusses the Maine National Resources Council Program (MNRCP) Sawyer Road Project in Cape Elizabeth and Scarborough. Dill opines that the project is a "drastic response" and that she'd rather the town "adapt than succumb to" impacts of climate change. She added that the town should do "something else besides just getting rid of the road" calling it a slippery slope.

Councilor Anderson asked how long the

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CEHS Model UN team shines, Oliver passing baton

By Kevin St. Jarre

The Model United Nations program at Cape Elizabeth High School has once again given the community reason to be proud. Led by CEHS Teacher Melissa Oliver for more than a decade, they have won honor



Contributed photo

CEHS Teacher Melissa Oliver, who has led the CEHS Model UN program for more than a decade, is passing along the baton to a new advisor and coach. The Model UN team recently had another stellar performance at a conference at Dartmouth College.

after honor, and in Oliver's last trip with the students, they recently made one of their best showings at the Dartmouth College Model United Nations conference.

Known as DartMUN, it is an annual event held on the beautiful Ivy League campus featuring hundreds of high school delegates debating international politics, humanitarian causes and more.

Oliver, after all these years of success, is stepping away and allowing someone else to take the reins. In her first year with the Model UN program, Oliver worked with her predecessor, CEHS Teacher Gretchen McNulty, as a way to transition from one advisor to the next. Since, then Oliver has run the program as the advisor and coach for 12 years.

Oliver explained that Model UN is a co-curricular activity that provides students with the opportunity to engage in weekend-

-see MODEL UN page 5

Enjoying the 2024 eclipse



Contributed photo

Three and a half year old Cooper Hoopes taking a look at the eclipse with his custom eclipse glasses.

Microsoft scam alert from CEPD

The Cape Elizabeth Police Department has recently received multiple reports of people falling victim to the Microsoft Tech Support Scam. Since April 4, scammers have stolen over \$100,000 from Cape Elizabeth residents.

This scam involves a window popping up on the user's computer saying something to the effect of "Microsoft Computer has been blocked." The pop up window contains a phone number for "Microsoft tech support" and the user is asked to call the number for help. Upon calling the phone number, the user is connected with the scammer who will attempt to get money or personal information from you.

This scam is most dangerous to people unaware that Microsoft would never block their computer. Thus unsuspecting users may willingly contact the scammers posing as "Microsoft technicians" and give up remote access to computers. In turn, scammers may ask them to pay for their "services," infect the device with malware or steal their data.

Many scammers will ask that you go buy gift cards or cryptocurrency in order to pay them. This should be an immediate red flag. Look for the following four signs to detect a scam:

1. Scammers pretend to be from an organization you know.

Scammers often pretend to be contacting you on behalf of the government. They might use a real name, like the FTC, Social Security Administration, IRS, or Medicare, or make up a name that sounds official. Some pretend to be from a business you know, like a utility company, a tech company, or even a charity asking for donations. They use technology to change the phone number that appears on your caller ID. So the name and number you see might not be real.

2. Scammers say there's a problem or a prize.

They might say you're in trouble with the government. Or you owe money. Or someone in your family had an emergency. Or that there's a virus on your computer. Some scammers say there's a problem with one of your accounts and that you need to verify some information. Others will lie and say you won money in a lottery or sweepstakes but have to pay a fee to get it.

3. Scammers pressure you to act immediately.

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TC 'has chosen to ignore reality'

At the recently concluded COP 28, the world's nations issued a non-binding agreement to begin a transition from fossil fuels to green energy.

In January the Cape Elizabeth Town Council was presented with 506 signatures of Cape voters urging the council to support a binding UN resolution to begin the transition. The Cape Conservation Committee supported this resolution with a unanimous vote. I had been informed that the resolution would be on the agenda. It was not.

At the April meeting, the council again did not include the item. By refusing to discuss the issue they avoided an opportunity to express their concern about climate change. In reality, however, they did vote. They sided with the fossil fuel industry.

Since the resolution was presented to the Town Council in January, Cape Elizabeth has seen firsthand what damage the changing climate will bring. The Town Council has chosen to ignore reality.

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'We thank you, Andy'

What is community? What does it mean to serve a community? Is community defined as only the residents of a town, like Cape Elizabeth? Or just the patrons, who only visit a place, like our Thomas Memorial Library? Well, it seems these philosophical questions might be at the crux of a personnel/programming crisis at our library.

In the past few weeks, four employees of the library, including the children's librarian and assistant, the community engagement librarian and another p/t librarian left the library. The individual circumstances are unknown, but the outcome is most troubling.

Andy Ryer is one who is gone abruptly after 13 years at TML. Andy was our extraordinary Community Engagement Librarian. Anyone who has met Andy or spent any time with him, in person or on

zoom, saw for themselves the gifts this man brought to the job. Whether in programs like FIKA, the Guerilla Poetry Whoop, The Pod Complex, the Community Reads, or Big Conversations in 10 Short Minutes, they saw the intellect, the caring and the vision of the man. He developed community that extended from Cape to IL, to CA, CO, FL, MI, NJ, TX, AK, Germany and Ukraine.

Our community is now diminished, and bereft, not only by losing Andy, but from the greater loss of the voices, thoughts, tears, puns, joys, sorrow and life stories of the people we met through the zoom programs he conceived. Those zooms created friendships, belonging, and yes - community! We thank you, Andy!

Jessica D Linzer Simpson

'Let's make every dollar count'

Fiscal responsibility has been a key theme in the SBAC's evaluation of school design concepts. In that vein, I'd like to highlight two points.

When considering major spending on our homes or vehicles, we consumers typically demand context on 1) the expected lifetime of our investment and 2) what future expenses we can expect following any given course of action. We should expect the same as voters and residents of Cape Elizabeth. Which design concept provides the highest ratio of "years of useful life" to invested dollar? Option E (new middle school) by a country mile. Which options reflect the biggest lurking subsequent expenses in the next 15 years? B and C (renovations) by a country mile. Don't take my word for it - just look at the reports from Harriman (Powerpoints from 2/1 and 4/10 community forums).

Renovation options also include a whopping \$3.6M line item for "swing space" (read also: trailers) to house classrooms during the 3 (yes, three) school years of disruption necessitated by renovations. There is no return on investing nearly \$4M to rent trailer classrooms that occupy athletic fields and create further displacement and disruption. New middle school construction has no such expense and would pose no student disruption, thanks to the phasing of projects.

We cannot avoid making a major investment in our schools; the needs are demonstrable, documented, and publicly available. Let's make every dollar count. Option E will cost taxpayers less in the long run.

Scott Mazuzan

'Unclear where Governor Mills stands'

I write in support of the sentiments shared in a letter published in the Courier's previous issue, captioned "Protect our Maine interests."

Over the past several years, we have experienced many examples of politicians' and unelected bureaucrats' arrogant attitude towards Maine's voters. It's been on full display both locally and in Augusta. Lest we forget the anti-science and draconian measures that took place during the pandemic, or the more recent contempt for "home rule" and local autonomy with the passage of LD 2003. As each of these scenarios played out, I was (and still am) inspired by the bipartisan opposition and efforts to mitigate the impact of these contemptuous and harmful efforts.

In their latest scheme, legislators in Augusta have voted to erase your voice from the presidential election - and hand the election over to larger, more populated states. Under the LD 1578: "An Act to Adopt an Interstate

Compact to Elect the President of the United States by National Popular Vote," if Candidate A were to win the election in Maine, but Candidate B were to win the national popular vote, our state electors would be directed to award our electoral votes to Candidate B. This completely ignores the voice of Mainers and the results of the popular vote in Maine.

As of this writing, it's unclear where Governor Mills stands. Democrats, Republicans, and Independents alike, your voice and your vote matters. I implore you to contact Governor Mills and encourage her to veto LD 1578.

John Lewis

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More Microsoft scams reported

By Debbie Butterworth

PUBLIC INFORMATION

- 3-22 An officer met with a resident of the Shore Road area regarding a trespass complaint.
- 3-27 A resident dropped off a diabetic test kit found at Trundy Point.
- 3-27 Two officers responded to a residence in the Scott Dyer Road area for a well-being check.
- 3-29 An officer responded to a residence in the Spurwink Avenue area for a domestic disturbance.
- 4-2 Two officers responded to a residence in the Broad Cove area for a well-being check.
- 4-3 An officer met with a resident of the Ocean House Road area who reported she had a Microsoft alert pop up on her screech with a phone number to contact. She called the number and gave a man access to her computer to "fix it." The fee was \$80 but it appeared that \$8,000 had been added to her bank account. She asked for the money to be returned but was told that Microsoft did not have the authorization to do that, and was instructed to purchase \$2,000 in Nordstrom gift cards, which she did and provided the card numbers to the man. She was then instructed to go to the Apple Store and purchase \$4,000 in Apple gift cards. She was on the phone with the scammer the whole time. At the Apple Store, the employee told her she was involved in a scam and to disconnect the call. She was then able to contact Nordstrom and they were able to freeze her account with the money still there. They will be helping with the investigation.
- 4-5 An officer met with a resident of the Shore Road area who reported unauthorized charges on debit card. The bank has been notified and the card canceled.
- 4-6 An officer met with residents of the Fowler Road area who reported that in March a Microsoft warning had appeared on a laptop. A hyperlink was clicked and they received a call on their cell phone claiming to be from Microsoft, and that a Trojan virus had been detected. The victim was told to install "Ultraview" and not to shut the computer off. They were told that their IP address and network were compromised, multiple hackers were involved and they were to move their money. Over a period of several days, they were told to withdraw funds and deposit money into bitcoin accounts. After about eight days, they were told

that all hackers had been removed, that the case was closed and they should remove "Ultraview" from their computer. They were also told that five separate checks would be sent by Federal Express to them for the money they had deposited into the Bitcoin accounts. They have not received any checks and have been unable to contact the alleged Microsoft representative supposedly working with them.

- 4-7 An officer received a report of a suspicious person near the center of town. Suspect was located and was waiting for a ride from a family member.
- 4-8 An officer spoke with a resident regarding a dog loose in the Belfield Road area.
- 4-8 A resident of the Ocean House Road area came to the police station and dropped off a laptop she had found in the area of Ocean House Road and Fox Hill Road.

SUMMONSES

- 3-29 South Portland resident, speeding (47/30 zone), Sawyer Road, \$170
- 3-30 Cape Elizabeth resident, speeding (47/30 zone), Mitchell Road, \$170
- 3-30 Cape Elizabeth resident, speeding (47/30 zone), passing in a no pass zone, Mitchell Road, \$170
- 3-31 Westbrook resident, uninspected vehicle, Ocean House Road, \$148
- 4-2 Cape Elizabeth resident, speeding (44/35 zone), Bowery Beach Road, \$114
- 4-2 Cape Elizabeth resident, speeding (51/35 zone), Spurwink Avenue, \$170
- 4-6 Cape Elizabeth resident, imprudent speed, Route 77, \$134
- 4-8 Windham resident, operating vehicle using hand held device, Route 77, \$85

JUVENILE SUMMONSES

- 4-2 Cape Elizabeth resident, speeding (44/30 zone) Mitchell Road, \$129
- 4-7 South Portland resident, uninspected vehicle, Shore Road, \$148

ACCIDENTS

- 3-27 William Phillips, accident on Bowery Beach Road
- 3-29 Campbell Gibson, accident on Ocean House Road

FIRE CALLS

Fire calls: 29; EMS calls: 40

Scam alert bulletin board

By Jessica D. Simpson

Shred Instead at our free events: <https://states.aarp.org/maine/shred-events>

There are many things that we can do to protect ourselves from identity thieves. We can use strong and unique passwords, keep our device operating systems current and monitor our credit reports. If you want to keep thieves out of your recycling bin, you'll also want to make sure to shred your sensitive documents. Despite all of the on-line crimes out there, criminals won't hesitate to dumpster dive for valuable sensitive personal information. Shredding continues to be an important step in preventing identity fraud.

If you shred papers yourself, a micro-cut shredder offers enhanced security. Otherwise look for businesses that offer shredding (for a fee) or keep an eye out for free shredding events, often offered by nonprofits of local government agencies. Another important protection against identity theft is placing a fraud alert or credit freeze on your credit reports. Learn how to take these free steps at annualcreditreport.com.

Social Security Scams

One of the most popular ways for criminals to steal money and sensitive informa-

tion is by impersonating a trusted source — often a government agency. According to the Federal Trade Commission, victims of government impostor scams reported theft of nearly \$617 million in 2023. A frequently impersonated agency is the Social Security Administration.

Here's what you need to know to spot and stop a Social Security impostor scam. Criminals rely on getting their target into a heightened emotional state, such as fear, panic or excitement. They know high emotions can block access to logical thinking. Social Security impostors tend to use fear (your number has been suspended, call immediately) or excitement (you are eligible for a higher monthly benefit). If you get a call claiming to be from Social Security and you are not already engaged with them on a specific matter, hang up. Concerned? Look up the number to your local office at ssa.gov/locator and find out if the agency has been trying to reach you.

Be a fraud fighter! If you can spot a scam, you can stop a scam. Report scams to local law enforcement. For help from AARP, call 1-877-908-3360 or visit the AARP Fraud Watch Network at www.aarp.org/fraud-watchnetwork. Need a scam prevention speaker for your group? Go to aarp.org/me or call 1-866-554-5380.

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Scam alert

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Scammers want you to act before you have time to think. If you're on the phone, they might tell you not to hang up so you can't check out their story. They might threaten to arrest you, sue you, take away your driver's or business license or deport you. They might say your computer is about to be corrupted.

4. Scammers tell you to pay in a specific way.


They often insist that you can only pay by using cryptocurrency, wiring money through a company like MoneyGram or Western Union, using a payment app, or putting money on a gift card and then giving them the numbers on the back of the card. Some will send you a check (that will later turn out to be fake), then tell you to deposit it and send them money.

Residents with any questions can contact Ben Davis, ben.davis@capeelizabeth.org, 767-3323 Ext 226 or Darin Estes at darin.estes@capeelizabeth.org 767-3323 Ext 208.

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MEREDITH YOUNG

I'M A LONG-TIME CAPE RESIDENT AND MAINER. I GREW UP HERE, WENT TO CAPE SCHOOLS AND AM A PROUD UNIVERSITY OF MAINE UNDERGRADUATE AND MASTER'S GRADUATE.

Public Service has been a major purpose in my life. I have over 25 years of working in politics, non-profits, and the professional sector. In my return to Augusta, I will use my experience to tackle challenges head-on and work towards positive outcomes on issues like education, housing for all Mainers, child-focused gun safety legislation, climate change, and women's reproductive rights.

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- Operations Director, Common Dreams.org News (current)
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Town Council

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Sawyer Road project has been in progress. Matt Sturgis said that the project has been under consideration for almost two years. Sturgis added that the funds for the MN-RCP Sawyer Road project is the “single largest grant the town has ever received” and that Cape Elizabeth received the “lion’s share” of funds available. He said the process to achieve the funding was exhausting and competitive, and that the option to close Sawyer Road is one of the lower costs and environmentally sound choices to mitigate impacts of climate change. Councilor Penny Jordan added that the town of Scarborough owns most of the road, not Cape Elizabeth.

The consent item for the Town Council to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Town of Scarborough for the MNRCP Sawyer Road project was approved by the council.

Consent Calendar Items

The council voted to approve sending ADU amendments and process submission amendments for zoning ordinances to the Planning Board for review. The council also approved to schedule public hearings for pesticide ordinance amendments and floodplain ordinance amendments during the May 13, 2024 Town Council meeting. Councilor Anderson withdrew her request to consider donating funds to Project Graduation 2024 after hearing from several parents that the fundraising goal has been nearly met.

Cynthia Dill approached the podium again to share her thoughts on placing a non-binding referendum on the November 2024 ballot for an affordable housing referendum question. She said, “Any action to advance this to a public vote, I appreciate.”

Francis Walsh, a resident of Cape, also

shared their thoughts on the referendum question saying that the engineer who studied Gull Crest said the site would be “challenging” to develop on because of sloping land, ledge and wetlands. Walsh called the referendum question “misleading” as it’s currently written doesn’t offer the public enough detailed information.

Councilor Penny Jordan shared that she’s not opposed to assessing the Gull Crest site further, but that she does not support a nonbinding referendum question or moving the topic to a public hearing at this time. She said, “the tests (for the methane gas study) are not back yet – what’s the rush in putting forth a referendum?” Jordan also reminded the chamber that Gull Crest is located near a transfer station, a sewage treatment plant, and on a capped landfill, stating that she is also worried about the “optics” of the referendum whether it’s passed or not because of the lack of details the public has in the question as written. If the town votes “no,” it would appear that the residents of Cape are against affordable housing. If the town votes “yes,” the citizens might be put in a situation where they may not fully understand the implications and challenges associated with the proposed site of Gull Crest.

Councilor Thompson stated that the town needs to prioritize what the Gull Crest site can be utilized for adding, “I’m not sure what higher priority [there is] for us to consider than affordable housing.” Thompson said the logical next step would be to move the issue to “at least a workshop.”

Councilor Harriman added the referendum question as written is “too vague” and “doesn’t give the public a true sense of what we’re asking of them.” Harriman said, “it’s great that everybody wants to support affordable housing, but they don’t know the details they’re going to need to

make an informed decision and this question doesn’t give it to them.”

There is a deadline of August for items to be put on the November 2024 ballot which Councilor Harriman said would give the council the summer to get more information to voters and finesse the language of the referendum.

The council voted 5-2 to pass the motion, with Councilors Harriman and Jordan having voted “no.”

School Budget Validation Referendum Warrant

Moved by Councilor Gabrielson and seconded by Councilor Anderson, the Town Council approved the School Budget Validation Referendum Election Warrant for Tuesday, June 11, 2024. The election will be held at the Cape Elizabeth High School. Polls will open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. that night.

Next Steps to find a New Town Manager

Several motions were put on the table regarding the search for a new Town Manager. Current Manager Matt Sturgis has recently made public that he will be leaving his position in June to be the Town Manager for the town of Cumberland.

The Town Council voted for and approved motions to: appoint the Town Council as the Search Committee for a new Town Manager; hire a search consultant for the Town Manager position; and approved the appointment of Mike McGovern to be interim Town Manager. Mike McGovern has been a Cape Elizabeth Town Manager in the past and the council shared their excitement of his temporary return.

Consider a Request for a Hardship Property Tax Abatement

After the council’s executive session on the topic, Councilor Anderson moved to deny the request for a Hardship Property Tax Abatement. This motion was seconded by Councilor Gabrielson and approved unanimously by the council.

Join the Cape Challenge on May 19

Mark your calendars for the 2024 Cape Challenge 5K, which will be held this year on Sunday, May 19. Sign up for the race at: <https://runinarace.com/CapeChallenge/>.

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

Proceeds from this event benefit the Cape Elizabeth Pond Cove, Middle School and High School Parents’ Associations. An awards ceremony will begin at 10:15 a.m. in the Pond Cove/Middle School Cafetorium. You can also support this fundraiser by purchasing raffle tickets at <https://givebutter.com/CapeChallengeRaffle>.

A fundraiser night to support the Cape Challenge will be held on Tuesday, May 7 at Flatbread Company, located at 72 Commercial Street in Portland. The event will run from 5:00 – 9:00 p.m. and applies to all dine-in, take-out orders and deliveries.

Follow the Cape Challenge on Facebook/Instagram @CapeChallenge5k. For any questions, or if you are interested in volunteering, please reach out to capechallenge5k@gmail.com.

Judy’s Pantry- a community feeding itself

Judy’s Pantry operates at the Cape Elizabeth Methodist Church on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month from 3 – 4:30 p.m. Prior registration is necessary. Please contact Beth Owens: bethowens1@gmail.com.

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long conferences hosted by some of the nation's most prestigious colleges and universities. She said, "Students engage in intensive research and writing in preparation for these weekend-long simulations, where they assume the role of a delegate from a nation and engage in rigorous debate and discussion as they work collaboratively in committee with students from other schools around the country in an effort to solve the practical issues facing members of our global community."

This requires considerable preparation on the part of students. Model U.N requires participants demonstrate an ability to express verbal, written and analytical skills as well as an ability to negotiate and collaborate, according to Oliver. "Students ultimately exhibit their preparation for debate by crafting position papers speaking to the regional or international crises their committee will discuss during the conference. As such, CEHS delegates thoroughly prepare for conferences, spending the two months prior engaged in position and country research; familiarizing themselves with parliamentary procedure, the flow of debate, and powers of UN committees; practicing public speaking; and simulating resolution writing. Students develop a deep understanding of the geopolitical status, economic conditions, and cultural facets of a country, as well as its historic and contemporary alliances and its current standing in the world as they prepare for these conferences," she said.

Oliver's role in all this has been to ensure that delegates are thoroughly prepared in all of the facets above, leading preparatory meetings, determining which delegate is best suited to a particular committee, guiding them in their research, providing continual feedback throughout the position paper-writing process, and mentoring them as they learn how to be most effective while in committee.

In addition to a great deal of time and effort while at CEHS, the students and their advisor spend a considerable amount of time on the road. Oliver said, "We attend three or

four conferences each year, typically: Brown University Simulation of the United Nations (BUSUN) in November; Boston University Model United Nations (BosMUN) in February and Dartmouth College Model United Nations (DartMUN) in April. In the past, we have also traveled to Boston for the Boston College Model United Nations Conference (EagleMUNC), Johns Hopkins Model United Nations Conference (JHUMUNC) and the National Model United Nations Conference in New York City."

All this has required Oliver, throughout the years, in addition to ensuring the students are prepared to participate, to manage fundraising efforts to offset the cost of the conferences for students, continual communication with many different parties, making all conference and travel arrangements, managing all paperwork and funds, as well as being aware of all medical needs and dietary restrictions, and ensuring student safety.

Given the workload, one wonders if students do participate for all four years of high school. Oliver said some, in fact, do. "While it is a true commitment to become a delegate and to fully immerse oneself not only in the process, but to give up a weekend to participate in a conference, I have had several students over the course of their high school career who have attended every conference that our team has attended in those four years. Others fit it in when they can, attending one or two conferences each year, interspersed with their many other co-curricular activities."

Students with more experience sometimes mentor younger students. Oliver said, "As delegates become more familiar with Model UN, and see the process play out in multiple conferences, these 'veteran' delegates are always eager to share what they have learned with our 'novices.' Older, experienced students are the most powerful teachers for our younger students and offer advice and instruction far better than I ever could. They are so eager to share what they have learned; it is what has made the program so successful for so many years."

Throughout the years, there are several remembered stories of CEHS students stepping up in a pinch and taking on a role unexpect-

edly at a competition, and excelling. Oliver confirms this has happened. She said, "Life happens! Sometimes, despite rigorous preparation, a student is unable to attend the conference, leaving us with a committee but no delegate. While rare, I have had occasions to 'put out the call' to delegates from previous conferences who did not necessarily plan to attend. But this is such a special group of kids who love the program; they jump right in and do the needed work, ultimately contributing to the group's success."

When asked why she is stepping aside after all these years, Oliver replied, "It has been a truly rewarding experience, permitting me to mentor so many students, some of whom I have had in class, but others whom I have only crossed paths with because of Model UN. One of the most gratifying parts of my role is seeing kids graduate, then move on to Model UN programs in college. Seeing them - and all my former delegates - grow and mature into more knowledgeable global citizens is what we as teachers strive for, and watching who they become as adults has been incredibly gratifying. It was such a difficult decision to pass the baton after all these years, but I felt it was the perfect time for someone else to inject new enthusiasm into the program. And, despite the loss of many phenomenal seniors this June, the core of next year's team is incredibly strong, and they will provide the necessary leadership to ensure that the program continues to thrive."

As for advice Oliver might offer to a person stepping into her role, she said, "This program is what it is because of the students who were and are involved. They are proud of this program and are so invested in its success. The person stepping into this role will have new ideas and will, I have no doubt, work seamlessly with the current team to

maintain and grow the program with their own unique stamp."

At this year's DartMUN, here were the CEHS Model UN team's results:

- Kierith Gentilini and Sophia Toon: Verbal Commendation representing Tajikistan in DISEC
- Phoebe Evans and Katie Halter: Verbal Commendation representing Gambia in SOCHUM
- Geo Lobo: Verbal Commendation representing Brazil in UNESCO
- Henry Barraclough: Verbal Commendation representing Saudi Arabia in UNESCO
- Aurora Milton and Emma Young: Honorable Mention representing Afghanistan in DISEC
- Marta Leary-Forrey: Honorable Mention representing Brazil in ECOFIN
- Vollie Weiss and Declan Scifres: Best Position Paper representing DRC in SOCHUM
- Zoe Burgard: Best Position Paper representing Graham Brady in the British House of Commons
- James Baldwin: Best Position Paper representing Treye Armanis in Joint Crisis - the 2100 Presidential Election
- Freya Hubbs and Cecilia Price: Outstanding Delegates representing Ireland in the EU
- Trevor Oakley: Best Delegate representing Tsar Alexander II in the German Unification Historic Crisis
- Jack McCormick: Best Delegate representing William Z. Foster in Ad-Hoc: President Truman's Cabinet -Through the Lens of McCarthyism

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- Cape Elizabeth High School Model UN: DartMUN XVI Best Research Delegation

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Project Graduation 2024 to sponsor free bowling at Broadway Bowl on April 30

Eat. Bowl. Bid. Event Caps Off Fundraising Efforts for Post-Graduation Celebration

Project Graduation 2024 is sponsoring free bowling at Broadway Bowl in South Portland on Tuesday, April 30 from 5 – 9 p.m. The free bowling is in conjunction with the group's Eat.Bowl.Bid. event happening from 3 – 9 p.m. Before, during, and after bowling, community members can enjoy great food from the restaurant menu, participate in raffles and place final bids on dozens of items in Project Graduation's online auction fundraiser.

The event will feature multiple ways to honor Project Graduation's worthy cause of a safe post-graduation celebration. Broadway Bowl's 10 lanes will be open for attendees to bowl a game for free from 5-9 p.m. and will include free shoe rental.

Attendees can participate in raffles for a variety of themed item baskets each valued at more than \$100. Some of the baskets that attendees can expect to see include a Mother's Day Basket, a Fitness Basket and an Eat Local Basket.

Additionally, items from the group's online auction, now live at www.capeprojectgraduation.com, will be on display for a final look and bids before the bidding ends at 9 p.m. The auction features a collection of local favorites including local artists' works, local experiences and local entertainment.

The restaurant will offer their pub-style menu of sandwiches, soups and salads to be enjoyed for snacks or dinner. Ten percent of the night's food sales at the event will be donated by Broadway Bowl to Project Graduation.

"We appreciate all the support that we've seen in the community for Project Graduation so far and are excited to have the community join us as we close out our capital campaign for the Class of 2024," said Sarah Jordan,

Project Graduation Committee Volunteer and Event Coordinator. "We are expecting much fun and many strikes from bowlers of all ages, including our graduating seniors. This event salutes the value of Project Graduation and its goal of keeping our graduating class and community safe."

All money raised from the evening's activities will go to fund the post-graduation, chemical free and adult-chaperoned celebration for the Class of 2024.

About Project Graduation

Cape Elizabeth adopted the Project Graduation tradition in the late 80s as did many communities throughout Maine and nationwide. Project Graduation began in Oxford Hills, Maine in 1980 after 7 alcohol and other drug related teen deaths occurred during the commencement season.

In 1981 there were 12 Project Graduation sites, and the following year, 36 sites with a consistent decline in alcohol-related teen highway deaths. This decline reached zero fatalities in 1983 when there were 86 sites involved. By 1986, Project Graduation was held in all 50 states and two Canadian provinces.

For more information contact: dana_b_staples@yahoo.com.

Post-grad plans

The Cape Courier traditionally publishes post-graduate plans for Cape Elizabeth graduating seniors, either from CEHS or another high school.

This information must be submitted by students or parents.

Please submit plans, including student and parents' names, and the college or activity, and location, to Debbie Butterworth at dbutterw72@gmail.com by Friday, May 31.

Letters to the Editor continued

Monaghan will work 'across both aisles'

Please support my mom, Kim Monaghan, for State Representative in the June 11 primary. While I will state my reason for voting for her, I'd like to start by writing about my journey as a young adult.

I'm a 23-year-old non-college graduate. After high school, I worked for the Maine Legislature as a Chamber staff and then a Barista. I worked through the Covid pandemic and received all of Governor Mills' Covid relief checks. I'm on my mom's healthcare and have put some money away.

And yet, I'm still living at home because the cost of apartment rentals is too high. Not just for young adults, but for others with no place to live. Believe me, at a 4 a.m. opening shift, I saw up-close

the reality of homelessness, substance abuse, mental illness and loneliness.

I'd like to live in Greater Portland, but more affordable housing is needed so young adults like me can live, work and stay here. My mom realizes the importance of this issue. She will return to Augusta with ease, working across both aisles to fast-track and pass affordable housing legislation. She will do this for all Mainers, for me, and for those parents who would like to have their adult children move out of the house by their mid-twenties.

Please support Kim Monaghan on June 11.

Stephanie Derrig

The music corner

By Candice Bellinger

Set amidst a backdrop of trees in early bloom, the cool April rainfall awakens our senses to spring. The gentle rhythm of Erik Satie's "Gymnopedies and Gnossiennes" are the perfect accompaniment for such a scene.

The young spring foliage beautifully unfolds, mimicking the quiet solitude Satie's music is known for. There is a comfort in his music that settles you a bit deeper in your chair as you watch the rain from the warmth of your home. So, as we think of our beautiful earth, our beautiful home, let us take comfort in the things we are grateful for. The seasons of the year, family, friends, your favorite comfy sweater and the beautiful town we live in.

Eric Alfred Leslie Satie was born on

May 17, 1866 and passed away at the young age of 59 on July 1, 1925. His style of "impressionistic" composition was a precursor to neoclassicism and minimalism, opening doors to a new future in music. Satie was also a prolific writer, having used up to 25 pen names.

I recommend listening to the "Gymnopedies and Gnossiennes" composed by Erik Satie this week; they will bring tranquility to your otherwise busy life.

If you are "tech challenged" and would like my assistance in finding our weekly listening, please email me at musicwam@yahoo.com. With our busy lives we must remember to slow down and enjoy the music! You can also find me on Facebook.



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Boyer ‘understands the issues’

Please join me in voting for Michelle Boyer for District 123 State Representative on June 11. When I met with Michelle to discuss her candidacy, I told her Anne Carney sets the bar high, and that Anne is my barometer when deciding who I support. I proceeded with my questions as to how accessible she will be, her willingness to listen and truly understand issues important to farms, issues surrounding hunger and issues almost every school district in Maine faces, aging buildings.

I came away confident that Michelle will draw on the resources in her community to understand how policy changes may impact them. I am confident Michelle understands the challenges of small businesses, being a business owner herself. But most importantly she will work to understand the challenges farms face from a labor, taxation and envi-

ronmental policy perspective. Michelle understands the issues with our schools’ aging infrastructure and the need for the state to step up and develop policies to assist towns across the state. Michelle has a proven record of collaborative work and will bring this to her role in Augusta.

I support state candidates who are not myopic. People that look across the state and work to create policies regarding education, housing, food access, healthcare and other barriers that impact one’s ability to succeed.

Bottomline is we need representatives in Augusta that think broadly, are collaborative and seek the best decisions consensus can provide. Join me in voting for Michelle Boyer for State Representative.

Penelope (Penny) Jordan

Road is an ‘absolute treasure’



Photo by Cathy Dragoni

I have been following the reporting on Sawyer Street/Sawyer Road between Scarborough and Cape Elizabeth for very selfish reasons. One of my hobbies is photography, and last year I discovered this road as an absolute treasure. As you cross this road you are face to face with this area of marshland, and a wonderful diversity of bird species, especially during migration season. I have seen species here that I have seen no where else, and have taken some of my best photographs here as well.

I cross this road frequently, and can testify to the slow but sure erosion of the shoulders of the road, even since just last summer.

I’d like to plant the seed of an idea, to the powers at be, in both Scarborough and

Cape Elizabeth. In the process of taking out the road, and creating two dead end roads, I’d like to suggest this. At the end of one or both the dead ends, perhaps widen it just a tad to create a very small parking area - and then create an observation deck overlooking the marsh.

The natural beauty of this special place is a treasure. Taking out the road will protect the marshland, but couldn’t we also create access to enjoy and celebrate what we have here?

Cathy Dragoni

The myth of ‘too costly’

The Courier’s October 23, 1993 issue had an insert from the School Building Committee of that time on the process of deciding on building and renovation options for Cape schools. One option was build two new schools for \$16-\$18 million. They passed on this, citing it being “too costly.”

Certain members of the current Cape community decry the only new building option the 2024 SBAC is still considering (Option E) as “too costly.” Looking at overall cost and tax percentage increase, it’s hard to argue with them.

But the real question is, what will the actual tax impact be on Cape residents?

Thankfully, the SBAC has provided that information, verified by Town Manager Matt Sturgis.

For a median value home in Cape, cur-

rently \$700,000, the tax cost for Option E is \$102 a month/\$3.65 a day. \$3.65 per day gets Cape a new MS which would last 60+ years, renovations to the ES and HS, and will require almost no disruption for students.

Option B, the cheapest option which is renovation/addition only, would cost \$69 a month/ \$2.47 a day. Option B would also mean 100% disruption for Cape students for up to three years (including possible bussing to schools outside of Cape). Those renovations would last 10-20 years, maximum.

The daily tax impact cost difference between Option E and Option B is \$1.18.

Folks who still think option E is “too costly” either don’t have the facts or are willfully ignoring them.

Rob Krauser

‘Renovation is the most risky option’

We’re facing three options: renovate for \$78 million, renovate more extensively for \$104 million, or build a new middle school at \$114 million.

Anyone who’s renovated their home knows to expect the unexpected. Mold, water damage, structural problems and code violations can turn extensive renovations into costly, time-consuming nightmares. This risk only magnifies in a project spanning 36,000 - 126,000 sq. ft. in buildings originally constructed 60-90 years ago.

The “unexpected” at this scale comes with significant drawbacks: higher costs, project delays, extended student displacement with added costs for temporary classrooms and a significant loss of public trust.

The discovery of asbestos and lead, standard construction materials in the 50s and 60s, would inflate renovation costs and give rise to a new dilemma: how do we fund the gap? You can raise more taxpayer funds, scale back the project, or both. In the end, you pay more for less. This doesn’t just hit the budget; it damages the educational setting we aim to improve.

Renovation is the most risky option on the table today. Investing \$78+ million in an outdated 65-year-old building, displacing students in portables for at least two years, and hoping for no surprises is a poor use of taxpayer money.

A new building promises the best long-term value today and for future generations. Let the School Board and Town Council know that renovation is the riskier choice and that you support a long-term plan for our school campus.

Nicole Boucher

‘Interesting to see the projected costs’

It was interesting to see the projected costs laid out for changing our middle and elementary schools in the last issue.

Unfortunately the numbers were forced to look like they all cost the same, which is a lie. Clearly option B cost a lot less than the other options and shows a \$69 tax impact per household in 6 years versus a \$102 impact for the deluxe rebuild which I see as a very forced down estimate. Yet the numbers show a total

tax cost per household which is roughly the same \$10,200+. And there are clearly areas to cut!

This type of thinking has led us to college costs of \$100,000 per year. We should be thinking ahead to how do we maintain Cape Elizabeth as an affordable place to live for average income Mainers not just for millionaires.

Henry Barksdale

‘Do we really want to continue giving passes?’

LD 2246, supported by Representative Millet, was vetoed by our governor as too soft on crime. This was an attempt to codify repeat criminals so that their third arrest couldn’t be charged as a low level felony.

Do we really want to continue giving passes on bad behavior or hold them accountable? Please review all candidates’ voting record and/or positions on criminality before casting your vote.

John Mc Manamy

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CEPD: A league of their own

By Stephen T. Lyons (Garda)

I recently met up with Eric Vanasse, Police and Training Officer with the Cape Elizabeth Police Department. He was conducting an Emergency Vehicle Operation Course (EVOC) for fellow officers at Crescent Beach State Park. An 11-year veteran of the department, Vanasse has extensive training himself, and is responsible for the training of 14 fellow officers.

Upon meeting Vanasse, it was obvious why he was chosen for the role. He is bright, articulate and friendly as well as keenly aware of the importance of proper training in the recruitment, retention and succession of officers. While many police agencies struggle to hire and retain officers, Cape Elizabeth's two most recent hires were recruited after attending a department-sponsored regional training.

Training is serious business. In addition to a variety of national, state and regional trainings, Vanasse is certified by the Maine Criminal Justice Academy to

instruct Emergency Vehicle Operation, Handcuffing, Pepper Ball, Tasers, Patrol Tactics, and is scheduled to attend firearms instructor school this summer.

Proper training means more than competence and confidence on the job. It also protects the town and officers in the event of civil actions. Often, the first question during investigations is about the quality, content and frequency of officer training.

Vanasse said Chief Fenton promotes professional growth and development for everyone in the department, and when officers return from outside training they are expected to pass along what they have learned to their colleagues. This assures consistency, comradery and teamwork among officers, school departments, fire departments and other first responders in the community.

In addition to his role with the Cape Elizabeth Police Department, Vanasse is a member of the elite Southern Maine Regional (SMR) SWAT Team, a team of

officers from Cape Elizabeth, South Portland and Scarbrough Police Departments, on-call 24/7. This team is assigned to some of the most dangerous situations in which officer assistance is required. While members are in top physical condition, they are extensively trained in the use of various weapons, building clearing, dealing with mental illness, legal issues and first aid. Part of their rigorous training, which can exceed 180 hours a year, is in methods of de-escalation and conflict resolution.

In addition to focusing on peaceful and safe resolutions to crises, Vanasse says the SMR SWAT Team also provides security at high profile events, such as the annual Beach to Beacon 10k in Cape Elizabeth. Vanasse shares the training he receives through his work with SMR SWAT with patrol officers, school resource officers, and school employees to ensure a collective and collaborative approach to responding to keeping kids in school safe.

The training Vanasse and his fellow of-

ficers receive would not be possible without the support of Chief Fenton, Cape Elizabeth town council and the community. This support ensures officers can provide a safe community and quality services to those who live and work in Cape Elizabeth as well as its estimated one million or more annual visitors.

When asked about the refresher training at Crescent Beach State Park, Vanasse said "Officers don't rise to the level of expectations; you fall to the level of training." The EVOC lesson plan and practical training includes industry-specific aspects of driving for police, legal considerations, vehicle capacities and most importantly, the individual skills necessary to operate an emergency vehicle safely and effectively in unpredictable situations.

I was impressed by what I saw of the training, and my time with Officer Vanasse left me with a sense of both pride and confidence in my local police department.



Photo by Stephen T. Lyons (Garda)
Officer Eric Vanasse of the Cape Elizabeth Police Department.



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A poem by Nima Dana

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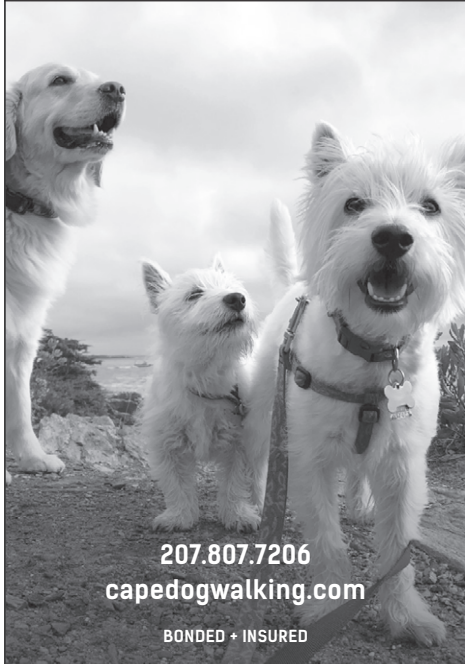


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Cape Elizabeth to join plastic film recycling challenge

By Cape Elizabeth Recycling Committee

You are probably aware that thin plastic film – such as bread bags or plastic mailers – is not recyclable in our bins at the town recycling center. But did you know that many of these films are capable of being turned into new composite deck and fence materials?

Cape Elizabeth is joining a plastic film recycling challenge sponsored by the maker of Trex® composite decking. The challenge will provide Cape Elizabeth with convenient bins for collecting recyclable plastic film like bread bags, bubble wrap, plastic mailers and produce bags. Organizers are hoping to collect 1,000 pounds of plastic film over the course of a year, beginning on Earth Day, April 22.

In 2018, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency estimated that Americans used nearly 7 billion pounds of polyethylene films, bags, and wraps annually and that only 12% of that material was recovered for recycling. Plastic films cannot go into commingled recycling because they tangle the sorting equipment. Partnering with local repositories, Trex® helps keep 300-400 million pounds of plastic film from the waste stream each year.

“This is a great opportunity for Cape residents to show their commitment to the environment and help our town at the same time,” said Kara Lavender Law, who is a co-organizer of the challenge. “Because we pay for garbage removal by weight, diverting plastic film for recycling actually saves the town money.”

Collecting the right kind of plastic film and ensuring that it is clean and dry is very important, Law added. Only polyethylene film is acceptable. Residents should look for #2 or #4 mark on the bag or film. Any color film and items with paper labels are fine. In general, these kinds of items are acceptable:

- Bread bags
- Bubble wrap
- Dry cleaning wrap
- Newspaper bags
- Plastic shipping envelopes (no paper included)
- Produce bags
- Case overwrap (such as from

water bottles or toilet paper)

- Cereal bags
- Ziploc and other reclosable food storage bags (cleaned of food residue)

Items that are NOT acceptable are generally “crinkly, not stretchy” and include:

- Potato chip bags
- Pet food bags
- Candy wrappers
- Frozen vegetable bags
- Compostable or degradable wrap
- Cling wrap
- Six-pack rings
- Hot dog or meat wrap packaging
- Anything that is wet, dirty or contaminated with food

Organizers suggest that if you’re not sure whether an item is acceptable, leave it out. The program will start with a collection bin in the lobby of the Thomas Memorial Library. Volunteers will help weigh the material, deliver it to collection points and keep track of the total amount collected.

If you wish to volunteer to help with the program, or would like more information, please email capeplasticfilmrecycling@gmail.com or see the Thomas Memorial Library web site.

“If we meet the 1,000 pound goal in a year, Trex will award us a Trex furniture outdoor bench,” said challenge co-organizer Jess Proctor. “That would be a great recognition of our efforts.”

There will be a presentation on the plastic film recycling challenge at the Thomas Memorial Library on May 9 at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend.



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Nature scene around town



Photo by Martha Agan

A Great egret at the Rachel Carson National Wildlife Refuge on Sawyer Road.

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		High Tide				Low Tide			
		AM	ft	PM	ft	AM	ft	PM	ft
24	Wed			12:28	8.9	6:14	0.2	6:17	1.0
25	Thu	12:29	9.8	1:03	8.8	6:48	0.1	6:51	1.1
26	Fri	1:01	9.8	1:39	8.6	7:24	0.0	7:27	1.2
27	Sat	1:37	9.8	2:18	8.5	8:03	0.1	8:07	1.3
28	Sun	2:16	9.7	3:01	8.3	8:46	0.2	8:52	1.5
29	Mon	3:02	9.6	3:52	8.2	9:35	0.3	9:43	1.5
30	Tue	3:55	9.5	4:49	8.2	10:29	0.4	10:41	1.6
1	Wed	4:56	9.5	5:49	8.4	11:28	0.4	11:44	1.4
2	Thu	6:00	9.4	6:51	8.7			12:29	0.4
3	Fri	7:07	9.5	7:52	9.3	12:51	1.1	1:30	0.2
4	Sat	8:13	9.7	8:49	10.0	1:59	0.6	2:29	-0.1
5	Sun	9:15	10.0	9:41	10.6	3:01	-0.1	3:24	-0.3
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CELT 2024 spring/summer programs

Vernal Pools and Amphibians Program

Join Cape Elizabeth Land Trust Education Committee members Erika Rhile and Lisa Gent to learn about vernal pools and herpetology on a guided walk through Robinson Woods. This program will highlight amphibians in Maine as they begin to re-emerge in Cape Elizabeth after the long winter.

Participants will explore amphibian habitat, observe salamander eggs, and potentially hear peepers and wood frogs on this 2 hour excursion in Robinson Woods. Participants will also learn about the unique nature of vernal pools, and some of the benefits these temporary wetlands provide. The walk will be held rain or shine, so dress appropriately with footwear for wet walking. All participants must register at least 48 hours in advance of the program to receive notification of changes or cancellation.

Wednesday, May 15, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Meet at Robinson Woods Kiosk

\$6 per person

Max 10/Min 3

Medicinal Herb Walk

Join Mischa Schuler, herbalist and owner of Wild Carrot Herbs, on a walk through Robinson Woods. As the plants reawaken to spring, we will visit with these extraordinary beings in their young stages of growth, learning to recognize their patterns across the refreshed landscape. Our evening will be rich with herbal folklore and inspired by our curiosity and imagination.

All participants must register at least at least 48 hours in advance of the program to receive notification of changes or cancellation.

Thursday, May 16, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Meet at Robinson Woods Kiosk

\$6 per person

Max 10/Min 3

CELT's National Trails Day Cross Town Walk

Join Cape Elizabeth Land Trust staff and educators for the annual Spring Cross Town Walk. Beginning at Portland Head Light, located in Fort Williams Park, this walk will traverse 8.2 miles of trails highlighting Cape's great places including Spurwink Marsh, Robinson Woods and Great Pond. The walk takes approximately four hours and includes a BYO lunch stop.

Hikers will meet at the Portland Head Light and will carpool (arranged prior to walk) back to Fort Williams. Snacks, drinks and lunch should be brought by each participant. Interested in joining but concerned about the length of the walk? Consider signing up for the "Second Half" option, which is listed as a separate event. All participants must register at least at least 48 hours in advance of the program to receive notification of changes or cancellation.

Saturday, June 1, 8 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Meet at Portland Headlight near the lighthouse

\$10 per person

Max 15 / Min 5

CELT's National Trails Day Cross Town Walk (Second Half Option)

Interested in the Cross Town Walk, but not ready to commit to all 8.2 miles? Join Cape Elizabeth Land Trust for a half-distance (~4.5 miles) walk highlighting some of Cape's great places including Spurwink Marsh and Great Pond. The walk takes approximately three hours and includes a BYO lunch stop. Hikers will meet at the CELT office in town center and will carpool (arranged prior to walk) back to Fort Williams after lunch. Snacks, drinks and lunch should be brought by each participant.

All participants must register at least at least 48 hours in advance of the program to receive notification of changes or cancellation.

Saturday, June 1, 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Meet at CELT Office

\$10 per person

Max 15 / No Min

Invasive Plants Nature Walk

Join Mike Hanks, a member of Cape Elizabeth Land Trust's Stewardship Committee, at Runaway Farm to learn about invasive plants found in Cape Elizabeth. During this CELT sponsored event you can expect to learn how to identify specific invasive plant species, eradication strategies and why invasive species pose a threat to an ecosystem. Participants should meet at the upper parking lot at Gull Crest field off of Spurwink Avenue, and be prepared to go on a gentle hike, rain or shine. All participants must register at least at least 48 hours in advance of the program to receive notification of changes or cancellation.

Wednesday June 5, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Runaway Farm: 498 Spurwink Avenue

\$6 per person

Max 10/Min 3

YOUTH SPRING PROGRAMS

CELT's Little Explorers (ages 3-5 with an adult)

Children and caregivers will spend an hour exploring the natural wonders of the Maine woods in spring during this Cape Elizabeth Land Trust event. Join CELT volunteer Lisa Gent on a gentle hike through Robinson Woods where we will explore the habitat around us while we search for birds, reptiles, amphibians, mammals and plant life. Lots of hands-on explorations and games included. Please dress in comfortable clothes and bring a water bottle. All participants must register at least at least 48 hours in advance of the program to receive notification of changes or cancellation.

Wednesday, May 15, 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Meet at Robinson Woods parking lot, Shore Road

\$6/family

Min 3/Max 5

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The piping plover has returned to Cape Elizabeth

By Kevin St. Jarre



Photo by Melissa Kim

This photo of a piping plover was provided by Melissa Kim, Director of Communications and Marketing for Maine Audubon. The endangered birds have returned to Crescent Beach and the public is asked to be aware.

Locals Francis “Dutch” Walsh and Peter Cohen are hoping those headed to the shore will be on alert for the piping plovers, a “small, highly camouflaged shorebird” listed as an endangered species in Maine, and listed as threatened under Federal laws.

The piping plovers have returned to Crescent Beach. According to Walsh, they were “spotted in mid-March by plover volunteers Patty Townsend and Paul Rosenberg.”

These tiny, 6 to 7-inch birds, about the size of sparrows, weigh 1.5 to 2.5 ounces. They are sandy brown with a white under body, yellow-orange legs and a small bi-colored orange and black beak.

Walsh said, “They are very hard to de-

tect on the sandy beach. And, when eggs are laid in a small ‘scrape’ in the sand at the dune edge, they are almost impossible even for a trained eye to see. Because these are endangered shorebirds, it is important to know that they also exist with humans on Crescent Beach. As you walk along and look for a spot to spread out your blanket, or set up your chairs, please be aware that you are sharing the beach with these tiny birds.”

People will find posted signs explaining that the endangered birds are on the beach and to respect the stake-and-twine areas, and watch for the birds. “Volunteers have ID badges hanging on lanyards and the rangers are present in uniform on the

beach,” Walsh said, and those people will have additional information about the plovers.

Those wondering why these birds are so important should know that they have been migrating from southern wintering grounds often up to 1,500 miles to beaches in Maine and the eastern coast. They have been doing this for thousands of years and are an important part of the ecosystem of the coastal beaches.

Walsh said, “Where there are piping plovers, there is a healthy beach.”

According to its website, for over 35 years through its Coastal Birds Project,

Maine Audubon has worked with Maine Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the Maine Bureau of Public Lands, as well as with residents, landowners and visitors to ensure that endangered birds, wildlife and people can safely share the beach.

If you are interested to learn more about piping plovers on Crescent Beach and how you can help to protect them through the nesting, brooding and fledging season, you can contact Dutch Walsh at fdwalsh3@gmail.com or Peter Cohen at petercohen64@gmail.com.

Spring has sprung



Photo by Martha Agan

A bee visits a crocus, signs that spring is finally here to stay.

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Town of Cape Elizabeth Ad Hoc Privacy Advisory Committee Vacancy

The Town Council’s Appointments Committee is accepting applications from residents for the newly formed

Ad Hoc Privacy Advisory Committee

The committee shall consist of five (5) members selected by the Town Council. The terms shall be two (2) years.

Residents may apply at www.capeelizabeth.com.

A copy of the committee charge is posted on the town’s website.

Questions should be directed to Debra Lane, Assistant Town Manager at 799-7665 or debra.lane@capeelizabeth.org.

Applications must be submitted no later than 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 2, 2024

Thomas Memorial Library launches youth literary magazines, offers workshop on paper flowers

A Note from the Library Director

A confluence of disparate events has led to some recent personnel changes at the library. In the coming weeks, you will be seeing some new faces at the library, and some familiar faces in new roles.

During this time of change, we have made the decision to discontinue three Zoom-only programs (the last vestiges of our Covid operations) so that we can focus our attention on our local community.

While we know that specific programs are held near and dear to some users, it's the nature of a public library that library programming is always evolving to meet changing circumstances and needs. We are continuing to build on our community partnerships with local organizations and other town departments and committees, and offering, as always, some new events and creative opportunities for all ages.

The library and the Thomas Memorial Library Committee are excited to be embarking on a strategic planning process which will help us fine tune the library's role in the community and keep us on track to make sure we are meeting the needs of Cape Elizabeth residents as best we can. We will have some opportunities coming up soon for public engagement in this process.

In the meantime, you can find the details on all of our upcoming library's events below, and on the library's website.

—Rachel Davis, Thomas Memorial Library Director

Spring Clothing Swap, with the Cape Elizabeth Recycling Committee

Saturday, April 27, 12:00 - 3:00 p.m.

The library is partnering with the town's Recycling Committee to organize a spring-time clothing swap. The event will take place in the library's Community Room on Saturday, April 27 from 12:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Donations of washed, gently used clothing, shoes, boots and other apparel items will be accepted from April 17 - 27. When you drop off a bag of clothing, you will receive a ticket for entry into the event which is good for a whole family.

If you would like to volunteer to help or

ganize and sort donations, you will be able to "shop" early. Please visit the library's website to sign up and for more details about the event.

Library Launches Youth Literary Magazines

TML is excited to introduce Scribble for writers and artists 12 - 18 years old, and Scribble Kids, for writers and artists 5 - 11 years old, two brand new literary and art magazines to be published beginning in the fall of 2024.

Featuring creative writing and visual work from artists 18 and younger, Scribble and Scribble Kids present a perfect opportunity for teens and kids to follow their creative ambitions and show off their craft. The library will continue its writing groups for young people, and also offer writing contests in conjunction with these two new magazines. In addition, the library will recruit high school students who are interested in serving on an editorial board.

For complete information, including submission guidelines, please visit the library's website.

IN THE STIER FAMILY GALLERY

The Art of Courage to Dream:

Illustrations by Andrés Vera Martínez

Illustrations by Andrés Vera Martínez from the graphic novel, "Courage to Dream: Tales of Hope in the Holocaust," written by National Book Award winning author Neal Shusterman, will be on display through May 31. Andrés will be presenting a program about his work on May 28.

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

Character of the Month

In May we're celebrating Eric Carle's Very Hungry Caterpillar! We'll have a scavenger hunt for the caterpillar's favorite foods, and you can try your hand at drawing your caterpillar or butterfly and sharing your drawing with the TML librarians, who will put it on display.

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.

Weekly Programs

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.

Tiny Tunes + Playtime

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

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

Traditional Story Time

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

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

Saturday Family Story Time

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

Join us for a special weekend edition of story time. It will feature all our favorites: songs and stories, bubbles and Belinda the Bear. Geared toward ages 3-5 or anyone who enjoys listening to a solid two stories.

Lego Club (Ages 5-12)

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

Come create with Legos at TML's LEGO Club. The library will provide the Legos, you provide the imagination. Come free build or pick up a challenge card to try something new. Masterpieces will be put on display until the next Lego Club meets. There is no registration for this program; children 10 and under must have an adult present. Upcoming dates are: May 7, June 4.

FOR TWEENS & TEENS

Dungeons & Dragons

Every other Thursday, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. (Ages 11+)

Calling all wizards, warlocks, rangers and rogues! TML's Dungeons and Dragons campaign is open to teens and tweens who want to explore their character through interactive storytelling. This group meets every other Thursday from 3 to 5 p.m.; upcoming dates are as follows: May 2, May 16, May 30, June 13, and June 27. Register on the TML website.

Young Writers at TML (Ages 11-13)

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

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 nonfiction. With monthly meetings on the first Thursday afternoons, this program is full of fun journal prompts and creative group exercises. Upcoming dates are as follows:

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lows: May 2, June 6. Register on our website.

#LibrarySquad

First Friday of each month, 2:45-3:45 p.m. (Ages 11-13)

Library Squad is a community of library-loving middle schoolers that meets monthly, and whose opinions, ideas and help form the foundation of our programming. Library Squad meets after school on the first Friday of each month from 2:45 - 3:45 p.m. Upcoming dates are May 3, June 7. Stop by the children's desk for an application to join this advisory group.

TML Teen Writing Group

Second Saturday of each month, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. (Ages 14+)

Are you a teen who loves writing? Or are you someone who just loves to read, and feels like trying your hand at creative writing that isn't for school? In either case, our teen writing program is for you! Join us for monthly meetings where we explore different styles of writing and work on the projects you're most passionate about. Upcoming dates are: May 11, June 8. Register on our website.

TLC: Teen Leadership Council

Last Friday of each month, 2:45-3:45 p.m. (Ages 14+)

The Teen Leadership Council (TLC) is a group of young people who want to take a more active role in our library community. TLC makes book and informational displays, provides feedback on the direction of the Teen Space within the library, and even gets the chance to design and lead special programs.

Monthly meetings include snacks, social time and fun. If you're interested in joining, stop by the downstairs desk and ask for an application. Upcoming dates are: April 26, May 31.

FOR ADULTS

Fireside Writing @ TML

Thursdays, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Is writing more one of your goals for the new year? Looking for a comfortable and cozy spot to join other writers? Come to TML's brand new Fireside Writing program!

Fireside Writing gives you the space and opportunity to work alongside fellow writers and reach your writing goals. Bring your laptop or your favorite notebook and join us by the fire for tea and quiet writing time. Meets weekly on Thursday evenings from 5:30-6:30 p.m. All are welcome.

Die Well Death Education Session Eight: Film: In the Parlor: The Final Goodbye, with Leona Oceania of Die Well Death Education

Tuesday, May 7, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

In this eighth session of this monthly series, we'll watch and discuss the film "In the Parlor: The Final Goodbye." Rejecting the mainstream tradition of hiring funeral professionals to care for the deceased, families in search of a more personal and fulfilling way to say goodbye are taking an active role in caring for relatives who have died.

"In the Parlor" shares an intimate story of three individuals who, with the support and guidance of their families and communities, were cared for after their deaths at home. Julie, Ron, and Jarrad, all unique individuals with very different circumstances are portrayed in a thoughtful, quiet manner to give the viewer an idea of what "family directed death care" might look like.

Both a critical look at the American rela-

tionship with death and an inquiry into the home death care movement, "In the Parlor" takes viewers on a journey where very few have gone, and challenges us to reflect on this uncomfortable subject, which so often is hidden away and ignored. (Note: This topic was rescheduled from last month in order to allow for a more in-depth discussion of VSED Voluntary Stopping of Eating & Drinking, in April session.)

Free Blood Pressure and Blood Sugar Screening, with Members of the Cape Elizabeth Fire & Rescue Dept.

Wednesday, April 24, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Drop in to the library for a free blood pressure and/or blood sugar screening, conducted by members of the CE Fire & Rescue Department. Please register on the library's website; drop-ins are also welcome. (This opportunity will be offered monthly on the fourth Wednesday of the month; the date for next month is May 22.)

Zimpritch Symposium Reading, featuring poet Meg Weston and CEHS Poets

Thursday, April 25, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

As the culmination of this year's Gabriel A. Zimpritch Poetry Symposium, student poets will be joined by poet Meg Weston in a reading open to the public. A selected group of high school students will have spent the day working on their own poems with Weston, and will share their work in this evening reading for the public.

Weston's own work reflects her lifelong passion for the geological processes that shape the earth and the stories that shape our lives, expressed in poetry, non-fiction and photography. She has an MFA from Lesley University (2008) and in 2020 co-founded The Poets Corner along with Kathrin Seitz.

Weston's photography can be seen on her website www.volcanoes.com. She lives in Camden and retired in January 2020 after eight years as President of Maine Media Workshops + College where she launched The Writers Harbor® program to complement the media arts curriculum in photography, filmmaking, and book arts. All are welcome to attend this event.

Intro to Plastic Film Recycling, with Jess Proctor, Stephanie Austin and Kara Lavender Law

Thursday, May 9, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

The library is excited to partner with the Cape Elizabeth Recycling Committee and community members as the pilot drop-off location for the town's effort to keep 1,000 pounds of plastic film from the waste stream.

Come learn about this effort, and how to identify what can and can't be recycled.

You'll also have a chance to learn about other recycling efforts and some volunteer opportunities at the library that will help our community further its sustainability goals. No registration required.

Paper Flowers "Learn Along" Workshop, with Marie Ahearn and Rachel Davis

Saturday, May 11, 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Join local artist Marie Ahearn and Library Director Rachel Davis for a workshop in which we all learn and experiment together in different techniques for making flowers and plants out of paper. We will have a variety of different types of paper available—crepe paper, tissue paper, scrapbook paper, old discard book pages, etc.—for us to experiment with, as well as a variety of templates and instructional resources on hand.

Participants are also invited to share their own tips and experiences with this art form, so if this is something you have done, please come along and help us learn! This workshop is part of our Community Art Box project, and is intended primarily for adults and older teens, but motivated younger people are welcome to attend with adult accompaniment. Please register on our website.

ONGOING PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS:

Songwriting Workshop (with Jud Caswell)

First Tuesday of the month, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. in person
Next meeting: May 7

Big Little Lit: Children's Books for Grown-ups

Third Wednesday of the month, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
In person AND via Zoom
Next meeting: May 15
Next book: "Riding Freedom," by Pam Muñoz Ryan

Eldering Conversation Group

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

Adult Book Group

Third Thursday of the month, 3:00-4:00 p.m.
In person AND via Zoom
Next meeting: May 16
Next book: "The White Darkness," by David Grann

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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.

Wednesday, April 24

Board of Zoning Appeals, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Thursday, April 25

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

SBAC Subcommittee - COMMUNICATIONS, 8:30 a.m.

Monday, April 29

Town Council Ordinance Committee, Jordan Conference Room, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

Thursday, May 2

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

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

SBAC Subcommittee - COMMUNICATIONS, 8:30 a.m.

Monday, May 6

Town Council - Special Council Meeting & Public Hearing on FY 25 Budget, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, May 7

Planning Board Workshop, Jordan Conference Room, 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

Cape Elizabeth Republican Town Committee, 6-8:30 p.m. first Wednesday of the month, Cape Elizabeth Community Center. Contact: ccrcme.com for Cape information.

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.

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499 Ocean House Road (Route 77)
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280 Ocean House Road
799-8396

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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.
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879-0028

www.bethaam.org

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Saturday, 10:30 a.m.
Family Shabbat Services: Second Friday, 6:00 p.m.

Hope Community Church

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Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.
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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.
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CABLE GUIDE

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Board of Zoning Appeals
April 24 - 7 p.m.

School Building Advisory Committee
April 25 - 6:30 p.m.

Earth Day cleanup

(From Town Hall website) - In honor of Earth Day, the Cape Elizabeth Land Trust (CELT) is working with Cape Elizabeth Department of Public Works to coordinate a week-long cleanup effort from Saturday, April 20 to Sunday, April 28 on Cape's roads, trails and beaches. To learn more and/or to sign up for a specific area of town, visit: <https://www.capeelizabeth.com/news/post/7452/>

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**CESD honored again with 'Best Communities for Music Education Award'**

By Kevin St. Jarre

The Cape Elizabeth School Department (CESD) has been honored as one of the "Best Communities for Music Education" from the National Association of Music Merchants Foundation for its outstanding commitment to music education.

The Cape Elizabeth School Department was one of only three schools in Maine thus recognized, the other two being Brunswick School Department and Waterville School Department. Of the three, only CESD's music education has earned the distinction nine times in a row.

The Best Communities Music Education designation is awarded to districts that demonstrate outstanding achievement in efforts to provide music access and education to all students. Districts that have been recognized by the NAMM Foundation are often held up as models for other school districts and educators looking to improve their own music education programs.

The NAMM Foundation is a nonprofit supported in part by its approximately 15,000 members around the world. The foundation advances active participation in music making across the lifespan by supporting scientific research, philanthropic giving and public service programs.

The complete list of the 2024 NAMM Foundation Best Communities for Music Education can be found here:

<https://www.nammfoundation.org/articles/bcme-2024-DISTRICTS>.

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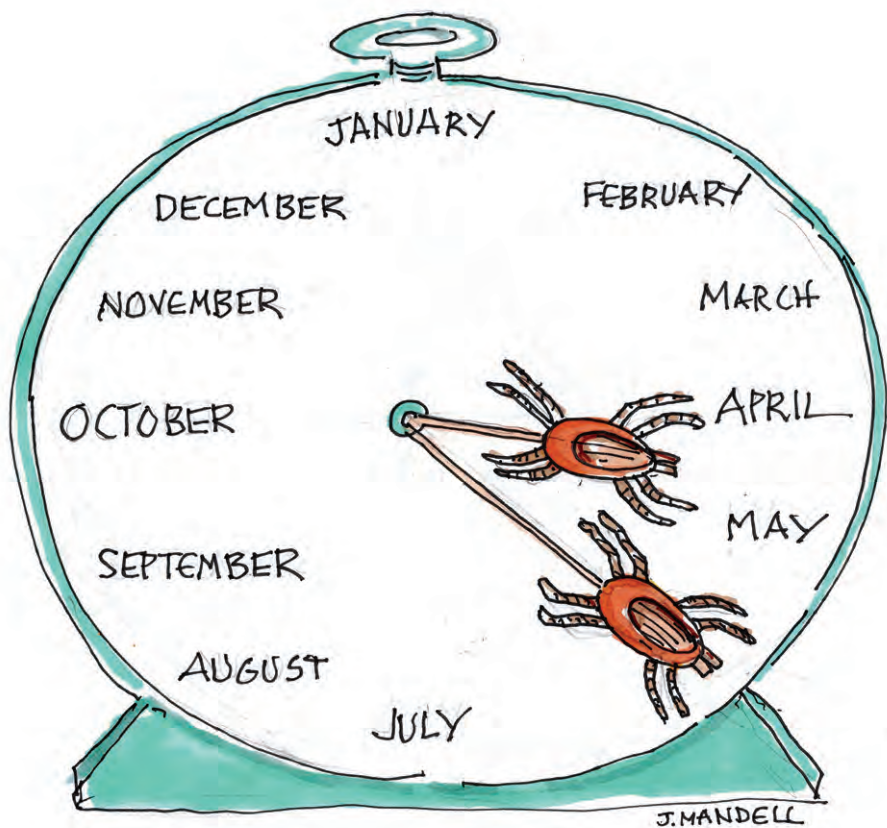


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# Capetoon: The clock is ticking

By Jeff Mandell



## March 2024 Cape Elizabeth real estate transfers

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|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|
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| DORR CHER                             | 2 WINSLOW PLACE       | \$535,000   |
| DENINO WALTER, DENINO LAURA           | 28 SALT SPRAY LANE    | \$2,460,000 |

## Success at state team chess championship



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Led by coach David Cimato, the Cape K-5 chess team placed second in the state team chess championship held at Hampden Academy on March 9. Team members (pictured above) included Silvio Cimato, Holton Kang, Theo Reichl, Adrian Reichl, Sebastian Holbrook and Jack Leen in front. Not pictured: Charlie Glennon.



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Many of the same players enjoyed great success at the state individual scholastic chess championship on March 30 at Lewiston High School. Theo Reichl, pictured above, won the K-5 state championship and will represent Maine in the national Rockefeller Chess Tournament in Virginia this summer. Holton Kang won the K-3 state championship. Adrian Reichl and Charlie Glennon placed 2nd and 3rd respectively in the K-5 U500 division.

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