

Soaring



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A whole lot of fan fare



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From left, an eagle spotted above Town Hall on April 1, wild turkeys strutting their stuff across from the Inn By The Sea along Route 77 on April 1, a sure sign of spring at the end of March.

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Photo by Karen Kurkjian

A breathtaking early morning view of Spring Point Light from Southern Maine Community College on April 1.

Diploma requirements, report cards to change for Class of 2018

By Wendy Keeler

Cape Elizabeth High School parents may need to wear their reading glasses longer when viewing the report cards of their freshman children next year.

Members of this year's eighth-grade class – the Class of 2018 – are the first Maine students who will be required to demonstrate mastery and understanding of various skills and concepts in order to receive high school diplomas. To help Cape Elizabeth students reach proficiency in these areas, which will be a diploma requirement for all Maine students in 2018 and after, report cards will include more information for students and parents starting next year with the freshman class.

Contrary to recent rumors among some hopeful eighth-graders and their parents, students will continue to get grades on their report cards.

"Kids are still going to have traditional grades based on a 100-point scale, because we think there's value to that and kids understand it, parents understand it, and colleges understand it," CEHS Principal Jeff Shedd said. "The whole impetus behind moving toward standards is to help teachers, students and parents to understand where a student is strong and where a student needs to spend more time and effort, and where a teacher needs to spend more time and effort to really support a student."

Although Cape Elizabeth High School will begin making

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Cape Courier welcomes back Brogan as editor

The Cape Courier will welcome back a familiar face this month, as Elizabeth Brogan returns as the paper's editor after a three-year hiatus.

Publisher Patricia McCarthy added the role of editor to her duties when Brogan stepped down in March 2011. McCarthy will remain as publisher.

"Elizabeth missed the paper and wanted to come back, and we're really happy to have her



Elizabeth Brogan
Photo by Patricia McCarthy

back," McCarthy said. "She has excellent judgment and skills, and it'll be nice to work with her more directly again."

Brogan spent nine years involved with producing The Courier, first as community editor, then as editor, and

has served the past three years as a member of the paper's board of directors. She will be

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Cape honors its oldest resident

George Baker holds the Boston Post Cane he was given March 24 at Portland Head Light. He was honored at Town Hall earlier that day as Cape Elizabeth's oldest citizen. See story on page 18.

Photo by George Baker II

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Conservation Commission asks for help from residents to preserve trails during mud season

Winter is finally loosening its grip and the snow is disappearing, revealing greenbelt trails that are wet and muddy. This is the time of year when trails can be lightly used in their muddy state or permanently damaged.

The Conservation Commission is requesting that trail users, specifically bikers and horseback riders, dismount on and/or avoid muddy trails. Bikers and horseback riders create the greatest impact, and potentially the greatest damage, on the surface of rustic nature trails.

If trails are allowed to dry a bit, they can rebound and be fully functional for all users for the remainder of the year.

If trails are heavily used in muddy conditions, damage such as permanent rutting, compaction of organic soils, and destruction of the vegetation that protects against erosion occurs. Permanent damage requires significantly more labor and cost to repair than typical trail maintenance.

And just so bike and horseback riders do not feel particularly singled out here, you should know that the Conservation Commission includes members of the Greater Portland chapter of the New England Mountain Bike Association (GP NEMBA) and a

potential for permanent damage lessens.

Trail closure signs will be removed and the trail opening will also be posted on the town website.

Please respect trail closures and help preserve town greenbelt trails as we all look forward to another season on the greenbelt.

Cape Elizabeth Conservation Committee



staff member of the Bicycle Coalition of Maine.

The Conservation Commission has also met with representatives of the horseback riders in Cape and these closures are consistent with the discussions we have had.

The Conservation Commission will be monitoring the greenbelt trail system and, in extreme muddy conditions, may recommend the temporary closure of trails.

When a trail is closed, a trail closure sign depicting a yellow triangle (at left) will be posted.

Trail closures will also be posted on the town website, and info on the closure will be shared with GPNEMBA, local bike shops, horseback-riding stables and riders and other entities to get the word out. Trails will be reopened when the po-

Kind acts at the Swap Shop make resident's day

I was at the Swap Shop on Saturday, March 29, and spotted a desk. I had been in need of one and didn't expect to find one there.

As I was checking it out, a very nice gentleman offered to help me carry it to my car. We couldn't fit it in mine, so he offered to try it in his and said he would follow me home. But it didn't fit in his either.

So, as we were taking it out to put it

back, a woman offered to put it in her car and follow me home, too! It fit in hers, and she very nicely brought it to my house, off-loaded it, and was back on her way.

So if you two are reading this, thank you so much! These were two random acts of kindness, and they made my day!

Little occurrences like this are the reason I love living here.

Kelley Murphy

Citizen has a bone to pick with dog owners

To dog owners: Don't leave home without "it" – a plastic bag, that is!

Spring is here, and it would be considerate if owners would remember to bring a bag to pick up their pets' "droppings" and then take it with them, as opposed to leaving it on the side of the road for someone else to dispose of.

I've lived in Shore Acres for over 40 years and have had a dog for most of those years. I have walked with them in the neighborhood but never leave home without my bags. It's the neighborly thing to do!

Won't you please try to remember to do the same? Thanks.

Della Hitchcox

Recycling Center open some spring Sundays

The Recycling Center will be open for the disposal of leaf, yard wastes and recyclables on the Sundays listed below. The center will not be open on Easter Sunday.

As a reminder, items normally destined for the Transfer Station Compactor (household refuse) will not be accepted. Fees will be assessed on applicable items.

Spring Sundry schedule

- April 13: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Closed Easter Sunday, April 20
- April 27: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- May 4: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- May 11: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Editor

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leaving that position effective April 15.

A former practicing attorney, Brogan also is an independent claims consultant. She has lived in Cape Elizabeth since 1991.

After a few weeks of brushing up on her InDesign skills and familiarizing herself with systems and learning a few things that have changed in three years, Brogan expects to be ready to roll for the May 14 issue.

"I'm excited to be coming back to *The Cape Courier* as editor and am looking forward to reconnecting with our community in this unique way," she said.

Bill Springer, chairman of *The Courier* board, welcomed Brogan's return.

"The board is very happy that Elizabeth has decided to return as editor of *The Courier*," he said.

"She loves our town and has the perfect ear to know what local news is important to our readers."

Correction

A photograph of the Cape Elizabeth Middle School Alpine Ski Team in the March 12 issue of *The Cape Courier* misidentified the team as a Nordic team. We regret the mistake.

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The Good Table seeks zoning amendment to expand restaurant

By Town Planner Maureen O'Meara

The Planning Board is moving forward a request from the Town Council to consider an increase in the current limit on the size of restaurants in the Business A District from 80 seats to 100 seats.

The amendment has been requested by The Good Table. The Good Table has approval for a 75-seat restaurant, but wants to accommodate its larger summer crowds by increasing the number of seats to 100.

The Business A District regulations limit the size of restaurants to 80 seats. Before The Good Table can amend its existing approval to expand to 100 seats, the zoning ordinance needs to be changed to allow 100 seats.

The Business A (BA) District is a neighborhood business district, secondary to the town center district. There are two BA districts, located on Route 77 from Rudy's to the Kettle Cove Dairy, and on Shore Road from the Irving Station to the Cape/South Portland boundary.

Except for some design regulations specific to each area, the zoning regulations for both locations are the same.

Almost all uses in the BA District must obtain site plan approval from the Planning Board before they can begin operation. Site plan regulations are located in Sec. 19-9 of the zoning ordinance and require compliance standards including but not limited

to traffic, parking, buffering, stormwater, subsurface disposal, lighting and signage. These standards effectively limit the potential for a 100-seat restaurant to only a few lots in the BA District. Site-plan review also provides an opportunity for the public to comment on any application submitted to the Planning Board.

In reviewing the request, the Planning Board revisited the origins of the restaurant seat cap. A cap on the size of a restaurant is not common in the Portland area. Cape Elizabeth first established a cap when the town center zone was established.

The 1993 Town Center Plan included the cap as a recommendation to allow restaurants

that were appropriately sized for a village center. That committee reviewed the number of seats of existing restaurants that would fit well in the town center as a basis for setting a cap.

When the BA District was updated, a restaurant-seat cap was added to the district. Restaurants also have setbacks based on their proximity to a residential district and if alcohol is served outdoors and hours of operation limits.

At its April 15 meeting, the Planning Board likely will schedule a public hearing on the amendment for May 22. Public comment will be allowed at both meetings.

Contact the town planner at 799-0115 or maureen.omeara@capeelizabeth.org.

Senior commission first meeting is April 10

Cape Elizabeth's newly formed Senior Citizens Advisory Commission, a seven-member group that will advise the Town Council on issues facing Cape residents who are 60 years and older, will hold its first meeting at 9 a.m. Thursday, April 10, in the Jordan Conference Room at Town Hall.

The group will nominate and elect a chair and designate a secretary. Council Chair Jessica Sullivan will introduce group members, who include Cape residents Barbara Page, Brett Seekins, Bruce Nelson, Elizabeth Baille, June O'Neill, Patricia Bredenberg and William Marshall.

In January, the council charged the commission with providing updates about issues relevant to Cape Elizabeth senior citizens. At the end of the year, group members will submit a written report t, said Town Assessor Matthew Sturgis, staff liaison to the committee. Contact him at matthew.sturgis@capeelizabeth.org or 799-1619 for more information.

New rules for applying for bottle shed slot

The town is accepting applications from nonprofit organizations interested in raising funds by manning the returnable-bottle shed at the Recycling Center for one month between June and the following May.

The town will hold a lottery at 3 p.m. Wednesday, April 30, at Town Hall to award monthlong stints at the bottle shed.

The winning organizations are responsible for sorting the returnables and are rewarded with the proceeds from the deposits.

This year the lottery is open to any nonprofit club or organization serving Cape Elizabeth. In the past, only groups benefiting the youth of the town were eligible to use the shed.

Also new this year is an option for groups to apply for school-year only months, September-May.

Applications are available on the town website, capeelizabeth.com, and are due at the town clerk's office before 4 p.m. Friday,

April 25. Applications are also available in the clerk's office.

Winning organizations will have until May 16 to accept a bottle-shed assignment. A \$50 rental fee will be due at the time of acceptance.

Contact Town Clerk Debra Lane, debra.lane@capeelizabeth.org, 799-7665.

Complete rules for bottle shed are also available on the town's website.

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Ruth's Reusable Resources keeps saving Cape and other schools a bundle

By Diane Brakeley

Spring is here, and with it comes town budget negotiations. As our school administrators search for ways to save Cape Elizabeth money, they would do well to remember their 3Rs – Ruth's Reusable Resources, that is.

In 1994, Scarborough housewife Ruth Libby began a nonprofit business based on reusing items that would have been sent to Maine landfills. These items are new and gently used castoffs from local businesses, including corporate offices and retailers. They include furniture, paper, books, office/school supplies, computers, art supplies and so much more.

Schools can buy annual memberships to Ruth's 3Rs for \$3 per student. Their teachers may then shop at the store for free during the school year; Ruth's is open 10 months of the year.

Pond Cove and Cape Elizabeth Middle School are members of Ruth's 3Rs. Pond Cove's membership is paid for by the Pond Cove Parents Association, and CEMS middle school puts Ruth's 3R membership in its budget.

In the 2012-2013 school year, Cape teachers who shopped at Ruth's brought

back materials valued at \$50,076.50 to their classrooms.

Since its inception in 1994, Ruth's has given more than \$49 million worth of supplies to schools, and removed millions of tons of refuse from our landfills. Teachers are encouraged to pick up supplies at Ruth's as often as possible to save our town money.

Libby estimates that on each shopping trip, most teachers pick up at least \$600 worth of supplies.

I recently accompanied Debbie Butterworth, a math teacher at the Pond Cove math lab, on a 3Rs "shopping spree." She picks up supplies there at least every other week. You never know exactly what will be on the shelves, but she always picks up a ream of paper, paper clips, pencils, markers and heavy card stock when possible. On this trip she also found an office stapler, a roll of green sticky-backed felt, envelopes, materials for a dice game, labels, poster board, hundreds of blank plastic cards, several bags of small items she uses in her weekly estimation station activity, file folders, paper towels, and two white coveralls which will become bunny costumes in an upcoming school play!

Butterworth said she often finds, "things



Photo by Diane Brakeley

Debbie Butterworth, a math teacher at Pond Cove's math lab, takes advantage of great savings by shopping for free at Ruth's Reusable Resources in Portland. Ruth's 3Rs saved Cape Elizabeth about \$50,000 in classroom supplies last year alone.

you just can't get anywhere else." She said Ruth's is especially helpful at this time of year when budgets are running out.

Ruth's 3Rs now also houses "The 4 Public Store," located beside the teacher store and open during the same hours. Only teachers may enter the teacher store – not even guests are allowed in – but the public store is open to all. Everything is bargain priced and the proceeds support the overhead of the teacher store and warehouse. You can always pick up a ream of computer paper for \$1. You'll also find craft supplies, office supplies, cleaning supplies, fabric and sewing supplies, seasonal decorations, stickers, cards, ephemera, books, office furniture and other interesting odds and ends.

On June 20, Ruth's 3Rs will celebrate 20 years of creative reuse with her "Good-to-be-Green" celebration. This event will thank supporters, and raise both awareness and funds to support her ongoing mission. Tickets include food and drinks, live and silent auctions, live

music and a chance to support Ruth Libby and her quest to benefit Maine school children.

Artists are invited to donate artwork to the Good-to-be-Green Gala. All donations will be sold at auction during the event. Artists can choose to donate half or all of the proceeds from the sale of their art to benefit the 3R's mission. If you wish to donate items for the auction, please contact Diane Brakeley at diane@maine.rr.com or 767-3391.

Free recycled supplies to assist in creating artwork for the auction will be available for pickup from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 12, at the store, located at 39 Blueberry Road off Outer Congress Street in Portland. Recycled materials are also available for purchase at The 4-Public Store. Artwork made from nonrecycled sources is also more than welcome as are gift certificates or other items.

Ruth's Reusable Resources is a nonprofit that welcomes support anytime. Visit www.ruths.org for more information.

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Descendant of relatives who served in Revolutionary War pays tribute

By Stephen Lyons

At an April 1 military memorial service at Fort Williams, eight distant members of my family and of the Gray and Osborn families were remembered and honored. All these men served in the military at various times in the Revolutionary War.

George Osborn Sr. and his seven sons were veterans of the Revolutionary War. George Osborn Sr. is a distant great-grandfather to all of the men receiving burial flags at the ceremony earlier this month.

I want to thank the Maine National Guard for providing this honor guard and for their tested resolve and dedication to the state of Maine and this country. I want to thank the U.S. Marines Corps, Alpha Company, First Battalion, 25th Marine Regiment, for providing the event's color guards.

I'd also like to thank U.S. Rep. Chellie Pingree, D-Maine, and her staff for assisting me in acquiring military records for family members and for her staff for attending the ceremony. Senators Susan Collins and Angus King also sent representatives.

I also want to thank the town of Cape Elizabeth for allowing my family to honor our military veterans at Fort Williams, which I believe to be one of America's most beautiful parks.

On Oct. 18, 1775, during the early stages of the Revolutionary War, the British Navy entered Casco Bay and bombarded what is now Portland for hours. It's appropriate that we respect and honor these men for setting the foundation that has been so important not only to my family, but also to this state and country.

I am a direct descendant of two of these men, while the other men are indirectly related as distant uncles. The story also has a unique historical piece. It's about a father and seven of his sons, most of them boys, who all served in the same war.

These men and boys served in a part-time militia and later a newly formed army and

Retired Navy Commander Michael Gray, cousin of Cape Elizabeth resident Stephen Lyons, receives one of eight flags from Maine Army National Guard Sergeant First Class Norman Voter during a memorial service April 1 at Fort Williams.



Photo by David Cherry

navy. They fought with little or no military training. They served under both state and continental leadership. They took up arms against the most powerful army and navy in the world. They overcame much adversity and helped the nation to win the war.

I served as well as a proud member of the U.S. Marine Corps. While in recruit training, Marines receive instruction in the history of the Marine Corps. This history

creates a sense of pride, camaraderie, and bonding of Marines both past and present.

The Marines are taught to respect the tradition and sacrifice of those who went before them, and to believe that hardships can be overcome, even in the worst of times.

This history creates a sense of responsibility to not let down those Marines who went before them and to remember all they achieved.

This same philosophy of teaching history and tradition in the Marine Corps can hold true with our families, communities, and country.

So, likewise at ceremonies like the one earlier this month, these veterans' stories are told. We honor their sacrifice and service and maintain tradition.

I first came across the story of these family members while researching family genealogy and by reading an article by William Osborn, written over 100 years ago.

My fifth great-grandfather, George Osborn Sr., served on the first day of the Revolutionary War, and my fourth great-grandfather, Michael Osborn, served on the last day of the war's last day. Due to lost and aged military records, the dates, locations and spellings, are sometimes unclear and conflicting.

We now honor these men and thank them for their military service. Their sacrifice was not in vain, and the freedom they provided has been handed down through generations, as well as through the bloodstream, from the Revolutionary War to present.

Stephen Lyons lives in Cape Elizabeth with this wife and four daughters.

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NATURAL HAPPENINGS

Frogs, salamanders, daffodils, woodcocks – so much to see in Cape in spring

By Erika Carlson Rhile, Cape Elizabeth Land Trust
Education Committee chair

Three inches of rain and warmer temperatures may be just the ticket for our amphibian friends. My daffodils aren't the only things emerging from the ground.

Frogs and salamanders are waking from hibernation, triggered by 40-degree temperatures and lots of rain. Yellow-spotted salamanders, blue-spotted salamanders, wood frogs and spring peepers are looking for love, heading toward vernal pools to breed.

Let's clear up one misconception: it's not one "Big Night"; these mass migrations can take place over several days or even weeks. Vernal pools are the shallow temporary ponds formed from melting snow and rain.

It's thought the salamanders and frogs head back to the same pool in which they



Photos by Erika Carlson Rhile

A yellow-spotted salamander and an American woodcock, both recently seen in Erika Carlson Rhile's backyard in Cape.

were born – adding to the vulnerable nature of these species. Amphibians around the world are disappearing at an alarming rate.

Since their life cycle takes place on both land and in water, and their skin is so thin, amphibians are considered "indicator species" – meaning they're sensitive to

what's happening in our environment.

They are threatened by pollution, increased UV radiation, invasive species and loss of habitat.

Vernal pools are critical to these animals' survival since it's where they lay their egg masses. Depending on the species, there can be 30 to 500 eggs in each mass.

Other sure signs of spring to look for in Cape Elizabeth:

Red-winged blackbirds are back in force.

Robins abound! They decimated my winterberry wreath I hung by our bird feeder.

Watch for the hilarious breeding display of the American woodcock. Woodcocks often appear on their breeding grounds while there is still snow on the ground. Listen for their nasal *peent*, and then they fly up very high circling the area while doing a twittering aerial show.

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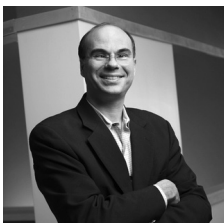
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Thefts, returned sign, traffic stops all in day's work for police

Reported by Debbie Butterworth

COMPLAINTS

- 3-11 An officer met with a resident of the Oakhurst area about missing jewelry.
- 3-13 An officer met with a subject at the police station about an assault complaint.
- 3-14 An officer met with a Cape Elizabeth school bus driver about a driver who passed his stopped school bus.
- 3-14 An officer responded to a residence in the Spurwink Avenue area for report of an abandoned child's bicycle. It is black with pink rims.
- 3-15 Two officers responded to a residence in the Shore Road area about a child-custody issue.
- 3-17 An officer went to the rear of Cape Elizabeth High School to locate a sign that had been reported stolen years ago. The sign was located and owner contacted.
- 3-18 An officer met with a resident of the Shore Road area about a broken mailbox post.
- 3-20 An officer met with a resident of the Mitchell Road area about a possible violation of a protection order.

- 3-21 An officer met with a subject at the police station about a violation of a protection order.
- 3-21 An officer met with a resident in the Two Lights Road area about a theft complaint. Soft drinks were missing.
- 3-22 An officer responded to a residence in the Scott Dyer Road area for an abandoned bike. A black and orange 10-speed bike was retrieved.

ARRESTS

- 3-14 Portland resident, operating under the influence of alcohol, High View Road
- 3-16 Union resident, violation of conditions of release, Geldert Lane

SUMMONSES

- 3-11 Cape Elizabeth resident, unregistered vehicle, Spurwink Avenue, \$70
- 3-12 Cape Elizabeth resident, unregistered vehicle, Shore Road, \$70
- 3-14 Cape Elizabeth resident, speeding (53/35 zone), Route 77, \$185
- 3-14 Peaks Island resident, failure to stop at stop sign, Hill Way, \$131
- 3-14 Cape Elizabeth resident, uninspected vehicle, Route 77, \$133
- 3-16 Union, Maine resident, violation of

- conditions of release, operating after license suspension, Geldert Lane
- 3-18 Cape Elizabeth resident, failure to produce insurance, Route 77, \$171
- 3-18 Portland resident, failure to produce insurance, Route 77, \$171
- 3-18 Portland resident, operating under the influence of alcohol, High View Road
- 3-19 Cape Elizabeth resident, uninspected vehicle, Route 77, \$133
- 3-21 Gorham resident, uninspected vehicle, Route 77, \$133
- 3-23 South Portland resident, failure to produce insurance, Route 77, \$171
- 3-23 Washington, D.C., resident, unregistered vehicle, Ocean House Road, \$70

- 3-18 Westbrook resident, operating after license suspension, Route 295
- 3-21 Gorham resident, speeding (51/40 zone), Shore Road, \$215

FIRE CALLS

- 3-13 Spurwink Avenue, electrical problem
- 3-14 Two Lights Road, carbon monoxide alarm
- 3-16 Ocean House Road, gas odor investigation

RESCUE CALLS

There were 15 runs to Maine Medical Center. There were two runs to Mercy Hospital. There were six patients treated by rescue personnel but not transported.

Drug Take-Back Day is April 26 at Cape Elizabeth police station

Cape residents can take unused and unwanted prescriptions and over-the-counter medications to the Cape Elizabeth police department for disposal from 10 a.m. to

2 p.m. Saturday, April 26 – National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day. Call 767-3323, ext. 208, for more information.

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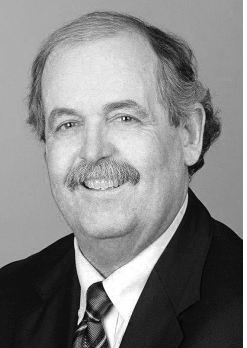



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Town of Cape Elizabeth Returnable Bottle Shed Lottery for June 2014 to May 2015

Application Deadline: Friday, April 25, 2014

The Town of Cape Elizabeth is accepting applications from not-for-profit service clubs and organizations serving Cape Elizabeth that are interested in participating in fundraising opportunities offered by the bottle redemption building located at the Recycling Center on Dennison Drive.

The lottery drawing is for the months of June 2014 to May 2015. Groups may opt to be considered for the months of September 2014 to May 2015 only.

Application and Guidelines available at www.capeelizabeth.com

Application Deadline: Friday, April 25, 2014, 4:00 p.m.

Office of Town Clerk at Town Hall
(One application per group/organization may be submitted.)

Lottery Drawing: Wednesday, April 30, 2014, 3:00 p.m.

Council Chambers at Town Hall.

Groups will have until Friday, May 16, 2014 to either accept or decline participation in the program. A \$50 rental fee will be due and payable at the time of acceptance.

For more information please go to www.capeelizabeth.com or contact Town Clerk Debra Lane at 799-7665 or debra.lane@capeelizabeth.org.

Five young musicians to perform at Merrill

Five young Cape musicians will perform on Thursday, April 10, at Merrill Auditorium in Portland at the annual University of Southern Maine Youth Ensembles concert.

Cape Elizabeth High School student Hazel Pine will play flute with the Portland Youth Wind Ensemble.

Cape Elizabeth Middle School violinist Vivian Sullivan will perform with the Portland Young People's String Consort. CEHS student Natalie Gale will perform violin I

with the Portland Youth Junior Orchestra. CEHS student Katherine Hansen will play violin I and CEHS student Ting-Ju Chiang will perform violin II with the Portland Youth Symphony Orchestra.

The suggested donation for the concert is \$8 for adults. Students, senior citizens, USM employees and alumni pay \$5. Seating will be open. The theater is on Myrtle Street. Call 780-5555 or email larsenault@usm.maine.edu for more information.

History of Irish in Portland to be meeting focus

The history of the Irish in Portland will be the topic of the Saturday, April 12, meeting of the Greater Portland Chapter of the Maine Genealogical Society. Matthew Jude Barker, a professional genealogist since 1981, will speak on the topic, "A History of Forest City Hibernians."

Barker will discuss how a small 19th-century community of domestics, longshoremen, teachers, laborers, homemakers, shopkeepers, nurses and policemen grew into a powerful statewide political force, despite hardship and discrimination.

Barker, a South Portland native, edits "The Downeast Shamrock," a monthly newsletter devoted to Irish heritage and genealogy in Maine, New England, the Northeast and Canada.

The 1 p.m. talk will be held at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 29 Ocean House Road. GPCMGS membership dues are \$5, and new members are welcome to join at the meeting. Refreshments will be served a half hour before the meeting starts.

Go to www.gpcmgs.org for information.

Planning ahead for funerals topic of free forum

The benefits of planning in advance for a funeral will be the topic of a free Triad forum planned from 2 to 3 p.m. on Thursday, April 24, in the Cape Elizabeth Fire Department Training Room at 2 Jordan Way.

Jane Mullen of Jones-Rich-Hutchins Funeral Home in Portland will lead a discussion about the emotional and financial advantages of advance planning, and she will

offer tips on how to go about the process.

Light refreshments will be served. Triad is made up of Cape Elizabeth and South Portland senior citizens, police, and community members who work together to address problems faced by older citizens.

Contact Cape Elizabeth Police Officer David Galvan at 767-3323, ext. 208, for more information.

Garden Club annual lunch meeting is May 7

The Cape Elizabeth Garden Club's annual luncheon meeting will be held May 7 at Portland Country Club.

Anyone interested in club membership is encouraged to call Betty Monpelier at 799-0229.

Coastal Wellness Easter Egg Hunt on April 12

Coastal Wellness Family Chiropractic will hold its seventh annual Easter Egg Hunt at noon on Saturday, April 12.

Children of all ages are invited to bring baskets and search for eggs filled with treat-

ures. Candy will not be included.

The event is free and open to the public, but people who plan to attend should call 799-9355 to reserve a child's spot. Coastal Wellness is located at 1231 Ocean House Road.

Poets to read April 26 at Buzz for Poetry Month

In honor of National Poetry Month, the Local Writers at The Local Buzz group will present "Port City Poets," a free all-poetry program, from 4 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, April 26, at The Local Buzz.

The reading, which will be hosted by two Cape Elizabeth residents – Portland Poet Laureate Marcia F. Brown and creative nonfiction author Penelope Anne Schwartz – will feature 10 area poets in a program of short readings from the anthology, "Port City Poems, Contemporary Poets Celebrate Portland, Maine."

Brown edited and wrote the introduction to the anthology, which contains the work of both established and emerging Maine poets.

"We felt that this collection was long overdue," Brown said. "With Portland's rich poetry heritage, it seemed a natural to bring together, in one collection, contempo-

rary poems inspired by some aspect of life in the city of Portland, written by members of our own vibrant literary community."

Poets who contributed to the anthology and will read on April 26 include Jay Davis, Linda Aldrich, Claire Hersom, Annaliese Jakimides, Mihku Paul-Anderson, Duane Pierson, Christopher Robley, Kathleen Sullivan, Jim Glenn Thatcher and George VanDeventer.

Copies of the book will be for sale at the event for \$20 apiece. The nonprofit Maine Poetry Central published the anthology in 2013, and proceeds from book sales will go to the organization's programs and initiatives to advance awareness and enjoyment of poetry in Maine.

The Buzz is located at 327 Ocean House Road.

Go to www.localbuzzcafe.com or email thelocalbuzz@hotmail.com.

CAPE CALENDAR

By Wendy Derzawiec

Wednesday, April 9

School Board Negotiations Committee, 4-6 p.m., William H. Jordan Conference Room, Town Hall

Sunday, April 13

Lions Club Pancake Breakfast, 7:30-11 a.m., Bowery Beach Schoolhouse, Two Lights Road

Monday, April 14

Town Center Plan Committee, 4 p.m., William H. Jordan Conference Room, Town Hall

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

Tuesday, April 15

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

Wednesday, April 16

Town Council Finance Committee, School Board Budget Presentation, 7 p.m., Town Hall chamber

Thursday, April 17

Thomas Memorial Library Board of Trustees, 6:30 p.m., Thomas Memorial Library

Town Council Finance Committee Wrapup, 7 p.m.,

Fort Williams Advisory Commission, 7 p.m., Public Works

Friday, April 18

Library Building Committee, 8:30-10 a.m., Thomas Memorial Library

Monday, April 21

Patriots Day Holiday. Town Hall, Thomas Memorial Library closed. Recycling Center open 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

Ongoing each week

Al-Anon, Regular meeting 7:30 p.m.

Thursdays, at United Methodist Church, 280 Ocean House Road.

Regular meeting 7 p.m. **Fridays** at St. Alban's Episcopal Church.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 2 p.m.

Saturdays, First Congregational Church, 301 Cottage Road, South Portland; 7 p.m. **Wednesdays**, St.

Bartholomew Church; 7 p.m. **Fridays**, St. Alban's Church.

Cape Elizabeth Historical

Preservation Society, 9 a.m.-noon **Thursdays**. Thomas Memorial Library.

Cape Elizabeth Lions Club, 6:39 p.m., first and third **Tuesdays** at the Bowery Beach Schoolhouse, Two Lights Road

South Portland/Cape Elizabeth Rotary Club, each Wednesday at 6:15 p.m. Purpodock Country Club, Spurwink Avenue. 767-7388.

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April 14 – 7 p.m.

Planning Board (Live)
April 15 – 7 p.m.

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'Young Frankenstein' musical to open April 18



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"Young Frankenstein" cast members, from left, Jennine Cannizzo, Jason Phillips, Janelle LoSciuto and John Ambrose rehearse during the last weekend of March.

The musical comedy, "Young Frankenstein," will open on Friday, April 18, at the Lyric Music Theater in South Portland.

The show, a re-imagining of the Frankenstein legend and based on the Mel Brooks film, "Young Frankenstein," will run through Saturday, May 3.

The story follows young Dr. Frankenstein as he attempts to bring a corpse to life, but not without complications.

The kooky cast of characters features hunchback sidekick Igor, curvaceous lab assistant Inga, stern housekeeper Frau Blucher, madcap fiancé Elizabeth and a

tap-dancing monster.

Musical numbers include "The Transylvania Mania," "He Vas My Boyfriend" and "Puttin' On The Ritz."

The show contains adult themes and language, so some material may be inappropriate for children 13 and younger.

Showtimes are planned at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturday, and Sundays at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$17.99-\$21.99.

Go to www.lyricmusictheater.org, email ticketlyric@gmail.com, or call 799-1421 to make reservations. The theater is located at 176 Sawyer St. in South Portland.

2014 Family Fun Day to be 'bigger and better'

This year's Cape Elizabeth Family Fun Day, set for Saturday, June 14, at Fort Williams Park, will feature more games and more food than in previous years.

That's the word from organizers, who promise a "bigger and better FFD than ever before," said Cape Elizabeth resident Karen Pride. "We're gonna party like it's 1764, the year before Cape Elizabeth became Maine's 23rd town, and in preparation for our 250th anniversary in 2015."

The FFD planning committee has welcomed new members, and "their enthusiasm

has sparked lots of new ideas," Pride said.

This year for the first time, the Gym Dandies Children's Circus Unicyclists will be part of the FFD parade, and FFD will include the addition of more "low-cost or free activities" than in past years, Pride said.

For the fifth straight year, FFD also will include a dog show for "friendly, leashed dogs," she said. More information about the dog show is available on the Cape Elizabeth Family Fun Day Dog Show Facebook page.

Artists and artisans who want to host a booth at FFD – for which there is no charge – should contact Pride at 232-2579 or kpride@maine.rr.com. Contact her also for more information about the 2014 FFD.

Alzheimer's expert to speak on April 16 at Cape Memory Care

Alzheimer's expert, physician Laurel Coleman, will speak at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, April 16, at Cape Memory Care, the residential living program for people with Alzheimer's and related dementias.

Coleman, who served for eight years on the national board of directors of the Alzheimer's Association and on the board of the Maine Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, will talk about the disease's effect on behavior and about the challenges that Alzheimer's patients and their loved ones face.

Coleman works at Maine Medical Center's Geriatric Clinic in Portland and with Central Maine Medical Center's Palliative Care Team in Lewiston.

She was nominated to serve on President Obama's Alzheimer's Advisory Council and is in her second term as chair of the Clinical Care Committee, focusing on improving care for persons with dementia and increasing awareness of the disease.

The free event, which will be open to all, will begin at 5:30 p.m. with refreshments.

Call 553-9616, ext. 5120, or email jo-neill@woodlandsalf.com by Friday, April 11, to reserve a seat.

Cape Memory Care is located at 126 Scott Dyer Road.

'Poop Scoop' at Fort Williams on April 12

The fifth annual April Scoop, when volunteers pick up trash and dog waste at Fort Williams, is planned from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday, April 12, with a rain date scheduled the next day at the same time.

Trash bags will be provided. Dogs will be welcome.

Volunteers can show up at any time during the morning. Headquarters will be on

the path next to the maintenance building near the back of the Fort.

In past years, as many as 45 volunteers have shown up for the morning and gathered 20 bags of trash, most of which was human trash.

Contact organizer Karen Brenner at 233-2582 for more information.

Red Cross blood drive set for Friday, April 18, at fire station

Cape Elizabeth High School's Volunteer-Interact Club is sponsoring a blood drive from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Friday, April 18, in the McGouldrick Room at the Cape Elizabeth Town Center Fire Station.

Call the American Red Cross at 1-800-red-cross or go to <http://redcross-blood.org> to make an appointment.

Contact Claire Zimmerman at claire.zimmerman@capeelizabethschools.org for more information.

Lions to serve eggs, pancakes on April 13

The Cape Elizabeth Lions will host two pancake breakfasts in coming weeks at the clubhouse, the Bowery Beach Schoolhouse, located at the intersection of Two Lights and Wheeler roads.

The breakfasts, set for 7:30-11 a.m. Sundays, April 13 and May 11, will include pancakes, French toast, eggs, sausage, coffee, tea and juice. Breakfast proceeds will benefit Lions' charities.

The club always welcomes new members. Call Paul Gentilini at 470-7353.

Dinner, auction to raise money for Alewife's

The Inn by the Sea's Sea Glass restaurant will hold a benefit wine dinner and silent auction on Friday, May 16, to raise money to build a new farm stand at Alewife's Brook Farm, the 80-acre family farm that Alvin Jordan opened in 1957 in Cape Elizabeth.

The event will include a silent auction starting at 5:30 p.m. and a four-course dinner by Sea Glass Chef Mitchell Kaldrovich beginning at 7 p.m. Dinner is \$85 per person.

The Jordan family hopes to build an insulated stand with a prep kitchen to make salsa, pickles and jam, and where family members can sell farm produce and Maine lobster year round.

Contact Carrie Dyer at Inn by the Sea at 799-3134 to make reservations or get more information about the event. Go to www.alewivesbrookfarm.com to learn more about the farm or to contribute.

The inn is located at 40 Bowery Beach Road.

CELT member Tony Owens to lead nature walk through Robinson Woods on May 14

Cape Elizabeth vernal pools and wildflowers will be the focus of a Wednesday, May 14, walk through Robinson Woods led by Cape Elizabeth Land Trust member Tony Owens.

The nature walk, which will run from 9:30 to 11 a.m., will be held rain or shine, so walkers should wear clothing and footwear suitable for wet conditions.

Registration is \$10 per person, and the group size is limited. Walkers will meet at the Robinson Woods kiosk on Shore Road.

Register through Cape Elizabeth Community Services by going to the Community Services link at www.cape.k12.me.us or calling 799-2868.

Call the Cape Elizabeth Land Trust at 767-6054 for more information.

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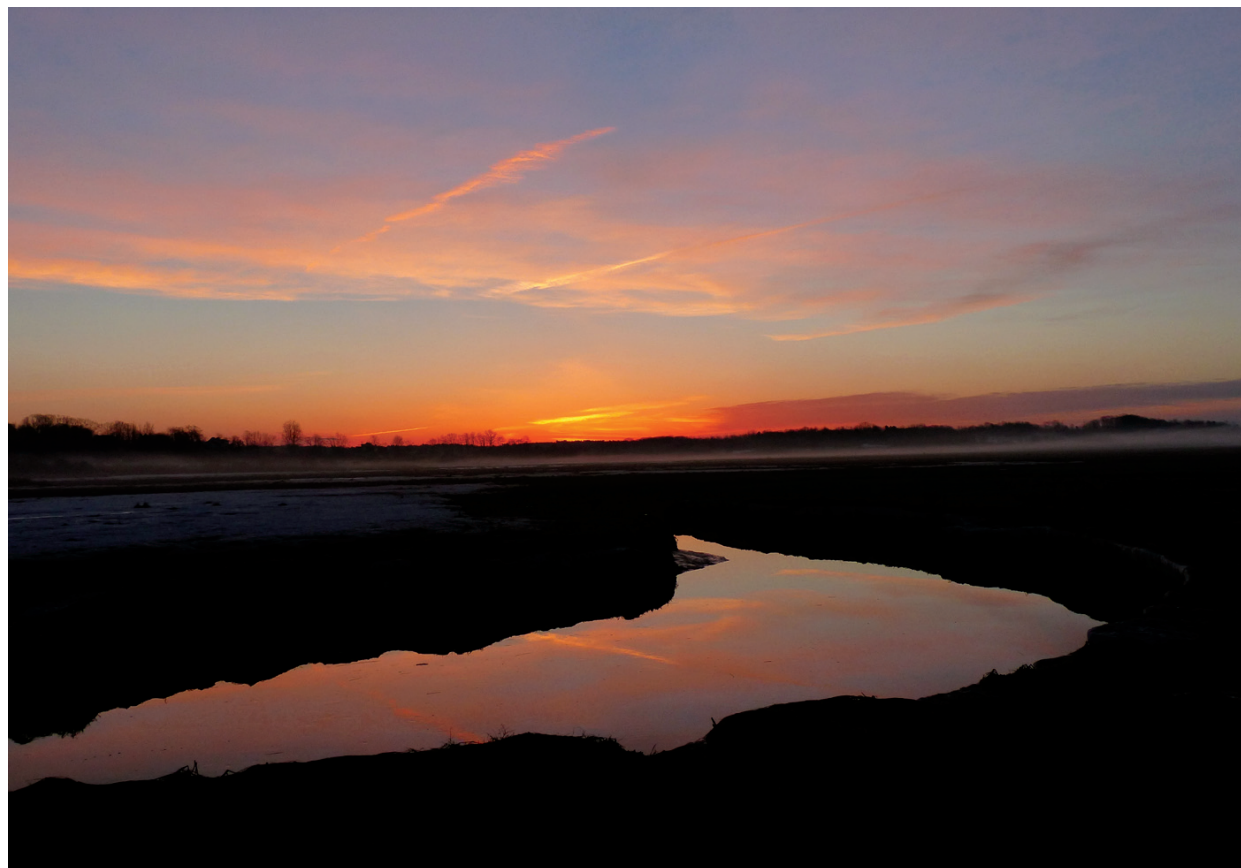


Photo by Karen Kurkjian

The marsh off Sawyer Road, just beyond Wells Road, looking liquid on a late March morning instead of frozen.

We're getting there!



Photo by Katherine Urbanek

Hens-and-chicks plants, starting to peek through the snow at the end of March in Cape Elizabeth.



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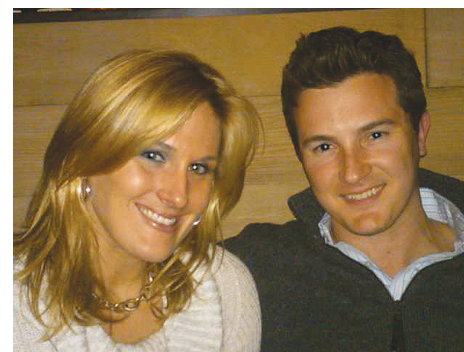


Courier travels to Thailand

Cape Elizabeth resident Gail Rowe packed some hometown news when she traveled to Sukhothai, Thailand, this winter.

Engaged

Suzanne Bagin, the daughter of Doug and Nancy Bagin of Running Tide Road, is engaged to be married to Michael Bohlmann, of New York.



Suzanne Bagin and Michael Bohlmann

A 1996 Cape Elizabeth High School graduate, Suzanne was a member of the 1994, 1995 and 1996 CEHS state-championship-winning swim teams. She graduated from Rutgers College in New Brunswick, N.J., and Cornell Weill Medical College in New York City and is a surgical physician assistant at the Hospital for Special Surgery in New York City.

Michael, who graduated magna cum laude from Harvard University with a degree in government, was an All-American swimmer. He works in finance, has a special inter-

est in independent films, and produced the documentary, "How to Grow a Band."

An August wedding is planned.

More Neighbors on page 20

Cape Elizabeth native **Jonathan Sahrbeck** recently joined Terry Garmey & Associates in Portland as an associate.

Sahrbeck, who has been involved in more than 60 jury trials, most recently served as an assistant attorney general for the state of Maine. He previously worked as a prosecutor for Middlesex and Bristol counties in Massachusetts.



Jonathan Sahrbeck

He is a graduate of Connecticut College in New London, Conn., and American University Washington College of Law, in Washington, D.C.

Joni Hewitt is teaching Vinyasa flow yoga classes from 4 to 5 p.m. on Fridays and 8-9 a.m. on Sundays at Cape Chiropractic and Acupuncture, 2 Davis Point Road. Classes are by donation and benefit the American Heart Association.



Joni Hewitt

A mother of four children with her husband **Bill**, Joni teaches English as a Second Language in the Cape Elizabeth school district.

Cape Elizabeth Middle School eighth-grader **Bobby Dall**, 14, will attend Phillips Academy in Andover, Mass., in the fall.

Bobby, who plans to play soccer at Andover, plays now for the Seacoast Academy under-14 team, which plays in the United States Development Academy, considered the highest level of youth soccer in the country.



Bobby Dall

He is the son of **Bob** and **Molly Dall**.

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**Library Closed
for Patriots Day
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**Award-winning author
journalist Stranahan
to speak April 17
about Fukushima**

Journalist and author Susan Q. Stranahan will present a talk about the Fukushima nuclear disaster at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 17.

Stranahan was the lead journalist of *The Philadelphia Inquirer* team that was awarded a 1980 Pulitzer Prize for its coverage of the Three Mile Island accident. For 28 years, she was a reporter primarily covering environmental issues at *The Inquirer*.

She is the author of "Susquehanna: River of Dreams," and co-author of the new book, "Fukushima: The Story of a Nuclear Disaster."

In her talk, Stranahan will discuss her latest book and share her insights on nuclear energy and the environment.

Details and a video interview with Stranahan can be found on the library's website. The program is free.

**Special programs
replace story times
during vacation week**

Regular weekly story times will be replaced during the week of April 22-26 with a mix of programs for younger children and school-aged kids.

Preschoolers can attend a special story and craft program with Rick at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 22.

Little ones of all ages will be treated to a special music and movement concert with children's performer Buster B at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 23.

Kids ages 7-12 will have two opportunities that week to participate in a marble tournament, teaming up and learning to play marble games, one at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 22, and the other at 11 a.m. Friday, April 25.

Also that week, the library's two therapy dogs, Winston and Maddie, will be available to listen to kids read on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons.

All the programs during vacation week – except for the concert with Buster B – require advance registration, which can be done in person, by phone, or online.

Details and the complete schedule can be found online at the library's website.

Regular weekly story times will resume the following week, beginning April 30.

Ready for their close-ups



Photo by Rachel Davis

Thomas Memorial Library's two therapy dogs, Maddie, left, and Winston, pose for their formal party portrait at the library's "Read to a Dog" celebration on March 29. More than 40 people attended the party to meet the dogs and learn about the program. The library has just launched an incentive program to encourage repeat visits with the dogs. Kids can earn rewards for reading to the dogs. See the library's website at thomasmemorallibrary.org or stop by for more information. More library news on page 12.

Arghhh, matey!



Photo by Rachel Davis

Kids made pirate hats, heard pirate tales, played pirate games and even walked the plank at two Pirate Parties for ages 3-5 in late March at the library.

Library offers gaming session on April 19

Adults and teens are invited to learn about and play some of the library's new board games, including Carcassonne, Pandemic, and Settlers of Catan. This month's free gaming session will be from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 19.

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No story times on Thursday, April 10 or during the week of April 22-27. 0

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The library's monthly World Music program with singer/songwriter Rob Duquette will take place on Thursday, April 17 at 10:30 a.m. Children of all ages and grown-ups are invited to come sing along!

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A Cape Courier series by Cape Elizabeth resident Ellen Van Fleet follows the Civil War through the eyes of people who lived in Cape Elizabeth 150 years ago, when the Civil War was in its third year. Using Portland author Paul Ledman's book, "A Maine Town Responds," as the main guide, the series includes both short entries from the Portland Transcript, a newspaper, and letters from a local soldier who served on the western front. Items from the Portland Transcript and from soldiers' letters are reported verbatim.

April 2, 1864 – There was a fire at Camp Berry last Thursday night, and the Band lost all their music and clothing. [Portland Transcript]

April 9, 1864 – The poor soldiers on guard at the Cape Elizabeth bridge had a hard time of it. The great storm of last week threw upon the shore immense quantities of the Bohemian [the recently wrecked steamer] goods, and the non-authorized wreckers were very plenty and lively. The guards at the bridges and ferry had strict orders to search every suspicious package and individual and large quantities of almost valueless stolen goods were taken from men and women who had trudged back and forth twenty weary miles in the storm. [Portland Transcript]

About \$25,000 worth of Bohemian goods were bought by Saco merchants. [Portland Transcript]

The first mayflowers of the season we were fortunate enough to pluck ourselves after a search of several hours in the sunniest pastures of the Cape. We pulled a myriad of the broad brown ears ... before the first delicious blossom peeped up with a modest blush from its little bed of dried grass and pine needles. [Portland Transcript]

Last week the journeymen bricklayers held a meeting and voted that \$2.75 per day be the common wages for their services. [Portland Transcript]

The bark *Waltham* had a narrow escape from shipwreck last Saturday. She sailed from this port in the storm of last Friday, but was unable to make an offing. She let go both anchors inside of Trundy's reef and held in a most uncomfortable and dangerous position till the U.S. steam transport *DeMolay* went to her assistance. [Portland Transcript]

The colored women of Portland have contributed \$84 to the Freedmen's Re-

lief Association. [Portland Transcript]

April 16, 1864 – The Army of the Potomac is being put into fighting trim very rapidly. Large reinforcements are constantly arriving. [Portland Transcript]

President Lincoln wears kid gloves when he shakes hands. His predecessors wore no gloves, it is said. [Portland Transcript] [Note: Lincoln shook so many hands that his hands became swollen, Ronald C. White, Jr., wrote in his book, "A. Lincoln".]

Mrs. Quarles, of Richmond, the lady who concealed Col. Streight and Capt. Porter nine days after their escape from Libby Prison, has arrived in New York, with three small children, destitute. Of course she will be kindly cared for here. [Portland Transcript]

Artificial limbs are now made of vulcanized India rubber. As they are hollow, all the machinery is contained within. They are much more readily made and lighter than those made of wood or iron. [Portland Transcript]

The question whether the Dry Dock shall be on the Portland or Cape Elizabeth side of the harbor is now being discussed with considerable interest. [Portland Transcript]

Editor's note: From 1847 to 1853, Cape Elizabeth resident Scott D. Jordan was a mariner, plying trade routes in New England, England, the West Indies, the Caribbean and the southern coast of the United States.

In 1863, he left his wife Judith and their three children to serve as a naval ensign in the Civil War. After the war, he farmed and served for a while as the superintendent of Cape Elizabeth Poor Farm.

He and his wife Judith wrote the following letters in April 1844:

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Dear Scott
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'Tis the driest time here for eatables that I ever saw. Everything is so high that 'tis beyond the reach of common folks – beef steak 25 cts per lb, veal 20 cts, fresh fish there isn't any to be had here ... so 'tis bread & butter and baked beans & baked beans & bread & butter with us, and 'tis lucky we don't have to buy butter for 'tis 50cts per pound. Whenever we spend a little extra I open a can of those peaches, and there are royal.

I have got only one can left now, shall keep that for some special occasion when my dear dear dear husband gets home, say.

May you be blessed with every good thing that Providence can bestow upon you is the wish of your own Judith

April 11th – The May flowers are in bloom. I am going to put a few in this so you can just sniff.

April 7 1864
U.S. Steamer *Carondelet*, Grandiore [Grand Ecore] Red River

Dear Judith,
We were 85 miles above here when we received order from the Admiral to return to this place. Our progress up the river was very slow, the water being so low that we were often aground in the deepest of it. The Capt. of the U.S Steamer *Chillicothe* which was within a few rods of us was shot through the breast by sharpshooters that were concealed in the woods. He lived by 20 minutes. Our Army has had a few small battles along the banks of the river. And have been victorious in every instance. The river is

thronged with small flat boats laden with Negroes all coming down to claim protection under the Old Flag. They are of all ages from a week old to 100 years. There is very few white men anywhere about here, all being in the Rebel Army excepting what few could hide away in the forest. We shipped two of this class yesterday. They are very anxious to serve Uncle Sam.

...The admiral is here. Came up from Alexandria on a small Gun Boat. We are all ready and anxious to get to Shreveport, but must wait for a rise in the river which if it don't come in the course of a few weeks I think will cause the Admiral to abandon the Expedition and try to get the fleet out of the river. In regard to getting a furlough I can give no information nor make any calculation at present but as I said before I shall embrace the first opportunity that offers to make a request for one.

I want Capt. Poland to have the charge of the farm and do as he thinks best for my interest. I am writing to trust him with the full control and will not dictate or make any suggestions in regard to it as he knows more about it than I can possibly know after having been away for over three years from it. I want Father to get anything he wishes to Gallisons and have it charged to my account.

If they are anyway skittish about their pay I wish you would get Capt. P. or Albion to make them easy in regard to it. It is an exceedingly unpleasant position to be placed in to be owing ... and now I could pay as I have the means, but I lack the opportunity.

Your affectionate husband Scott D. Jordan

P.S. Kiss the Baby and Fred for me. What have you named her? I am exceedingly anxious to see her. But I must wait the pleasure of our Uncle Samuel who I think cares but little about our wishes.

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Cape Elizabeth Middle School students, from left, Andrew Lockwood, Val Murphy, Grace Gillian and Kalie Manning stand outside the TD Garden in Boston on March 14. Lockwood and Manning were the top fundraisers for this year's American Heart Association Hoops for Heart basketball shoot-out, which CEMS gym teachers Andy Strout and Sarah Kinsella have run for the past 16 years. To date, the fundraiser has raised \$53,000. This year, the top fundraiser and a friend of their choice got to travel by train with Strout to a Boston Celtics basketball game, where Strout arranged for them to be part of the half-time high-five tunnel as players returned to the floor.

Mock trial team plans April 25 Buzz fundraiser



Photo by Spencer Sisselman

Cape Elizabeth High School jazz musicians, from left, Charlie Tall, Leo Wing, Robert McKay, Sam MacDuffie, and missing, Austin Mageles, will perform April 25 at The Local Buzz.

Cape Elizabeth High School's mock trial team will hold a fundraiser from 7 to 9 p.m. on Friday, April 25, at The Local Buzz. That night, CEHS musicians Sam MacDuffie, Leo Wing, Robert McKay, Charlie Tall, and Austin Mageles will perform music of different genres.

At the event, the team, which has won state championships for the past four years,

will raise money for the National High School Mock Trial Championship in May in Madison, Wisc. Donations will go toward airfare, ground transportation and food. Ten percent of the Buzz's profits that night also will go to the team.

Contact Sam MacDuffie at sam.macduffie@capeelizabetschools.org for more information.

Cape parents asked to sign up children now for kindergarten

Parents of children who will turn five before Oct. 15, 2014, should contact Pond Cove School now to register children in kindergarten for the 2014-2015 school year, school officials say.

Parents of children in kindergarten at other schools also should notify the office if they plan to enroll their children in first grade at Pond Cove.

A birth certificate, immunization records and proof of residency are required for registration. Call Pond Cove at 799-7339 for information.

Registration open for Cape Care

Cape Elizabeth Community Services is accepting registrations for preschool, and before-care and aftercare programs for fall 2014.

A division of the Cape Elizabeth School Department and licensed by the Maine Department of Health and Human Services, Cape Care offers preschool for three- to five-year-olds, and before-school and aftercare programs for kindergartners through sixth-graders.

Contact Cape Care Administrator Kelly Phinney at kphinney@capeelizabetschools.org or 799-2868 for more information.

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Parents collect gently used musical instruments for students whose families can't afford them

Three Pond Cove parents have started a drive to collect gently used instruments in playing condition for Cape Elizabeth students in grades 5-12 whose families can't afford to buy or rent instruments.

Cherie Gustafson, Kathleen Curry-Sparks and Erin Piper, co-chairs of Pond Cove School's annual Arts Day on May 2, are collecting instruments in a program inspired by Maine dancer Amanda Parkhurst and her Music and Magic Maine instrument donation program. Children throughout the state of Maine have received instruments through the program since she started it in 2009.

The three women have contacted Cape Elizabeth High School and Cape Elizabeth Middle School band teachers about establishing wish lists. CEHS and CEMS offer band classes for students, whose families

must purchase or rent instruments for them.

"So far we have a request from the middle school band teacher Caitlin Ramsey for two clarinets and two trumpets, and more instrument requests might come in, as the fourth-graders will soon be having instrument assessments and making decisions for the fall about what instruments they like and whether to join band in the fall," Gustafson said. "We are hoping that cost will not prohibit any future musicians from joining band as they enter middle school."

People can drop off gently used instruments at Pond Cove on Friday, May 2, during Arts Day; or at Gustafson's home, 25 Jewett Road.

Contact Gustafson at 767-2191 or cherie44@msn.com for more information.

— Wendy Keeler

'Girl Rising' film to be shown April 10 at CEHS

"Girl Rising," a film about the transformative power of education for girls, will be shown Thursday, April 10, in the Cape Elizabeth High School auditorium. The doors will open at 6:30 p.m., and the film will air at 7 p.m. The movie features the stories of nine girls from around the world who confront and overcome challenges.

"When we see the barriers girls around the world face every day, it makes us think of what we can do to help," said CEHS senior Zoë Gillies, one of the organizers. "This film raises awareness and inspires people to act on behalf of all girls."

Girl Rising is also the name of a global campaign for girls' education.

The film is recommended for students in seventh grade and older.

"There's nothing explicit or violent in the movie. It's just considered very emotional for younger audiences," Gillies said.

Admission will be free, but students will accept \$2 donations to go toward building a school in Kenya.

Two school groups are sponsoring the screening. Members of Cape Girls, a mentoring project connecting CEHS girls with eighth-grade girls, hold workshops on positive body image and personal safety at Cape Elizabeth Middle School.

Cape Free the Children is an eighth-grade club that raises awareness about issues facing children locally and around the world. This year the group has focused on teen homelessness in the greater Portland area, and members are raising money to build a school in Kenya.

Contact Gillies at zoe.gillies@capeelizabethschools.org for more information.

Go to www.girlrising.com for more information about the film or movement.

— Wendy Keeler

Camp Susan Curtis Spirit Award winners!

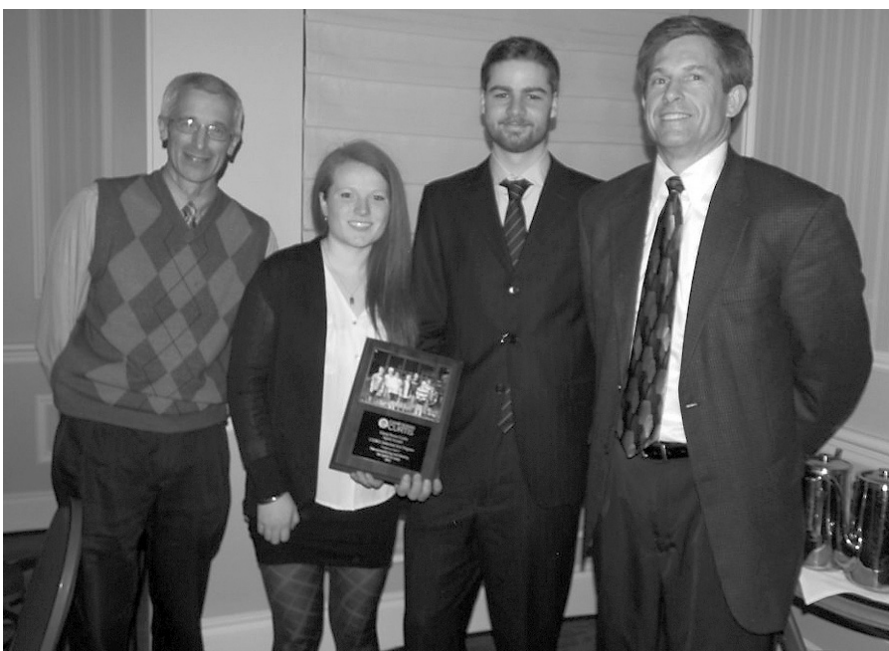


Photo by Susan Ray

Cape Elizabeth High School industrial technology teacher Jim Ray, far right, his students Abby McInerney and Jack Thomas, and CEHS Principal Jeff Shedd received the Camp Susan Curtis Spirit Award March 28 at the Portland Marriott at Sable Oaks in South Portland in recognition for work by Ray and students in his shop classes, who built 60 bunk beds for children at Camp Susan Curtis in Stoneham. The tuition-free camp serves about 500 economically disadvantaged Maine children each year.

All Cape school volunteers get packs of seeds

Gail Schmader, the director of the Cape Elizabeth school district's volunteer services and mentor programs, is giving a packet of flower or vegetable seeds to every school volunteer "as a small token of our appreciation," she said. "We appreciate all you do for our students."

Volunteers can pick up the packets at the main offices at Pond Cove, Cape Elizabeth Middle and Cape Elizabeth High schools on April 9-12 during National Volunteer Week.

Contact Schmader at 799-7339 or gschmader@capeelizabethschools.org for more information.

PCPA's 'Spring Movie Night' set for April 11

The Pond Cove Parents Association's annual "Spring Movie Night" will be held Friday, April 11, in the Pond Cove School cafeteria.

The doors will open at 5:30 p.m., and the movie will start at 6:15 p.m.

Admission will be free, and pizza, popcorn and drinks will be available to buy. Children are encouraged to wear pajamas and bring sleeping bags, pillows and blankets.

Organizers can't name the movie but offered some information about it.

"Due to licensing agreements, we are not allowed to reveal the name of the movie being shown but we can tell you it is rated PG, it was released in 2013 and it involves lots of minions," PCPA member and Movie Night Co-chair Jeff Morris said.

Go to capepcpa.org/eventsprograms/movie-night/ for more information.

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Nordic team accepting equipment donations

Cape Elizabeth High School's Nordic ski team is accepting equipment donations throughout the month of April. Community members can drop off equipment at the Cape Elizabeth Community Center.

CEHS senior Dana Hatton, who competed this year with fellow seniors Andrew Hollyday and Julien Pelzer and other team members at the Class B state championship on Feb. 20 and 21 at the Sugarloaf Outdoor Center, qualified for the State of Maine Nordic team and competed at the Eastern High School Nordic Championships in Mountain Top, Vt., March 14-16.

Forty-five Cape children in kindergarten through grade 5 skied this winter in the

Bill Koch Ski League program run by Cape Nordic, Cape Elizabeth Community Services and parent volunteers. Activities included capture the flag, basketball on skis, relay races, trail skiing, and an obstacle course.

Cape Nordic volunteers, led by Cape Elizabeth residents Mike Miller and David Wing, groom and maintain trails at Gull Crest for the team.

Community Services is also accepting donations of equipment for the CEHS Alpine ski team throughout the month of April.

Contact colettehowe17@gmail.com for more information about Cape Elizabeth's Nordic program.

Cape Soccer Club registration to open soon

Registration for the Cape Elizabeth Soccer Club's fall 2014 season will run from April 15 through May 2.

Players who will be 7 years old by August 1, 2014, are eligible for the program, which serves youth through the age of 13 and runs from the middle of August through the end of October.

Soccer Maine, the governing body of youth soccer in Maine, only provides Under-9 through Under-14 divisions, so U8-

aged players play on U9 teams with and against mostly U9 players.

"With our partnership with Global Premier Soccer and their coaches, in addition to our many engaged and knowledgeable parent coaches, we believe we provide one of the best soccer experiences in the state," CESC Vice President Holly Aceto said.

Register on the CECC web site at www.capeelizabethsoccerclub.org. Contact Holly Aceto at aceto@yahoo.com.

This year's Cape Challenge 5K set for June 1

The third annual Cape Challenge 5K is set for Sunday, June 1. The event will include a 5-kilometer race, which will start at 9:30 a.m., a 1-Mile Dash for kids in sixth grade and younger, and a Fun Run for children in second grade and younger. The dash will begin at 9 a.m., and the Fun Run at 8:30 a.m. Race registration details have not been finalized but will be available in an upcoming issue of The Cape Courier.

Proceeds from the Cape Challenge will help fund programs at all three Cape Eliza-

beth schools, including the high school's Project Graduation, outdoor programs at the middle school, and teacher grants at Pond Cove.

Organizers are seeking companies to sponsor the race.

Contact Cape Challenge Chair Sheri Bragg at sheribraggme@yahoo.com or Pond Cove Parents Association Co-president Anne Leonardi at aleonardi.pcpa@gmail.com for information about sponsorship, volunteering, or the race.

Churches plan combined Easter week services

The Cape Elizabeth United Methodist Church, the Cape Elizabeth Church of the Nazarene and other United Methodist churches of the Casco Bay Cluster will hold a sunrise Easter Sunday service at 5:30 a.m. on April 20 on the rocky beach at the end of Two Lights Road, next to the Lobster Shack.

The service will follow the theme "Breakfast on the Beach," with communion and creative finger food to be served as part of the sunrise service. Following the service,

everyone will be invited to walk the path above the beach to see the sun rise, weather permitting. The public is invited to attend.

A 10 a.m. Easter service also is planned in the sanctuary of the Cape Elizabeth United Methodist Church, 280 Ocean House Road.

A Maundy Thursday service will be held at 7 p.m. on April 17 at the Cape Elizabeth Church of the Nazarene, 499 Ocean House Road. Go to www.ceumc.org or www.capeelizabethchurchofthenazarene.org for more information.

Senior David Allen wins 2014 Spaulding Award



Cape Elizabeth High School senior David Allen, right, received the CEHS Boys' Basketball Boosters' 2014 Jim Spaulding Award on March 12 from Jamie Spaulding, left, whose father the award honors. Jim Spaulding was a longtime Cape basketball supporter, youth coach and booster who passed away in 2004, and the award is given annually to a senior boy who exemplifies character, commitment and leadership. Junior Eddie Galvin won the Kevin Brady Award and was named to the Western Maine Conference second team. Junior Ethan Murphy received the Coaches Award, and senior Jack Hall earned Western Maine Conference All Academic recognition.

Third annual urban runoff race set for April 26

The third annual Urban Runoff 5K race and walk is planned Saturday, April 26, at Deering High School, 370 Stevens Ave., Portland. The event, to be held rain or shine, will raise money to support clean-water education in southern Maine school districts which includes Cape Elizabeth.

The race will start at 9 a.m. Adults who register on race day will pay \$25 and children \$15. The cost is \$20 for adults and \$12 for children who pay in advance. Families

— as many as two adults and three children younger than 18 — will pay \$60 on race day, and \$50 in advance. Register at www.urbanrunoff5k.com.

From 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., organizers plan free hands-on activities that will include face painting, yoga, a tide-pool touch tank, and educational booths devoted to topics such as wildlife adaptations, composting, forestry, alternative energy and water quality testing.

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New church opens in Cape Elizabeth

By Wendy Keeler

Add another Cape Elizabeth church to the five with an 04107 zip code.

The Church of the Second Chance, a Christian church that Cape Elizabeth resident Richard Kepler opened last month, joins Cape Elizabeth Church of the Nazarene, Cape Elizabeth United Methodist Church, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Saint Alban's Episcopal Church and Saint Bartholomew Roman Catholic Church.

The new organization, part of the Church of God denomination, holds services in the Cape Elizabeth High School cafeteria every Sunday from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.. Being without a permanent location hasn't affected turnout, the founder said.

"Our first four services have had new faces every Sunday, so that is encouraging," said Kepler, whose experience with cancer inspired him to found the church.

"The name is derived from my personal experience of receiving a Stage 4 cancer diagnosis in October of 2008. I had squamous-cell carcinoma of the throat," he said. "Six operations and five years later, I'm still here. God gave me a second chance. This is what he has instructed me to do with my second chance."

Last spring, Kepler approached officials of Church Of God, which is headquartered in Cleveland, Tenn., and has churches around the world.

"When God revealed to me in April of 2013 this is what he wanted me to do and Cape Elizabeth was the place he wanted me to do it, I met with our Northern New England overseer and presented it to him. He prayed and agreed and gave us the green light. We



Pastor Richard Kepler and his wife Paige opened the Church of the Second Chance last month.

started a seven-month process in September 2013 in order to open March 9 at the high school cafeteria," said Kepler, who has a pastoral and counseling office in the basement of his home at 2 Farm Hill Road, which is also the church's mailing address.

For the previous 11 years, Kepler and his wife Paige worked in different capacities on the staff of Royal Ridge Church of God in Scarborough. Most recently, Kepler served there as an associate pastor in charge of pastoral counseling. He also spent four years as executive director of the Friendship House, a faith-based, adult men's rehabilitation facility in South Portland.

The church's Facebook page describes Church of the Second Chance as "radical," and Kepler explained why.

"The percentages of people leaving churches that they have been regularly attending at least six months is skyrocketing in the U.S.A.," he said.

Several leading national surveys agree on the reasons: too much focus on buildings, money and attendance and not on cares and concerns and growth of the congregant, no organized system of training or education towards growth and maturity, a hierarchy of arrogance and privilege with its pastors, leaders and staff, to name a few."

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had no sleep at all on the night of the performance. And I can think of nothing else. ... It was certainly one of the greatest experiences in all my life as an artist."

Congregational Church plans Easter services

The First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, in South Portland has seven services planned during Easter week.

Palm Sunday services on April 13 are set for 8:30 a.m. in the chapel, and 10 a.m. in the sanctuary. A 7:30 p.m. service is planned in the sanctuary on Maundy Thursday, April 17. The following day, on Good Friday, April 18, a soup supper is planned in Guptill Hall,

followed by a 7:30 p.m. sanctuary worship.

The church plans three services on Easter Sunday, April 20, at 6 a.m. at Fort Williams Park, and at 9 and 11 a.m. in the sanctuary. The Meeting House Choir will sing at the 9 and 11 a.m. services, and Sunday school

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'Canticle III' to be focus of Good Friday service

By Ted Haider

A performance of Benjamin Britten's "Canticle III" will be the focus of worship at the Cape Elizabeth United Methodist Church's Good Friday service at 7 p.m. on April 18. The public is invited to attend.

The 10-minute canticle for piano, tenor voice and French horn includes the poem "Still Falls the Rain: The Raids: 1940" by Edith Sitwell, which has allusions to Christ's passion and human suffering. Mark Braun will perform it on piano, with Seth Blank on horn and George Eisenhauer singing tenor. The three performed the canticle in February for the Portland Rossini Club.

A canticle is a hymn or other song of praise taken from biblical texts other than Psalms. About the five canticles that Britten wrote as memorials, an Opera Today website reviewer in 2005 wrote, "Britten didn't draw upon the Scriptures for the texts of his canticles, which resemble cantatas more than church hymns in scale and structure, but an intense religious spirit pervades them all."

"Still Falls the Rain," which Sitwell wrote after the London air raids in 1940, was published in 1941. In 1954, Britten wrote to Sitwell to formally ask permission to set the poem to music for a memorial concert for a friend, Australian pianist Noel Mewton-Wood. It was first performed in January 1955.

Sitwell did not attend the premier, but after another performance she wrote, "I am so haunted and so alone with the wonderful music and its wonderful performance. ... I

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George Baker honored as Cape's oldest citizen with Boston Post Cane

The town continued a longstanding tradition by honoring its oldest citizen, George W. Baker, with the Boston Post Gold Cane on March 24 at Town Hall.

The cane has been presented to the town's oldest resident since 1909. That year, the Boston Post Company gave the town a gold-headed cane. The first entry by then-Town Clerk Edward F. Hill indicates the cane was "to be presented to the oldest male citizen of the town, to keep during his life, and at his death to be returned to the town and again presented to the oldest

citizen, and so on – ad infinitum." The custom was expanded to include women in 1930. Since 1909, 20 citizens have received the Boston Post Cane.

Baker, born Dec. 26, 1912, in Portland, has lived in Cape Elizabeth since the 1950s. He worked at Portland Copper & Tank Works in South Portland as a master machinist, and later at Bancroft-Martin in Scarborough before his retirement.

He and his wife Alberta have two children, five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.



Town Council Chair Jessica Sullivan presents the Boston Post Cane to Cape Elizabeth's oldest resident George Baker, 101. Sitting beside him is his wife Alberta, and in the background is Town Clerk Debra Lane.

Photo by George Baker II

Requirements

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the switch next year to what the Maine Department of Education refers to as a "proficiency-based education," CEHS will do so gradually.

"What we are going to start doing next year is provide some more details that speak to where students are stronger or weaker within the standards covered by the course," Shedd said. "We're not going to do that in a full-blown way next year because it involves a lot of change, and we think it's more important to do what we do well, so we're just going to begin to introduce these changes next year."

Students in grades 10-12 will continue to get traditional grades only.

Shedd likens the standards-based system to the approach used by instructors in swim classes for young children.

"The Red Cross defines standards for swimmers as they get better and better, and uses a checklist of skills. You can be a good

swimmer on average but if you lack certain skills, you can be thrown into the pool and drown," Shedd said.

Similarly, under the current system, a student can get a B in physics but not completely grasp Newton's Second Law, Shedd said.

"What grades have traditionally done – and they work well – are report how a kid has done on average, but right now our report cards don't explain if our kids understand Newton's Law. Can they explain it, describe it and really talk about it?"

In addition to demonstrating mastery of knowledge and skills in specific course areas – for example, Newton's Second Law for students who take physics – students also will have to meet "discipline-specific standards ... such as thinking and reasoning scientifically" for science students, Shedd said.

Maine students also will have to be proficient in areas not confined to one course or discipline. For example, "students will have to be able to communicate effectively to a wide variety of audiences and in a variety of genres," Shedd said.

Who sets the standards

For English language arts and math, Maine, along with more than 40 other states, has adopted the Common Core, a set of national standards for students in kindergarten through grade 12. For science, Maine uses the Next Generation Science Standards, adopted by many states.

In the other areas – foreign languages, social studies, health, physical education and art – Maine uses its own set of standards called the "Maine Learning Results."

What is driving the change

Apart from the Maine law requiring schools to issue diplomas only to students who meet standards starting in 2018, the Cape Elizabeth school district has been headed in the direction of a standards-based approach. Last year, in the school mission statement, Cape school officials set a target for moving to a standards-based approach within five years.

The change makes sense, Shedd said. "What does a B mean? There should be more commonality than there is right now.

Standards-based grading pushes schools in the direction of more consistency. Too many students leave school unprepared, even in high-performing school districts," Shedd said. "Looked at from a national perspective, it's that whole problem that's driving the standards-based movement."

But implementing the new system will not be without challenges.

"Most of the states that have adopted statewide standards have also adopted a statewide assessment or series of assessments, so the playing field is sort of level. Maine has not done that and does not plan to do that so there is a big policy question: 'Without a sort of common yardstick, how close are the standards in Cape Elizabeth and in South Portland and in Caribou?'" Shedd said. "Each school or district will come up with different ways to interpret the standards, and every school system will have its own assessment system."

In the past, Maine has had requirements about how many semesters or years students must take given subjects. All Maine students have had to take math for three years of high school, for instance, but they have been able to take any math classes over the three years.

"But the shift toward standards is that now the end result has to be proficiency against the standards. That means it will up the ante in math," Shedd said.

Starting in 2018, Maine students for the first time will have to meet a foreign language requirement. Cape Elizabeth students may not feel the weight of the change to the extent that students in other districts might, Shedd said.

"In Cape the challenges we will face will pale against what other school districts face. Even though we have no graduation requirement to take foreign languages, the vast majority of our kids take at least three years, and the great majority take four, but that's really unusual for schools in Maine."

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Caper makes directing debut with '39 Steps'



Cape Elizabeth High School graduate Rebecca Strout, third from right, takes some time out from her theatrical directing debut with her assistant director, third from left, and the four cast members who played 28 roles in the comedy, "39 Steps," last month at Colby Sawyer College in New London, Conn. The play, which parodies spy stories, British culture of the 1930s, and live theater, is modified from a 1915 novel by John Buchan and a 1935 Alfred Hitchcock film. Rebecca, who is a Colby Sawyer junior majoring in graphic design, was also active in theater at CEHS.

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