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The new library is open!



Photo by Ulla Messerschmidt



Photo by Elizabeth Brogan



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The Ashton family were the first patrons through the door at the "soft opening" of the new Thomas Memorial Library at 9 a.m. on Feb. 4. Clara, left, and Alora, right, (center photo) are homeschooled and Dad, Jon Ashton, said the visit was a planned field trip. "We definitely wanted to be first," he said. "I love it," said Clara, to which Alora added "This is one of the best libraries ever!" Just missing the first-through-the-door award, but no less excited, was Dan Foley, above right, who called the library not only beautiful but "a great investment." Foley likes the 9 a.m. opening time, which allows him to work out at his gym at 6 a.m. and arrive at the library as its opening. "I missed it," Foley said. "I'll be here almost every day unless I'm out of town." A formal ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the library was held on Monday, Feb. 8. See page 12 for a story about the month-long celebratory events at the library.

Community Services may leave School Dept.

By Elizabeth Brogan

Cape Elizabeth Community Services may become a separate municipal department, reporting to Town Manager Michael McGovern, and no longer part of the School Department effective July 1, 2016.

McGovern recommended the move in a Jan. 1 memorandum to the Town Council. According to McGovern, Community Services, created in 1977, took on many responsibilities for the School Department, including overseeing student transportation and custodial services beginning in the 1990's and into the first decade of the 2000's, when its then-director served as liaison on large school renovation projects. "As a consequence of this school focus, the oversight of the Community Services director was moved directly under the Superintendent of Schools," with the members of the Commu-

nity Services Commission appointed by the School Board, McGovern said.

But times have changed. According to McGovern, the 55-plus segment of the population is "fast growing" and Cape's baby-boom generation is moving toward retirement. "Some older citizens, including the recent Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, have called for Community Services to do more for our aging population ... It has become more crucial than ever to provide additional focus on what Community Services can provide all citizens of Cape Elizabeth."

"The School Board and the superintendent already have much to focus on with all their responsibilities," McGovern said. "Dealing with issues involving enhancing programs for senior citizens, determining pool sched-

—see COMMUNITY SERVICES, page 14

Speech team wins seventh state title!



Cape Elizabeth High School's 40-member speech and debate team returned home from Lewiston High School the night of Jan. 23 with the team's seventh straight state speech championship. The team, led by Will Steidl, Catie O'Sullivan and Kinnon McGrath, earned the state's top honor "through strong individual performance," CEHS Theater Department Director Richard Mullen said. Students who won honors in their events include Steidl, Anya Kohan, Preston Stewart, Isabel Robertson, Blair Carpenter, Matt Fishbein, Makena Deveaux, Tony Inhorn, Brynne Kennedy, Allie Moulton, Ella Strout and Jahanara Freedman.

Verizon tries again for cell tower

By Elizabeth Brogan

Verizon Wireless submitted a second application, on Jan. 29, to install a cell tower on an 80-foot-tall decommissioned water tower at 11 Avon Road. Town Planner Maureen O'Meara said the application would be on the agenda at a Feb. 22 Planning Board meeting.

The water tower, built in 1945, has been dry since 2007 and is currently used only for antennas and equipment installed by the Portland Water District in 1985. Verizon purchased a lease on the property from the

Portland Water District in 2013.

An earlier application had been denied by Cape Elizabeth Code Enforcement Officer Ben McDougal in 2014, followed by a failed appeal to the Zoning Board of Appeals and a successful lawsuit in the U.S. District Court, which granted a summary judgment on Sept. 30, 2015 concluding that the town erred, under its zoning ordinance, in denying the company a permit.

Judge Jon D. Levy found that the Avon

—see VERIZON, page 14

Town Hall parking lot 'not a dump'

By Elizabeth Brogan

If a picture is worth a thousand words, no story describing the mess in the back of the Town Hall parking lot should be necessary — just take a look at the picture below, taken on Dec. 28, the Monday after Christmas.

Not seen in the photo: The pickup truck, loader and three employees from the Department of Public Works who had to be called in to clean the mess up, "all of our available crew on that day," said Town Manager Michael McGovern.

"Imagine if you had to clean this up and how much extra work it would be if someone plopped it down in your backyard," said Recycling Committee member Tracy Floyd, who noted the problem "has been the topic

of very frustrated conversations" among members of the committee.

The Town Hall parking lot typically has two 20-foot silver bullets for recycling, as well as a bin for cardboard, which are emptied about three times a week. "The DPW keeps them there to make recycling a bit more convenient," said Floyd. "On this particular day, there was only one bin present (not shown in the picture) because of the busy holiday weekend."

But this is not just a holiday problem. According to McGovern, Public Works is called to Town Hall to clean up a mess in the parking lot at least once a month. "It's all the time."

—see TOWN HALL, page 14



Trash left in the back of the Town Hall parking lot on Dec. 28, 2015.

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Resident questions lack of public support for curbside pick-up

In the most recent issue of The Cape Courier [Jan. 22 - Feb. 11, 2016], Councilor Jessica Sullivan, a member of the Solid Waste and Recycling Long Range Committee, is reported to have stated that there is little public support for curbside pick-up of trash and recycling.

Really? Are we the only household which doesn't enjoy the weekly task of loading heavy, dirty, smelly trash into the car, driving it to the dump where we wait and wait for our turn, only to be cut off by a rude driver, then returning home to find the trunk full of whatever liquid has seeped out of the bags and even a few maggoty friends? Everyone in Cape likes doing this?

I know that the Recycling Center has this wistful reputation of being a great place to meet and greet neighbors, local politicians, etc., but honestly, this has to be the dump of a bygone era.

I'd love to see the side-by-side comparison of costs of curbside pick-up versus the town going into debt for 1.4 million dollars. I'd even be willing to pay a little more in property taxes to enjoy this service that our lucky neighbors in South Portland and Scarborough have!

Theresa Maher

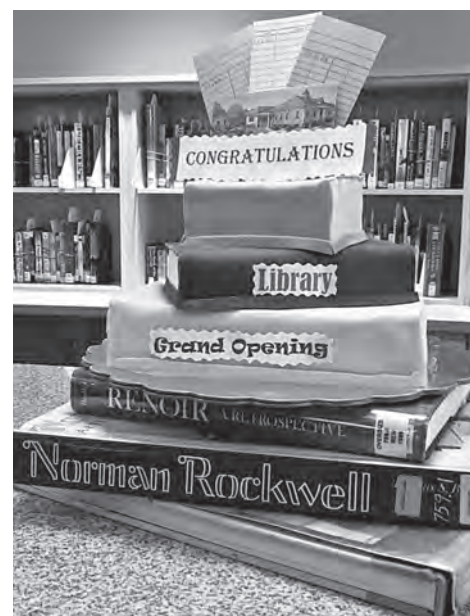


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 A cake from an event for donors at the library.

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Hockey team thanks community for support



The boys hockey team poses in front of its mountain of collected Christmas trees.

The Cape Elizabeth boys hockey team would like to thank the Cape Elizabeth community for their generous support during our eighth annual Christmas tree pick-up on Jan. 3.

up 298 trees for Cape Elizabeth residents. Donations provide funding for needed ice time for practices. We look forward to providing this service again next year.

This was a record year; the boys picked

Jennie Smith-Brock

The Cape Courier
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 - The Courier Staff

Neighborhood meetings on paper streets are set for Feb. 24, March 16 and 30

Neighborhood meetings to hear public comment on paper streets – streets that have been laid out in subdivision plans but never constructed or accepted by the town – have been set for the following neighborhoods: Shore Acres, Broad Cove and Hannaford Cove, on Wednesday, Feb. 24; Oakhurst and Shore Road area, on Wednesday, March 16; and Great Pond and the Mitchell Road area, on Wednesday, March 30. Maps showing the paper streets in these neighborhoods are available on the town website.

All meetings will be held at Town Hall beginning at 7 p.m.

Cape Elizabeth has 46 paper streets, roughly 3.75 miles in total length, accord-

ing to the town's 2015 paper street report. According to the town, these streets may be important because they provide access to lots, contain utilities, provide a turnaround for municipal equipment and provide pedestrian access to town open space.

For more information about paper streets, visit the town website, and look under "Hot Topics," to the left on the home page or contact Town Planner Maureen O'Meara at maureen.omeara@capeelizabeth.org or 799-0115.

The state legislature has set a deadline of 2017 for Maine communities to decide whether to retain "incipient dedication" rights in paper streets.

Real estate transfers, September - October

| NEW OWNER | PREVIOUS OWNER | LOCATION | PRICE | TYPE / USE |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|----------------|
| NOVAK MICHAEL | HOAGLAND SUSAN M | 65 OCEAN HOUSE ROAD | \$168,000 | SINGLE FAMILY |
| MAGNOLI AMANDA E | WAKEFIELD LINDA C | 15 DEARBORN DRIVE | \$299,900 | SINGLE FAMILY |
| ASHBY SCOTT A | KARU CANDACE | 1 ARLINGTON LANE | \$457,500 | SINGLE FAMILY |
| FALLON RENEE M | TOURANGEAU JOANNA B | 36 TRUNDY ROAD | \$694,000 | SINGLE FAMILY |
| GAHR MATTHEW | BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON | 14 SALT SPRAY LANE | \$913,000 | WATERFRONT |
| 91 OLD OCEAN HOUSE RD LLC | KELLEY LAURENCE | 91 OLD OCEAN HOUSE RD | \$0 | SINGLE FAMILY |
| CHARLTON JAMES S | MANGEL LARRY E & | 40 RESOLUTION PLACE | \$175,000 | CONDOMINIUM |
| NIEDERKORN MARY C | ELEGANT COTTAGES LLC | 3 IRONCLAD ROAD | \$665,000 | SINGLE FAMILY |
| LJM PROPERTIES LLC | CROCKETT SALLY D | 4 OLD SEA POINT ROAD | \$125,000 | VACANT LAND |
| NAPIER ERIC K | PETSINGER THOMAS C | 75 SPURWINK AVENUE | \$332,000 | SINGLE FAMILY |
| BEBER JOHN G | MALONE GREGORY J | 8 CROSS HILL ROAD | \$650,000 | SINGLE FAMILY |
| REMITZ KENNETH W | PANARACE VIRGINIA EST OF | 19 OCEAN AVENUE | \$0 | SINGLE FAMILY |
| RUGHANI ANAND | CAREY WENDELIN D | 61 STONYBROOK ROAD | \$345,000 | SINGLE FAMILY |
| OHAGAN DAVID C FORD | OUTWIN CHARLES P M & | 46 MCAULEY ROAD | \$340,000 | SINGLE FAMILY |
| WHITE HANNAH E | SPOKES JENNIFER J | 13 ROCKY HILL ROAD | \$480,000 | SINGLE FAMILY |
| WELCH MATTHEW S | CASCO BAY QUALITY HOMES LLC | 12 BAYBERRY LANE | \$314,726 | SINGLE FAMILY |
| LIU NA | GREEN FAMILY TRUST | 33 CROSS HILL ROAD | \$639,900 | SINGLE FAMILY |
| KNIGHT ERIC I | OBRIEN RORI K | 15 PLEASANT AVENUE | \$255,000 | SINGLE FAMILY |
| LAYTON MICHAEL P | HESSLER DIANE M | 17 CANTERBURY WAY | \$335,000 | CONDOMINIUM |
| SMITH BRADLEY S | SIMONDS STEPHEN | 18 BRENTWOOD ROAD | \$355,000 | SINGLE FAMILY |
| CONNELLAN ANN H | HUGHES BARBARA A EST | 4 MAPLE LANE | \$0 | SINGLE FAMILY |
| JOHNSON ERIC B | PATTERSON ARNOLD C | 286 SPURWINK AVENUE | \$262,000 | SINGLE FAMILY |
| HILL MICHAEL A | HILL MICHAEL & | FOWLER ROAD | \$0 | VACANT LAND |
| ISRAEL SOLOMON | FITZPATRICK ASSOCIATES INC | 22 PHOEBE'S WAY | \$515,280 | CONDOMINIUM |
| BOYER MARK WILLIAMS | BRASSARD PAUL E & | 333 FOWLER ROAD | \$380,000 | SINGLE FAMILY |
| MORRIS DAVID | ESPOSITO TERESA M | 11 COTTAGE FARMS RD | \$608,000 | SINGLE FAMILY |
| NELSEN ERIN | MULLEN MARY JANE EST OF | 5 GROVER ROAD | \$210,000 | SINGLE FAMILY |
| STEVENS CHARLES R | BOLAND PETER | 24 WESTMINSTER TERR | \$0 | CONDOMINIUM |
| BOWES RACHEL C | FREEMAN DAVID W & | 3 CHARLES ROAD | \$335,000 | SINGLE FAMILY |
| PINANSKY-HOLLAND REV TR | PINANSKY THOMAS P | 11 OVERLOOK LANE | \$0 | SINGLE FAMILY |
| MURLEY THOMAS | SELLERS RONNIE & | 133 TWO LIGHTS ROAD | \$1,400,000 | SINGLE FAMILY |
| MARTELLE NEIL J | FREEMAN GERALD C LIVING TR | 22 PILOT POINT ROAD | \$640,000 | SINGLE FAMILY |
| ABRAHAMSEN ROBERT | KANE MICHELLE A | 10 CROSS HILL ROAD | \$749,000 | SINGLE FAMILY |
| EPPINGER LAUKKANEN TR | HAYES JANICE K | 13 OCEAN AVENUE | \$750,000 | SEASONAL |
| LABELLA OLGA P | MAIER JILL | 47 RICHMOND TERR | \$350,000 | SINGLE FAMILY |
| EBERLY ILKA | EDGAR CARLYN L | 27 LITTLEJOHN ROAD | \$488,000 | SINGLE FAMILY |
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| NEWELL CHRISTINE M | LAYTON MICHAEL P | 9 RAND ROAD | \$300,000 | SINGLE FAMILY |
| PERRY MILES C | JONES KRISTIN M | 18 BROAD COVE ROAD | \$321,000 | SINGLE FAMILY |
| HENTZEL QUINCY | HARVEY JAMES B | 7 OLD FARM LANE | \$532,500 | SINGLE FAMILY |
| SMITH JASON J | HURLEY JAYNE G | 20 STONYBROOK ROAD | \$590,000 | SINGLE FAMILY |
| STEVENS CHARLES R | BOLAND PETER | 24 WESTMINSTER TERR | \$353,000 | CONDOMINIUM |
| RODRIGUES BELINDA N | WEBBER CHARLES E & | 105 FOWLER ROAD | \$695,000 | SINGLE FAMILY |
| KELLY CURTIS JOHNSON JR | EWING LOIS E ESTATE OF | 8 CRESCENT VIEW AVE | \$304,000 | SINGLE FAMILY |
| 2 DENTAL AVENUE LLC | TRUSSELL DAVID W | 176 OCEAN HOUSE RD | \$280,000 | DENTIST OFFICE |
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| SCHLAIR BARRY | FITZPATRICK ASSOCIATES INC | 24 PHOEBE'S WAY | \$530,949 | CONDOMINIUM |
| BOWDLER LIANA M | STEPHENSON HARRY S & | 5 POND VIEW ROAD | \$205,000 | SINGLE FAMILY |

Republicans caucus March 5; Democrats March 6

Democrats and Republicans in Maine will be caucusing for their party's presidential nominee during the first week in March – the Republicans on Saturday March 5, at a recently changed location at Scarborough High School (11 Municipal Drive), and the Democrats on Sunday, March 6 at the Cape Elizabeth High School gym.

Maine does not hold a primary, so this is the only chance that party-registered voters will have to directly influence the nomination process.

The doors will open at 8:30 a.m. for the Republican caucus and at 1 p.m. for the Democratic caucus. The first hour will be for check-in and registration, with official caucus activities beginning an hour later.

All enrolled Democrats and Republicans who live in Cape Elizabeth may attend and participate. If you are a member of one political party, but nevertheless wish to participate in the caucus of another party, you can switch your enrollment to Democrat or Republican at Town Hall up until Friday, Feb. 19. (Note that you are only eligible to switch to Democrat if you have been enrolled in another party for at least three months.)

Cape Elizabeth Democratic Committee

Chair Nolan Reichl, and Republican Committee Chair Tim Thompson are encouraging all who wish to change party affiliation to act soon to change their enrollment. Doing so will make each caucus run more smoothly.

If you are not enrolled in any political party you can enroll as a Democrat or Republican at Town Hall any day up until the caucus, or at the gym on the day of the caucus during the first hour after the doors open. Thompson noted that a registrar from the town would be present at the Republican caucus only from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.

Those who cannot attend the Democratic caucus in person on March 6, can request an absentee ballot at mainedems.org. Republicans must caucus in person with the exception of active duty personnel and veterans disabled during active duty (Go to mainegop.com/vetsvote for details and an application form).

Questions may be directed to the Cape Elizabeth Democratic Town Committee at capedems@gmail.com or Republican Chair Tim Thompson at tthomps1@maine.rr.com or 671-5079.

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Town of Cape Elizabeth Alternative Energy Committee

The Town Council Appointments Committee is accepting applications from residents interested in serving on the newly-formed **Alternative Energy Committee**. This ad-hoc committee was created to explore opportunities to provide alternative energy to municipal and school buildings and vehicles. The committee's purpose and charge is available at www.capeelizabeth.com. The report of the committee is due to the Town Council by December 31, 2016.

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

Applications are available online and must be submitted to Debra Lane no later than Friday, February 19, 2016.

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Land Trust to offer citizen science training for phenology project on March 24

Are you interested in our changing climate? Citizen scientists interested in recording observations in their own community are needed. The Cape Elizabeth Land Trust will offer "Signs of the Seasons," citizen science phenology project training, at Thomas Memorial Library from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday March 24.

Phenology is the study of cyclical life events like animal migrations, insect emergence and plant leafing, blooming and fruiting.

"Scientists, naturalists, farmers, fishermen, gardeners and many others have recorded observations of seasonal changes for centuries," said Erika Carlson Rhile, CELT Edu-

cation Committee chair. "We can compare historical and recent data to identify shifts in long-term phenological trends. The timing of phenological events is important for health, recreation, agriculture, management of natural resources and conservation."

Volunteers will choose a location in their community (it could be one's own backyard) to record observations and enter them into an online database. There are several indicator species to watch for, including spring peepers, wood frogs, lilacs, maple trees, beach roses, dandelions, monarch butterflies and hummingbirds.

Please call the CELT office at 767-6040 to sign up for this program.

Cape residents can register for B2B March 10

Online registration for the 19th TD Beach to Beacon 10K road race, set for Aug. 6, will open at 7 a.m. March 10 for Cape Elizabeth residents only and March 11, for the general public. There will be a limit of 600 slots for Cape residents on March 10.

Last year, all 4,000 slots allotted to the general public were filled online in a record four minutes, 15 seconds, and hopeful registrants in 2016 should expect a similar need for speed.

A remaining 1,950 slots will be distrib-

uted by lottery from March 11 through March 20, with lottery entrants announced on March 22.

Runners will register at the race website, www.beachtobeacon.org. The race entry fee for 2016 will remain at \$50.

The race's 2016 beneficiary, to be announced later this month, as well as past beneficiaries, will make bib numbers available to runners in exchange for fundraising or support.

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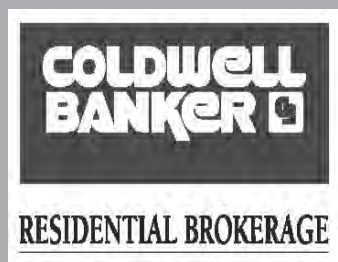
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Snowmobilers on school lawns warned to stay off; prescriptions for meds reported stolen

Reported by Debbie Butterworth

COMPLAINTS

- 1-4 An officer met with a resident of the Broad Cove area about a possible theft. In mid-December, the complainant made arrangements to purchase an item on Craigslist. Seller did not want to use PayPal and requested the buyer wire the money to the seller's account. After not receiving the item and several attempts to contact the seller, the victim came to the police department to file a report. Case is under investigation.
- 1-6 An officer met with a resident of the Shore Road area about a bite by a leashed dog while walking along the Shore Road path.
- 1-7 An officer found a three-foot by three-foot company sign. A contact number was located and the sign returned.
- 1-7 An officer met with a resident of the Scott Dyer Road area about unauthorized charges on a credit card. A possible suspect was identified.
- 1-7 An officer met with a resident of the Broad Cove area about an assault complaint.
- 1-9 An officer met with a resident of the Fowler Road area about a possible criminal threatening complaint.
- 1-10 An officer responded to a residence in the Shore Road area for a well-being check.
- 1-12 An officer responded to the middle school for a report of snowmobiles operating on the school lawns. They left upon his arrival but were later located at a residence in the Brentwood area. They were warned to stay off school grounds.
- 1-13 An officer met with a resident of the Mitchell Road area about a possible violation of a protection order.
- 1-14 An officer met with a resident of the Mitchell Road area about the theft of paper prescriptions for medication.
- 1-15 An officer met with a resident about a child custody matter.
- 1-18 Two officers responded to a report of an assault on a taxi driver on Bowery Beach Road. They located and made contact with the cab driver and the suspect. The suspect was issued a

- summons for assault and released to a family member who paid the fare.
- 1-19 An officer met with a resident of the Eastman Road area about a harassment complaint.
- 1-21 An officer met with a subject who turned over some found property. The owner was identified and property returned.
- 1-23 An officer met with a resident at the police station about a domestic issue.
- 1-25 An officer spoke with a resident of the Longfellow Drive area who reported an abandoned silver mountain bike. The bike was returned to the police station.

SUMMONSES

- 1-5 Cape Elizabeth resident, uninspected vehicle, Mitchell Road, \$133
- 1-6 Cape Elizabeth resident, uninspected vehicle, Shore Road, \$133
- 1-6 South Portland resident, speeding (47/30 zone), Shore Road, \$185
- 1-7 Cape Elizabeth resident, speeding (67/40 zone), Sawyer Road, \$263
- 1-8 Westbrook resident, speeding (32/15 zone), Scott Dyer Road, \$185
- 1-8 South Portland resident, uninspected vehicle, Sawyer Road, \$133
- 1-8 Cape Elizabeth resident, violation of conditions of release, furnishing scheduled drugs, illegal possession of scheduled drugs, Woodland Road
- 1-9 South Portland resident, operating after license suspension, Sawyer Road
- 1-10 Cape Elizabeth resident, violation of conditions of release, operating after license suspension, Old Ocean House Road
- 1-12 Lewiston resident, uninspected vehicle, Mitchell Road, \$133
- 1-13 Cape Elizabeth resident, parking in handicap space, Cape Elizabeth Middle School, \$165
- 1-14 Cape Elizabeth resident, parking in handicap space, Cape Elizabeth Middle School, \$165
- 1-14 South Portland resident, uninspected vehicle, Shore Road, \$133
- 1-15 Cape Elizabeth resident, uninspected vehicle, Fowler Road, \$133
- 1-15 Cape Elizabeth resident, speeding

- (46/30 zone), Fowler Road, \$185
- 1-18 Cape Elizabeth resident, assault, criminal threatening, Route 77
- 1-20 Sanford resident, speeding (39/30 zone), Sawyer Road, \$119
- 1-20 Scarborough resident, uninspected vehicle, Preble Street, \$133
- 1-23 Cape Elizabeth resident, uninspected vehicle, Kettle Cove, \$133
- 1-23 Portland resident, uninspected vehicle, Shore Road, \$133

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- 1-24 Cape Elizabeth resident, speeding (51/35 zone), Spurwink Road, \$185

ACCIDENTS

- 1-6 Nancy Beling, Janice Stockson, accident on Shore Road
- 1-12 Matthew Fleming, Duncan Strout, accident on Mountain View Road
- 1-16 Ryan Strout, accident on Spurwink Avenue
- 1-16 Shengbo Su, accident on Humphrey's Road
- 1-21 John Valley, Eric Vanasse, accident on Westminster Terrace
- 1-22 Thomas Riddell, Alex Kerbaugh, accident on Pleasant Avenue

ARRESTS

- 1-8 Cape Elizabeth resident, violation of conditions of release, furnishing scheduled drugs, illegal possession of scheduled drugs, Woodland Road

- 1-10 Cape Elizabeth resident, violation of conditions of release, operating after license suspension, Old Ocean House Road

FIRE CALLS

- 1-6 Philip Road, carbon monoxide alarm
- 1-7 Birch Knolls, structure fire
- 1-8 Columbus Road, carbon monoxide alarm
- 1-10 Shore Road, line down
- 1-10 Davis Point Road, fire alarm
- 1-10 High Bluff Road, carbon monoxide alarm
- 1-10 Kettle Cove Road, line down
- 1-10 Hunts Point Road, tree down
- 1-10 Fowler Road, line down
- 1-10 Kettle Cove Road, line down
- 1-10 Wildwood Drive, fuel leak
- 1-13 South Portland, mutual aid
- 1-16 Mitchell Road, lines down
- 1-19 Ocean House Road, fire alarm
- 1-20 Scott Dyer Road, fire alarm
- 1-21 Maiden Cove Lane, fire alarm
- 1-22 South Portland, Mutual Aid
- 1-22 Maiden Cove Lane, fire alarm
- 1-23 Oakhurst Road, carbon monoxide alarm
- 1-23 Oakhurst Road, fire alarm
- 1-24 Farms Edge Road, carbon monoxide alarm

RESCUE CALLS

There were 35 runs to Maine Medical Center. There was 1 patient treated by rescue personnel but not transported.

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Community Services

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ules and running nonschool youth soccer programs is better suited to municipal responsibility.”

McGovern said that Superintendent of Schools Meredith Nadeau concurred that the time was right to move Community Services out of the School Department.

The unanimous reaction of the councilors, who discussed the recommendation at a Jan. 7 workshop, was “enthusiastic,” according to Town Council Chair Molly MacAuslan, who noted that the mission of Community Services has “morphed and changed over the years,” providing an expanded range of services to the whole community, including more programming for senior citizens. MacAuslan also said that completion of the new library building would provide an opportunity for “synergy” between Community Services and the library, with joint projects “easier to accomplish if they are both under the municipal side of the house.”

The Town Council will take a vote on the proposal at its Feb. 8 meeting (after this newspaper goes to print). If approved, McGovern will present a proposed Community Services budget for fiscal year 2017 to the council concurrent with the presentation of

the municipal budget.

The proposal was also discussed at a joint meeting of the Town Council and School Board on Feb. 1. In a Feb. 2 email to The Cape Courier, School Board Chairperson Elizabeth Scifres said that while Community Services has always had its own budget, separate from the School Department “this was confusing to many.” The School Board will also vote on the proposal, at its business meeting on Feb. 9 (after this newspaper goes to print).

“We are looking to be inclusive and to gain consensus,” said MacAuslan, explaining her request that the School Board take a vote as well.

“We are jumping into the budget season,” MacAuslan added, in response to a question about the fast pace to bring the Community Services move to a decision. “We can roll this into the budget season.”

Community Services, located at 343 Ocean House Road, has a mission to “provide versatile community programs offering educational, cultural, recreational, and social enrichment opportunities to a wide segment of the citizenry,” with a commitment to “lifelong learning” to meet the “changing needs and interest of the community,” and to “enhancing and improving the quality of life for the residents of Cape Elizabeth.” (from the winter edition of The Cape Explorer.)

Verizon

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Road water tower is an “alternative tower structure” under the ordinance and that Verizon’s proposal qualifies as an “accessory use.”

Left undecided was whether the proposed antennas would be sufficiently concealed according to the standards of the ordinance.

The new application, a thick packet of documents, maps and photo simulations of the proposed facility, includes seven pages of “responses” to “approval standards” in the zoning ordinance. It states that the existing tank will be repainted and antennas installed within “shrouds” to minimize their visibility and visual impact. The application also states that the proposed facility will be installed on, and immediately adjacent to, the existing water tower, entirely within the existing fence, with limited post-construction traffic via the existing driveway, and no pedestrian access. It says noise will be

limited and within town standards, as will exterior motion-activated lighting and environmental impacts. The application is available for review at Town Hall in the Planning Office.

The water tower has been discussed as a possible site for a cell tower since at least 2004, but residents of the Shore Acres neighborhood have opposed the cell tower, citing noise, decreased property values, increased traffic, and negative visual impact in the residential neighborhood.

However, a plan for 100 percent cell coverage for the community is one of the Town Council’s goals for 2016, following its review of the town’s poor cell coverage in 2015 and a demand by many residents for improved service.

“I’m really pleased that Verizon is moving forward with an application,” said Town Manager Michael McGovern. “There’s a lot of desire in the town [for better cell coverage]. This is probably the best way to accomplish it.”

Winter at the park



The picnic table storage area on Jan. 27

Photo by Joan Carrier



A rock sculpture with the tide coming in on the Fort Williams Park beach on Jan. 25

Photo by Martha Agan

Town Hall

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Some of the mess can be accounted for by wind blowing material from the bins, but much of it appears to be intentionally left. Floyd said that trash found in the parking lot has included a television, car seats and small appliances.

“The back yard of Town Hall is not a dump,” said McGovern. “The abuse by a few residents is very disturbing. It calls into question whether or not we should have the silver bullets in unattended areas.”

Residents should just use “common sense” when disposing of recyclables, said Floyd, such as breaking down cardboard and fitting it compactly in the container, to allow more space.

“My advice is don’t come on Monday morning,” said McGovern. And “be responsible.”



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Resident questions lack of public support for curbside pick-up

In the most recent issue of The Cape Courier [Jan. 22 - Feb. 11, 2016], Councilor Jessica Sullivan, a member of the Solid Waste and Recycling Long Range Committee, is reported to have stated that there is little public support for curbside pick-up of trash and recycling.

Really? Are we the only household which doesn't enjoy the weekly task of loading heavy, dirty, smelly trash into the car, driving it to the dump where we wait and wait for our turn, only to be cut off by a rude driver, then returning home to find the trunk full of whatever liquid has seeped out of the bags and even a few maggoty friends? Everyone in Cape likes doing this?

I know that the Recycling Center has this wistful reputation of being a great place to meet and greet neighbors, local politicians, etc., but honestly, this has to be the dump of a bygone era.

I'd love to see the side-by-side comparison of costs of curbside pick-up versus the town going into debt for 1.4 million dollars. I'd even be willing to pay a little more in property taxes to enjoy this service that our lucky neighbors in South Portland and Scarborough have!

Theresa Maher

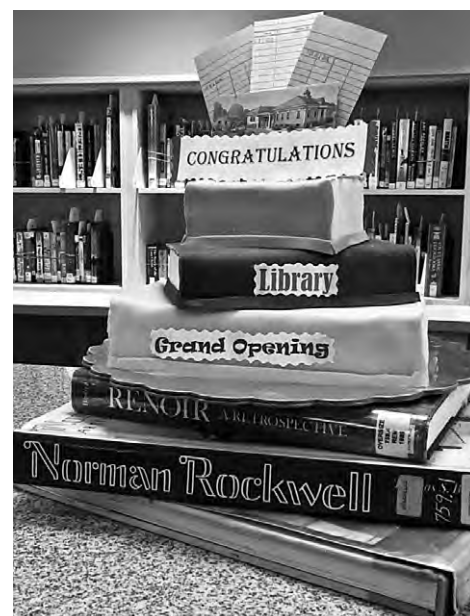


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A cake from an event for donors at the library.

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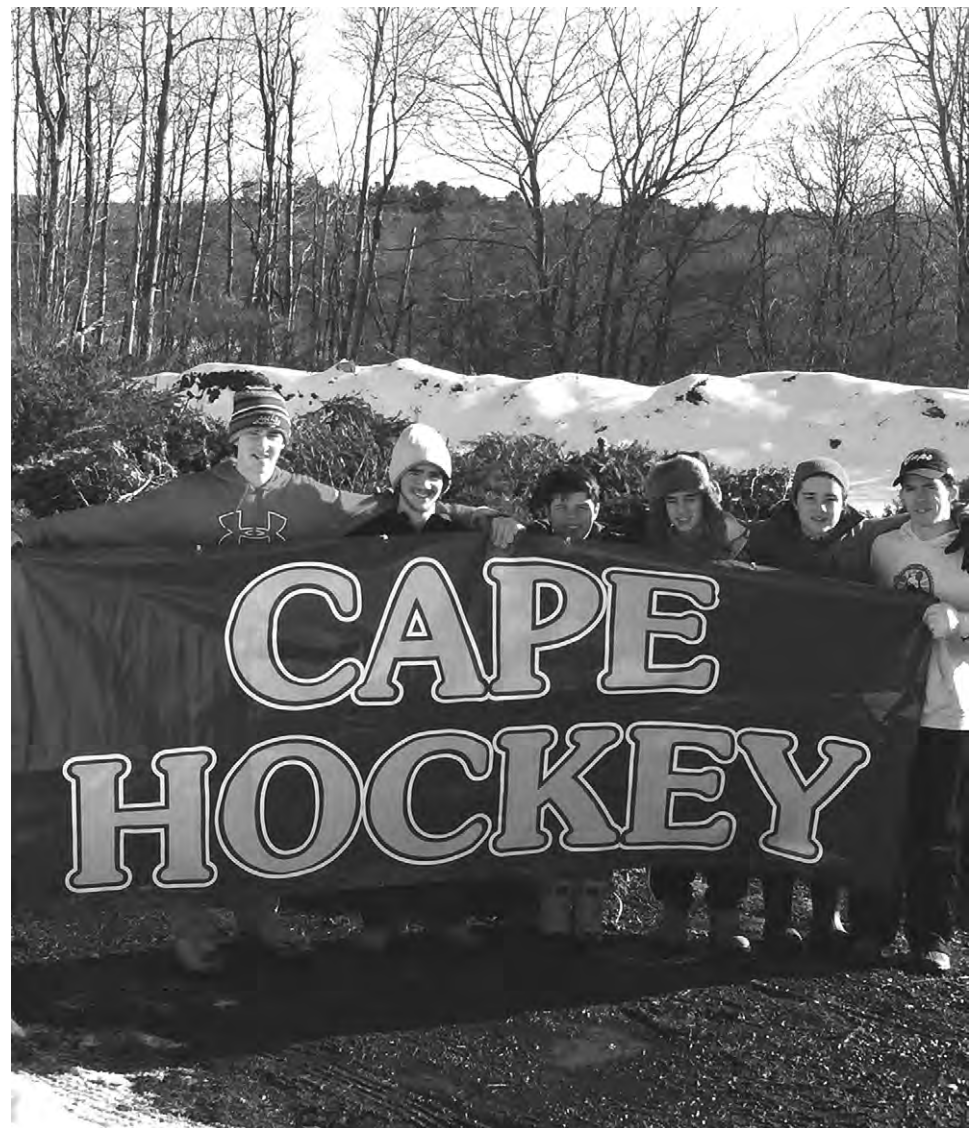
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Hockey team thanks community for support



The boys hockey team poses in front of its mountain of collected Christmas trees.

The Cape Elizabeth boys hockey team would like to thank the Cape Elizabeth community for their generous support during our eighth annual Christmas tree pick-up on Jan. 3.

up 298 trees for Cape Elizabeth residents. Donations provide funding for needed ice time for practices. We look forward to providing this service again next year.

This was a record year; the boys picked

Jennie Smith-Brock

The Cape Courier


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Neighborhood meetings on paper streets are set for Feb. 24, March 16 and 30

Neighborhood meetings to hear public comment on paper streets – streets that have been laid out in subdivision plans but never constructed or accepted by the town – have been set for the following neighborhoods: Shore Acres, Broad Cove and Hannaford Cove, on Wednesday, Feb. 24; Oakhurst and Shore Road area, on Wednesday, March 16; and Great Pond and the Mitchell Road area, on Wednesday, March 30. Maps showing the paper streets in these neighborhoods are available on the town website.

All meetings will be held at Town Hall beginning at 7 p.m.

Cape Elizabeth has 46 paper streets, roughly 3.75 miles in total length, accord-

ing to the town's 2015 paper street report. According to the town, these streets may be important because they provide access to lots, contain utilities, provide a turnaround for municipal equipment and provide pedestrian access to town open space.

For more information about paper streets, visit the town website, and look under "Hot Topics," to the left on the home page or contact Town Planner Maureen O'Meara at maureen.omeara@capeelizabeth.org or 799-0115.

The state legislature has set a deadline of 2017 for Maine communities to decide whether to retain "incipient dedication" rights in paper streets.

Real estate transfers, September - October

| NEW OWNER | PREVIOUS OWNER | LOCATION | PRICE | TYPE / USE |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|----------------|
| NOVAK MICHAEL | HOAGLAND SUSAN M | 65 OCEAN HOUSE ROAD | \$168,000 | SINGLE FAMILY |
| MAGNOLI AMANDA E | WAKEFIELD LINDA C | 15 DEARBORN DRIVE | \$299,900 | SINGLE FAMILY |
| ASHBY SCOTT A | KARU CANDACE | 1 ARLINGTON LANE | \$457,500 | SINGLE FAMILY |
| FALLON RENEE M | TOURANGEAU JOANNA B | 36 TRUNDY ROAD | \$694,000 | SINGLE FAMILY |
| GAHR MATTHEW | BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON | 14 SALT SPRAY LANE | \$913,000 | WATERFRONT |
| 91 OLD OCEAN HOUSE RD LLC | KELLEY LAURENCE | 91 OLD OCEAN HOUSE RD | \$0 | SINGLE FAMILY |
| CHARLTON JAMES S | MANGEL LARRY E & | 40 RESOLUTION PLACE | \$175,000 | CONDOMINIUM |
| NIEDERKORN MARY C | ELEGANT COTTAGES LLC | 3 IRONCLAD ROAD | \$665,000 | SINGLE FAMILY |
| LJM PROPERTIES LLC | CROCKETT SALLY D | 4 OLD SEA POINT ROAD | \$125,000 | VACANT LAND |
| NAPIER ERIC K | PETSINGER THOMAS C | 75 SPURWINK AVENUE | \$332,000 | SINGLE FAMILY |
| BEBER JOHN G | MALONE GREGORY J | 8 CROSS HILL ROAD | \$650,000 | SINGLE FAMILY |
| REMITZ KENNETH W | PANARACE VIRGINIA EST OF | 19 OCEAN AVENUE | \$0 | SINGLE FAMILY |
| RUGHANI ANAND | CAREY WENDELIN D | 61 STONYBROOK ROAD | \$345,000 | SINGLE FAMILY |
| OHAGAN DAVID C FORD | OUTWIN CHARLES P M & | 46 MCAULEY ROAD | \$340,000 | SINGLE FAMILY |
| WHITE HANNAH E | SPOKES JENNIFER J | 13 ROCKY HILL ROAD | \$480,000 | SINGLE FAMILY |
| WELCH MATTHEW S | CASCO BAY QUALITY HOMES LLC | 12 BAYBERRY LANE | \$314,726 | SINGLE FAMILY |
| LIU NA | GREEN FAMILY TRUST | 33 CROSS HILL ROAD | \$639,900 | SINGLE FAMILY |
| KNIGHT ERIC I | OBRION RORI K | 15 PLEASANT AVENUE | \$255,000 | SINGLE FAMILY |
| LAYTON MICHAEL P | HESSLER DIANE M | 17 CANTERBURY WAY | \$335,000 | CONDOMINIUM |
| SMITH BRADLEY S | SIMONDS STEPHEN | 18 BRENTWOOD ROAD | \$355,000 | SINGLE FAMILY |
| CONNELLAN ANN H | HUGHES BARBARA A EST | 4 MAPLE LANE | \$0 | SINGLE FAMILY |
| JOHNSON ERIC B | PATTERSON ARNOLD C | 286 SPURWINK AVENUE | \$262,000 | SINGLE FAMILY |
| HILL MICHAEL A | HILL MICHAEL & | FOWLER ROAD | \$0 | VACANT LAND |
| ISRAEL SOLOMON | FITZPATRICK ASSOCIATES INC | 22 PHOEBE'S WAY | \$515,280 | CONDOMINIUM |
| BOYER MARK WILLIAMS | BRASSARD PAUL E & | 333 FOWLER ROAD | \$380,000 | SINGLE FAMILY |
| MORRIS DAVID | ESPOSITO TERESA M | 11 COTTAGE FARMS RD | \$608,000 | SINGLE FAMILY |
| NELSEN ERIN | MULLEN MARY JANE EST OF | 5 GROVER ROAD | \$210,000 | SINGLE FAMILY |
| STEVENS CHARLES R | BOLAND PETER | 24 WESTMINSTER TERR | \$0 | CONDOMINIUM |
| BOWES RACHEL C | FREEMAN DAVID W & | 3 CHARLES ROAD | \$335,000 | SINGLE FAMILY |
| PINANSKY-HOLLAND REV TR | PINANSKY THOMAS P | 11 OVERLOOK LANE | \$0 | SINGLE FAMILY |
| MURLEY THOMAS | SELLERS RONNIE & | 133 TWO LIGHTS ROAD | \$1,400,000 | SINGLE FAMILY |
| MARTELLE NEIL J | FREEMAN GERALD C LIVING TR | 22 PILOT POINT ROAD | \$640,000 | SINGLE FAMILY |
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| LABELLA OLGA P | MAIER JILL | 47 RICHMOND TERR | \$350,000 | SINGLE FAMILY |
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| RODRIGUES BELINDA N | WEBBER CHARLES E & | 105 FOWLER ROAD | \$695,000 | SINGLE FAMILY |
| KELLY CURTIS JOHNSON JR | EWING LOIS E ESTATE OF | 8 CRESCENT VIEW AVE | \$304,000 | SINGLE FAMILY |
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| RAINBOW CONST INC | SPURWINK WOODS LLC | 25 ASTER LANE | \$40,000 | SINGLE FAMILY |
| RAINBOW CONST INC | SPURWINK WOODS LLC | 1 FRANKLIN CIRCLE | \$40,000 | SINGLE FAMILY |
| SCHKLAIR BARRY | FITZPATRICK ASSOCIATES INC | 24 PHOEBE'S WAY | \$530,949 | CONDOMINIUM |
| BOWDLER LIANA M | STEPHENSON HARRY S & | 5 POND VIEW ROAD | \$205,000 | SINGLE FAMILY |

Republicans caucus March 5; Democrats March 6

Democrats and Republicans in Maine will be caucusing for their party's presidential nominee during the first week in March – the Republicans on Saturday March 5, at a recently changed location at Scarborough High School (11 Municipal Drive), and the Democrats on Sunday, March 6 at the Cape Elizabeth High School gym.

Maine does not hold a primary, so this is the only chance that party-registered voters will have to directly influence the nomination process.

The doors will open at 8:30 a.m. for the Republican caucus and at 1 p.m. for the Democratic caucus. The first hour will be for check-in and registration, with official caucus activities beginning an hour later.

All enrolled Democrats and Republicans who live in Cape Elizabeth may attend and participate. If you are a member of one political party, but nevertheless wish to participate in the caucus of another party, you can switch your enrollment to Democrat or Republican at Town Hall up until Friday, Feb. 19. (Note that you are only eligible to switch to Democrat if you have been enrolled in another party for at least three months.)

Cape Elizabeth Democratic Committee

Chair Nolan Reichl, and Republican Committee Chair Tim Thompson are encouraging all who wish to change party affiliation to act soon to change their enrollment. Doing so will make each caucus run more smoothly.

If you are not enrolled in any political party you can enroll as a Democrat or Republican at Town Hall any day up until the caucus, or at the gym on the day of the caucus during the first hour after the doors open. Thompson noted that a registrar from the town would be present at the Republican caucus only from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.

Those who cannot attend the Democratic caucus in person on March 6, can request an absentee ballot at mainedems.org. Republicans must caucus in person with the exception of active duty personnel and veterans disabled during active duty (Go to mainegop.com/vetsvote for details and an application form).

Questions may be directed to the Cape Elizabeth Democratic Town Committee at capedems@gmail.com or Republican Chair Tim Thompson at tthomps1@maine.rr.com or 671-5079.

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

Applications are available online and must be submitted to Debra Lane no later than Friday, February 19, 2016.

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Land Trust to offer citizen science training for phenology project on March 24

Are you interested in our changing climate? Citizen scientists interested in recording observations in their own community are needed. The Cape Elizabeth Land Trust will offer "Signs of the Seasons," citizen science phenology project training, at Thomas Memorial Library from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday March 24.

Phenology is the study of cyclical life events like animal migrations, insect emergence and plant leafing, blooming and fruiting.

"Scientists, naturalists, farmers, fishermen, gardeners and many others have recorded observations of seasonal changes for centuries," said Erika Carlson Rhile, CELT Edu-

cation Committee chair. "We can compare historical and recent data to identify shifts in long-term phenological trends. The timing of phenological events is important for health, recreation, agriculture, management of natural resources and conservation."

Volunteers will choose a location in their community (it could be one's own backyard) to record observations and enter them into an online database. There are several indicator species to watch for, including spring peepers, wood frogs, lilacs, maple trees, beach roses, dandelions, monarch butterflies and hummingbirds.

Please call the CELT office at 767-6040 to sign up for this program.

Cape residents can register for B2B March 10

Online registration for the 19th TD Beach to Beacon 10K road race, set for Aug. 6, will open at 7 a.m. March 10 for Cape Elizabeth residents only and March 11, for the general public. There will be a limit of 600 slots for Cape residents on March 10.

Last year, all 4,000 slots allotted to the general public were filled online in a record four minutes, 15 seconds, and hopeful registrants in 2016 should expect a similar need for speed.

A remaining 1,950 slots will be distrib-

uted by lottery from March 11 through March 20, with lottery entrants announced on March 22.

Runners will register at the race website, www.beachtobeacon.org. The race entry fee for 2016 will remain at \$50.

The race's 2016 beneficiary, to be announced later this month, as well as past beneficiaries, will make bib numbers available to runners in exchange for fundraising or support.

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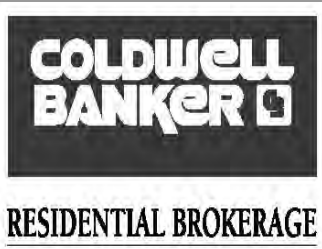
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Snowmobilers on school lawns warned to stay off; prescriptions for meds reported stolen

Reported by Debbie Butterworth

COMPLAINTS

- 1-4 An officer met with a resident of the Broad Cove area about a possible theft. In mid-December, the complainant made arrangements to purchase an item on Craigslist. Seller did not want to use PayPal and requested the buyer wire the money to the seller's account. After not receiving the item and several attempts to contact the seller, the victim came to the police department to file a report. Case is under investigation.
- 1-6 An officer met with a resident of the Shore Road area about a bite by a leashed dog while walking along the Shore Road path.
- 1-7 An officer found a three-foot by three-foot company sign. A contact number was located and the sign returned.
- 1-7 An officer met with a resident of the Scott Dyer Road area about unauthorized charges on a credit card. A possible suspect was identified.
- 1-7 An officer met with a resident of the Broad Cove area about an assault complaint.
- 1-9 An officer met with a resident of the Fowler Road area about a possible criminal threatening complaint.
- 1-10 An officer responded to a residence in the Shore Road area for a well-being check.
- 1-12 An officer responded to the middle school for a report of snowmobiles operating on the school lawns. They left upon his arrival but were later located at a residence in the Brentwood area. They were warned to stay off school grounds.
- 1-13 An officer met with a resident of the Mitchell Road area about a possible violation of a protection order.
- 1-14 An officer met with a resident of the Mitchell Road area about the theft of paper prescriptions for medication.
- 1-15 An officer met with a resident about a child custody matter.
- 1-18 Two officers responded to a report of an assault on a taxi driver on Bowery Beach Road. They located and made contact with the cab driver and the suspect. The suspect was issued a

- summons for assault and released to a family member who paid the fare.
- 1-19 An officer met with a resident of the Eastman Road area about a harassment complaint.
- 1-21 An officer met with a subject who turned over some found property. The owner was identified and property returned.
- 1-23 An officer met with a resident at the police station about a domestic issue.
- 1-25 An officer spoke with a resident of the Longfellow Drive area who reported an abandoned silver mountain bike. The bike was returned to the police station.

SUMMONSES

- 1-5 Cape Elizabeth resident, uninspected vehicle, Mitchell Road, \$133
- 1-6 Cape Elizabeth resident, uninspected vehicle, Shore Road, \$133
- 1-6 South Portland resident, speeding (47/30 zone), Shore Road, \$185
- 1-7 Cape Elizabeth resident, speeding (67/40 zone), Sawyer Road, \$263
- 1-8 Westbrook resident, speeding (32/15 zone), Scott Dyer Road, \$185
- 1-8 South Portland resident, uninspected vehicle, Shore Road, \$133
- 1-8 Cape Elizabeth resident, violation of conditions of release, furnishing scheduled drugs, illegal possession of scheduled drugs, Woodland Road
- 1-9 South Portland resident, operating after license suspension, Sawyer Road
- 1-10 Cape Elizabeth resident, violation of conditions of release, operating after license suspension, Old Ocean House Road
- 1-12 Lewiston resident, uninspected vehicle, Mitchell Road, \$133
- 1-13 Cape Elizabeth resident, parking in handicap space, Cape Elizabeth Middle School, \$165
- 1-14 Cape Elizabeth resident, parking in handicap space, Cape Elizabeth Middle School, \$165
- 1-14 South Portland resident, uninspected vehicle, Shore Road, \$133
- 1-15 Cape Elizabeth resident, uninspected vehicle, Fowler Road, \$133
- 1-15 Cape Elizabeth resident, speeding

- (46/30 zone), Fowler Road, \$185
- 1-18 Cape Elizabeth resident, assault, criminal threatening, Route 77
- 1-20 Sanford resident, speeding (39/30 zone), Sawyer Road, \$119
- 1-20 Scarborough resident, uninspected vehicle, Preble Street, \$133
- 1-23 Cape Elizabeth resident, uninspected vehicle, Kettle Cove, \$133
- 1-23 Portland resident, uninspected vehicle, Shore Road, \$133

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- 1-24 Cape Elizabeth resident, speeding (51/35 zone), Spurwink Road, \$185

ACCIDENTS

- 1-6 Nancy Beling, Janice Stockson, accident on Shore Road
- 1-12 Matthew Fleming, Duncan Strout, accident on Mountain View Road
- 1-16 Ryan Strout, accident on Spurwink Avenue
- 1-16 Shengbo Su, accident on Humphrey's Road
- 1-21 John Vallely, Eric Vanasse, accident on Westminster Terrace
- 1-22 Thomas Riddell, Alex Kerbaugh, accident on Pleasant Avenue

ARRESTS

- 1-8 Cape Elizabeth resident, violation of conditions of release, furnishing scheduled drugs, illegal possession of scheduled drugs, Woodland Road

- 1-10 Cape Elizabeth resident, violation of conditions of release, operating after license suspension, Old Ocean House Road

FIRE CALLS

- 1-6 Philip Road, carbon monoxide alarm
- 1-7 Birch Knolls, structure fire
- 1-8 Columbus Road, carbon monoxide alarm
- 1-10 Shore Road, line down
- 1-10 Davis Point Road, fire alarm
- 1-10 High Bluff Road, carbon monoxide alarm
- 1-10 Kettle Cove Road, line down
- 1-10 Hunts Point Road, tree down
- 1-10 Fowler Road, line down
- 1-10 Kettle Cove Road, line down
- 1-10 Wildwood Drive, fuel leak
- 1-13 South Portland, mutual aid
- 1-16 Mitchell Road, lines down
- 1-19 Ocean House Road, fire alarm
- 1-20 Scott Dyer Road, fire alarm
- 1-21 Maiden Cove Lane, fire alarm
- 1-22 South Portland, Mutual Aid
- 1-22 Maiden Cove Lane, fire alarm
- 1-23 Oakhurst Road, carbon monoxide alarm
- 1-23 Oakhurst Road, fire alarm
- 1-24 Farms Edge Road, carbon monoxide alarm

RESCUE CALLS

There were 35 runs to Maine Medical Center. There was 1 patient treated by rescue personnel but not transported.

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Three Maine writers to do readings Feb. 27

Three Maine writers will read from their work from 4 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, during the Local Writers at the Local Buzz group's free monthly reading series. Poets Marcia F. Brown, a Cape Elizabeth resident, and Linda Aldrich co-host the events at the Local Buzz café and wine bar, 327 Ocean House Road.

Nonfiction writer Meg Wilson is the author of the 2013 novel, "Mourning Dove," selected as an Amazon Breakthrough Novel Award Finalist, and the young-adult novel, "Crappy New Year," published in 2012.

She is currently at work on her first non-fiction project, "Wander Women: What Ten Thru-Hikers Taught One Angel about Pleasure, Pain, and Pink-Blazing," which chronicles the adventures and misadventures of 10 women Wilson tracked via automobile while they backpacked from Maine to Georgia. Born into a large blended family in Boston and raised in Maine, Wilson now lives in North Yarmouth with her own blended family. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from the University of Maine and is a former secondary-school teacher and marketing professional.

Poet Lee Sharkey is the author of "Walking Backwards," which soon will be published by Tupelo Press; "Calendars of Fire," published in 2013 by Tupelo; "A Darker, Sweeter String," published by Off the Grid in 2008, and eight full-length poetry collections and chapbooks. Her work has appeared in

Crazyhorse, FIELD, Kenyon Review, Massachusetts Review, Nimrod, Pleiades, Seattle Review, and other journals. She is a recipient of the Abraham Sutzkever Centennial Translation Prize, the Maine Arts Commission's Fellowship in Literary Arts, the Shadowgraph Poetry Prize, and Zone 3's Rainmaker Award in Poetry, and is a senior editor of the Beloit Poetry Journal.

Nonfiction writer Dave Holman is the author of "Coffee Smuggler," the story of how Gabriel de Clieu smuggled coffee to the Americas. After crisscrossing America to meet with, photograph and write about rural innovators in more than 30 states, Holman co-authored "Youth Renewing the Countryside" in 2009. In 2011, he collaborated with a graphic designer to publish high-definition maps of Bolivia and of the Bolivian city of La Paz.

Holman lives in North Yarmouth with his wife Rommy, cat Patas, and four dwarf goats, Whoopie Pie, Aurora, Canela, and Silly Willy. He attended Carleton College in Northfield Minn., and holds a master's degree in business administration from the University of Southern Maine. He has written for Renewing the Countryside and The Free Press and served as outreach and communications coordinator for Safe Passage from 2011-2014. He is currently assistant director of annual giving at Bowdoin College in Brunswick.

The group's reading events are free and open to the public. Go to localbuzzcafe.com for more information.

Registration deadline for Little League is Feb. 25

Registration for the 2016 Cape Elizabeth Little League season is open at cape-ll.com through Thursday, Feb. 25. Late fees will be charged starting Feb. 26.

CELL provides T-ball, softball and baseball opportunities for Cape youth, ages 4-14.

Assessments are planned in mid-March, and team practices begin in April. Opening ceremonies are planned Saturday, April 27. The season will run through June.

Go to cape-ll.com or email president@cape-11.com for more information.

CAPE CALENDAR

By Wendy Derzawiec

Monday, February 15

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

Thursday, February 18

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

Monday, February 22

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

Tuesday, February 23

Town Council Ordinance Committee, 1:30 p.m., Town Hall

School Board Workshop -

Superintendent's Budget Presented, 6:30 p.m., High School Library and Learning Commons

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

School Board Finance Committee, 8 p.m., High School Library and Learning Commons

Thursday, February 25

Town Council Appointments Committee, 5 p.m., William H. Jordan Conference Room, Town Hall

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

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 Church.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 2 p.m. Saturdays, First Congregational Church, 301 Cottage Road, South Portland; 7 p.m. Wednesdays, St. Bartholomew Church; 7 p.m. Fridays, St. Alban's Church.

Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society, 9 a.m.-noon Thursdays, Public Safety Building

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

Cape Farm Alliance, third Wednesday, 7 p.m., Community Center

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

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CHANNEL 3

School Board replay
Feb. 12 & 13 - 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.
Feb. 14 - 9 a.m.
Town Council replay
Feb. 13 - 9 a.m.
Cape Elizabeth Church of the Nazarene
Feb. 13, 14, 21 & 22 - 11:30 a.m.

Planning Board (live)
Feb. 22 - 7 p.m.
Zoning Board of Appeals (live)
Feb. 23 - 7 p.m.
Planning Board replay
Feb. 24 & 25 - 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.
Zoning Board replay
Feb. 26 & 27 - 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.



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Jordan to renew childhood baking tradition for Feb. 27 Fireman's Lobster Stew Dinner

By Wendy Keeler

Just as she did when she was a kid, Cape Elizabeth resident Caitlin Jordan is planning to don her apron for some major pie baking for the Fireman's Lobster Stew Dinner, set for Saturday, Feb. 27, at the Town Center Fire Station.

Jordan, a member of the nonprofit Cape Farm Alliance, which is reviving the tradition of the dinner held annually in town for years, plans to top the number of pies she used to bake for the event, which hasn't been held in at least a decade, she said.

"I plan to bake at least 10 pies" for the dinner, which will have seatings at 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. and will feature lobster caught and donated by Cape Elizabeth residents, Maine milk and cream, and Maine-made Kate's Butter, Jordan said.

The manager of Alewives' Brook Farm fondly recalls the dinners of her childhood.

"I was just 10 years old when I made my first pie for the dinner," Jordan said. "By the time I was 15 years old, I was making 10 pies for the event. I looked forward to the dinner every year and the honor of helping the firemen serve our wonderful community members who had come out to show their support of our volunteer department. It was always a welcomed challenge every year to learn all the different types of pies that had been made by the wives and even children of the

volunteer firemen. It was an incredible sense of community instilled upon me growing up and witnessing the firemen serving their community wearing their 'fancy blues.'"

CFA members decided to bring back the dinner – with some changes: They would serve dinner instead of firefighters.

"About six months ago the members of the Cape Farm Alliance were reminiscing about the good old days, and since many of our Cape Elizabeth farmers have all been a part of the fire department at some point and in some way over the years, the topic of the wonderful Lobster Stew Dinner popped up in many minds," she said. "A simple conversation of reminiscing turned into what a wonderful event the Farm Alliance could bring back to our community."

The cost is \$18, and tickets must be bought by Feb. 21 at capefarmalliance.org, alewivesbrookfarm.com, jordansfarm.com, or at Alewives' Brook Farm, 83 Old Ocean House Road. Contact Jordan at farmer@alewivesbrookfarm.com or 799-7743 for information.

The event will benefit CFA, which has a mission of ensuring Cape Elizabeth's farming future, increasing access to and raising awareness about local food sources, maintaining the town's rural character, and enhancing the economic viability of town farms and food-related businesses.

Lions' all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner on Feb. 20

The Cape Elizabeth Lions Club plans an all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner Saturday, Feb. 20, at the clubhouse, the old Bowery Beach Schoolhouse, located at the intersection of Two Lights and Wheeler roads.

The 5-7:30 p.m. dinner will include spaghetti, garlic bread, salad, dessert and soft

drinks. Diners may bring their own alcohol. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children younger than 12.

The event will benefit maintenance of the clubhouse and Cape Lions charities.

Contact John Ney at 767-2079 or jney@shslawfirm.com for information.

Services, support for people with Alzheimer's, dementia to be topic of Feb. 28 Triad meeting

Services and supports for people living with Alzheimer's disease and dementia will be the topic of a free community forum planned from 2 to 3 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 18, in the Cape Elizabeth Town Hall Council Chambers at 320 Ocean House Road.

Liz Weaver from the Scarborough-based Southern Maine Agency on Aging will deliver a presentation on expanding the network of services and supports for people living in the community with Alzheimer's disease and related dementia and for their caregivers.

Light refreshments will be available at the event, to be sponsored by Triad, an or-

ganization made up of Cape Elizabeth and South Portland senior citizens, police, and community members who work together to address problems faced by older citizens.

The nonprofit Southern Maine Agency on Aging has a mission of improving the quality of life for older adults, adults with disabilities, and the people who care for them.

Parking will be at the rear of the Cape Elizabeth Fire Department at 2 Jordan Way. Contact Cape Elizabeth Community Liaison Police Officer David Galvan at 767-3323, extension 208, for more information.

CELT's nighttime owl walk planned March 10

Cape Elizabeth Land Trust volunteers Erika Carlson Rhile, Lisa Gent and Tony Owens will lead a nighttime owl walk at several places in town on Thursday, March 10.

The program will run from 7 to 8:30 p.m. and will start with a half-hour session at the CELT office at 330 Ocean House Road. There the group will view slides and listen to taped owl calls.

After carpooling to sites that will include Robinson Woods and the Crescent Beach

entrance, the group will use an audiotape of owl calls and walk quietly while trying to locate owls by sounds and sight. Participants should bring a flashlight, wear quiet walking shoes or boots, and be prepared to stand outdoors quietly for 10 to 20 minutes at a time. Participants must be 16 years or older.

The cost is \$6 per person. Register at www.capecommunityservices.org or by calling 799-2868.



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Michelle-Paula Jordan, the daughter of **Michael and Roberta Jordan**, has been accepted to High Point University in High Point, N.C., where she plans to major in criminal justice. A senior at Catherine McAuley High School in Portland, she is the captain of the cheering squad.



Michelle-Paula Jordan

Kayne Munson, a 2014 Cape Elizabeth High School graduate and the son of **Craig and Dawn Munson**, made the fall-semester dean's list at Villanova University in Villanova, Pa., where he is a sophomore and a Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps Navy Midshipman 3rd Class. He is majoring in biology.

Seven Cape Elizabeth High School graduates were named to the fall-semester dean's list at the University of New Hampshire in Durham. Seniors **Samuel Donnelly** and **Emily Ham**, sophomore **Anastasia Kouros**, and freshmen **Kate Bosworth**, **Andrew Kelly** and **Rachel Seekins** earned high honors. Freshman **Thomas Lalouche** earned honors.

Gabe Davis, a 1996 graduate of Cape Elizabeth High School and Grain Digital, his video production company in Amesbury, Mass., recently earned a silver Hatch Award from the Advertising Club of Greater Boston for a spot promoting the role of the Best Buddies Massachusetts and New Balance in the 2015 Boston Marathon. Best Buddies is a nonprofit organization of volunteers who create opportunities for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Davis is co-founder and managing partner of the Grain Digital. Clients have included Time Warner Cable, Boston Children's Hospital and Tufts Medical Center.



Gabe Davis

A splashy 70th birthday celebration



Photo by Martha Agan

Randy Blake, back row, second from right, celebrated his 70th birthday on Jan. 30 with a splash party at the Richards Pool. With him are, family members, from left, front, holding rail, **Pam Nickerson**, **Rachael Blake**, **Lucy Blake**, **Colin Blackburn**, **Charlotte Blake**, **Peter Blake**; middle row, holding tube, **Charlie Feeman**; **Cade Blackburn**; **Katie Blackburn**; **Aly Blackburn** being held by **Randy Blake**; **Kathy Blake**, extending arms; rear, **Katherine** and **Devin Blackburn**.

Cape Elizabeth resident **Shelby Cogan** was named to the fall-semester dean's list at St. Lawrence University in Canton, N.Y. The daughter of **Darcy Prock** and **Bob Cogan**, she is a 2013 Cape Elizabeth High School graduate.

Abigail Hunter was named to the spring-semester dean's list at American International College in Springfield, Mass. She is a member of the Cape Elizabeth High School's class of 2013.

Cape Elizabeth resident **Tara Pinette** was named to the fall-semester dean's list, with distinction, at Catholic University in Washington, D.C., where she is a senior in the College of Business and Economics.

Cape Elizabeth resident **Georgia Morris** was named to the fall-semester dean's list at Champlain College in Burlington, Vt. A member of Cape Elizabeth High School's class of 2012, she is majoring in early childhood/elementary education.

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Reading the Courier in Cuba



Cape Elizabeth photographer Ann Kaplan reads *The Cape Courier* in old Havana, Cuba, during a recent two-week cultural photographic tour of the country that included eight cities. "I wanted to see Cuba now before the influence of American investment." People to People, an organization that works to create cross-cultural connections among citizens around the world, sponsored the trip.

Caper alums score for children's cancer program



Cape Elizabeth High School alumni, from left, Matt Donovan and Andrew Dickey, Class of 2010; 2007 grad Elise Moloney; 2011 alum Emily Donovan; and 2010 York High School graduate Sam Leal took to the basketball court in the Swish-Out Childhood Cancer Challenge on Jan. 17 in Gorham. The team was runner-up in a 15-14 championship game in the tournament, which raised more than \$52,000 for the Maine Children's Cancer Program at Maine Medical Center in Portland. Moloney is the philanthropy coordinator for the MCCP.



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Not a plastic saucer can be found in this undated photograph from the Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society's Ephraim and Caroline Dyer collection. The Dyer family lived in a house that still stands at the corner of Ocean House Road and Spurwink Avenue. CEHPS members are at work right now digitizing items such as this photo from museum and historical society collections. The group welcomes volunteers with basic computer skills and "a curiosity about just what is hidden in the society's collections" to help with the project on Monday and Thursday mornings at the society's quarters in the Cape Elizabeth Public Safety building, member Ellen Van Fleet said. Call Van Fleet at 767-4175 for more information.

Genealogical society meeting focus: 'brick walls'

The next meeting of the Greater Portland Chapter of the Maine Genealogical Society, set for Saturday, March 5, will be devoted to "brick walls" – ancestors or documents that people are having trouble researching.

"Members will help people come up with strategies to find the answers they are seeking," GPCMGS members state on the chapter's website, gpcmgms.brakeley.org.

The group will meet at 1 p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 29 Ocean House Road.

A social time with refreshments is planned at 12:30 p.m.

The meetings, free and open to all, are held the first Saturday of every month.

Go to the website for more information.

CAPE CONNECTION

Pond Cove School

Tangible resources needed:

- Tennis balls for chair and desk legs. Email John Holdridge at jholdridge@capeelizabetschools.org.

Cape Elizabeth Middle School

Volunteers needed:

- Community member is needed to collaborate with teacher Laura Briggs on developing and facilitating a curriculum based on current migration and immigration issues. The volunteer would also meet weekly with a small group of students to facilitate an extended learning experience. Email lbriggs@capeelizabetschools.org.

Tangible resources needed:

- Old-school typewriters for a new "publishing house." Email John Holdridge at jholdridge@capeelizabetschools.org.
- Oversized atlases, including out-of-date editions. Email Deborah Casey at dcasey@capeelizabetschools.org.
- Blenders for the Cape Elizabeth Middle School art room. Contact Marguerite Lawler-Rohner at mlawler-rohner@capeelizabetschools.org.
- Tennis balls for chair and desk legs. Email John Holdridge at jholdridge@capeelizabetschools.org.

Cape Elizabeth High School

Volunteers needed:

- Volunteers are needed to swim alongside elementary and middle-school students with cognitive disabilities from 1 to 2 p.m. on Fridays. Contact Dave Croft at dcroft@capeelizabetschools.org.
- The CEHS cultural communications club needs adult drivers to transport 10 students from the high school to Portland at 2:30 p.m. and from Portland back to CEHS at 4 p.m. on Mondays and Tuesdays. The students are involved in an after-school tutoring program for middle-school-aged English language learners. Email John Holdridge at jholdridge@capeelizabetschools.org.

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- A community member fluent in Japanese is needed to mentor a newly arrived student who is learning English. Contact Joni Hewitt at jhewitt@capeelizabetschools.org.
- The CEHS Student Driven Learning Program seeks community members with experience to share expertise in the following fields: neuroscience, analytics and big data, playwriting, e-commerce and entrepreneurship, documentary and fiction filmmaking, teaching, aeronautic engineering and product design. Contact John Holdridge at jholdridge@capeelizabetschools.org.
- The Fort Williams Foundation seeks volunteers with professional experience in video, audio or photographic documentary projects to work with CEHS students and foundation board to increase the foundation's collection of stock video and photography footage and record stories of veterans who served at Fort Williams. Contact John Holdridge at jholdridge@capeelizabetschools.org.

Tangible resources needed:

- Cape Elizabeth's Special Olympics team, the Cape Olympics Team, is looking for a pair of Nordic skis, poles and boots for an elementary student who wears a size 9 boot and is 3 feet 6 inches tall. Contact Karen Johnson at tjkmj@maine.rr.com.
- A guitar is needed for a student in a beginner guitar class who does not have regular access to an instrument. Contact music teacher Joanne Lee at jlee@capeelizabetschools.org about donating or selling a guitar.
- Old-school typewriters for a student-driven learning program. Email John Holdridge at jholdridge@capeelizabetschools.org.

Contact Cape Elizabeth Volunteer and Extended Learning Opportunities Coordinator John Holdridge at jholdridge@capeelizabetschools.org.



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Three seniors at CEHS named candidates in 2016 U.S. Presidential Scholars program

Three Cape Elizabeth High School students have been named candidates in the 2016 Presidential Scholars Program. Cape Elizabeth High School seniors Jasper G. Hansel, William D. Steidl and Natalie A. Vaughan are among about 3,000 candidates selected from current U.S. high school seniors.

The Presidential Scholars Program was established in 1964 by executive order of the president to recognize and honor the nation's most distinguished graduating seniors. Candidates are selected for exceptional performance on either the College Board SAT

or the ACT Assessment. Annually, up to 141 students are chosen to become Presidential Scholars, one of the nation's highest honors for high school students.

The White House Commission on Presidential Scholars makes the final selection of scholars, who are chosen on the basis of accomplishments in many areas: academic and artistic success, leadership and involvement in school and community. Five hundred semifinalists will be selected in early April, and the U.S. Department of Education will announce the Presidential Scholars in May.

Cape freshmen get hands-on lesson about human organs

At left, Cape Elizabeth pathologist Tarek Hammour shows a Cape Elizabeth High School student a human brain on Feb. 1 in one of Cape Elizabeth High School health teacher Nicole Carrera's freshmen health classes. Hammour and his wife, endocrinologist Rahfa Zerik, visited after a conversation on a soccer field between Hammour and John Holdridge, who coordinates the school district's Volunteer and Extended Learning Opportunities program. "Tarek and I met playing in the Cape men's soccer league," Holdridge said. "We were talking about what we do. I had just started my new position and said that one of my responsibilities is to be a connector for the school and greater community. Tarek is a parent of a second grader in Pond Cove and mentioned that he had access to human organs and a willingness to bring them into the schools if any teachers were interested. I put out the word to the high school staff about the offer and Nicole answered."



Photos by John Holdridge

Superintendent search process begins; state school subsidy could go down 29 percent

By Wendy Keeler

Cape Elizabeth School Board members have a busy period ahead. In coming weeks, in addition to searching for a superintendent to replace Meredith Nadeau when she steps down on June 30, board members will be at work developing a 2016-2017 school budget that may include a nearly \$1 million decrease in state subsidy to Cape schools.

In preliminary estimates published by the Maine Department of Education at the end of January, Cape Elizabeth's state education aid for fiscal year 2017 is projected to go down by 29 percent, or \$974,369.43. The district would receive \$2.43 million instead of this year's \$3.4 million state school subsidy.

The DOE published the preliminary figures for budget planning purposes, but subsidy amounts are not final until the Legislature enacts a budget.

"Even though it is a preliminary number, it is a concern," School Board Chair Elizabeth Scifres said on Feb. 5. "That's a dramatic swing from last year's subsidy from the state."

Nadeau is set to present her 2016-17 budget proposal to the School Board at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23, at the Cape Elizabeth High School library.

Superintendent search

When The Cape Courier went to print Feb. 8, board members were planning to start advertising for a superintendent later in the week.

"Applications will be received through mid-March, and we anticipate interviewing candidates in late March and April," Scifres stated in a Feb. 4 letter printed on the school

website. "The board hopes to hire our next superintendent by early May."

The previous week, the board selected the Maine School Management Association to consult on the search for a superintendent after a recommendation by a subcommittee comprised of Scifres and board members Barbara Powers and Michael Moore.

The board "selected this organization ... based on its experience and flexibility, as well as strong administrative, process, and recruiting abilities," Scifres wrote in her letter.

The district is in good shape to search for a new superintendent, she said.

"The board has worked thoughtfully and diligently to launch this search. We are prepared for each step and confident about the process," Scifres said on Feb. 4.

The process will include input from community members.

In a survey the board plans to launch soon, Scifres said, school staff, parents, and community members will have an opportunity to rank the importance of desirable leadership qualities in the next school leader. MSMA consultants will gather similar feedback from targeted focus groups, she said.

An advisory screening committee made up of board members, administrators, teachers, parents and community members will screen candidates' applications and make recommendations to the board, Scifres said.

"The board will use this input ... to inform this very important selection process," Scifres said.

Go to supersearch.cape.k12.me.us for more information about the superintendent search.

'Worlds Afire' performances at CEHS March 1-3

Cape Elizabeth High School's one-act play, "Worlds Afire," will open at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 1, at CEHS, with additional 7 p.m. performances planned March 2 and 3.

Playwright Paul Janeczko wrote the one-act based on his research of the 1944 circus fire in Hartford, Conn., in which nearly 200 people died and 500 were injured.

The show will be the high school's entry in the One-Act Festival. Every year, CEHS, along with 300 other New England high schools, produces a one-act. Twelve are selected for the New England One-Act Festival.

Contact CEHS Theater Director Richard Mullen at rmullen@capeelizabetschools.org for more information.

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Month of gala events will continue at library with music, comedy and more!

By Rachel Davis

The month-long celebration of the new library's opening continues. A few of the events require advance registration, but most are open to general audiences. A complete listing with specific details about each of the following events can be found on the library's website:

*Love our library while enjoying Valentine's Day concerts throughout the day on Saturday, Feb. 13. Cape Elizabeth High School's award-winning Willie Maiden Jazz Combo, featuring Zoeth Chalet on alto sax, Declan McCormick on bass, Marcus Donnelly on guitar, Will Steidl on trombone, and Christie Gillies on drums, will perform from 10 a.m. to noon in the conference room. Women in Harmony, a community a cappella group, will perform from noon to 1 p.m. in the same room. The Russ Gershon Duo will play jazz love standards in the gallery lobby from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. followed by Don Gooding who will perform Sinatra favorites in the gallery lobby from 3:45 to 4:45 p.m. All the while, strolling thespians will read love sonnets.

*Meet new Library Director Kyle Neugebauer for coffee, cookies, and conversation at informal meet and greets from 10 a.m. to noon on Wednesday, Feb. 17 and from 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday Feb. 20.

*Marcia Brown and Robin Merrill, accomplished local poets and writers, will read selections from their works from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 16.

*Jazz pianist Michael Beling will perform a variety of tunes from the Great American Songbook mixed with compositions from artists such as the Beatles and Thelonious Monk from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 16.



The local bluegrass band, Seagrass, will perform at the library on Feb. 20.

*Have fun making simple toys for your baby or young toddler using every day materials from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 18. Advance registration is required.

*Come join us at the library for a morning of outdoor fun and games at Winter Fest from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday Feb. 20. Build a snowman (or a snow-less substitute), make winter art, or shoot a puck. Afterwards, enjoy a warm cup of hot chocolate!

*Local stand-up comedian Mary Irace will perform and host an evening of comedy and music from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Saturday evening, Feb. 20 with other performers who have Cape Elizabeth roots, including singer Eliza Ruth Watson, a graduate of Cape Elizabeth High School returned from a decade of performing in New York City and abroad, and Seagrass, a popular five-piece bluegrass roots band. Admission is free!

*Bring your toddler for some fun art ex-

ploration. Part 1 for toddlers is from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. on Monday Feb. 22 and part 2 for parents is from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 25. Parents will use their child's artwork to make beautiful and unique jewelry and other keepsakes. Advance registration is required.

*A woodblock print demonstration will be given by Blue Butterfield, one of the artists featured in this month's gallery exhibit,

from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 23. She will discuss her work and demonstrate her woodblock print technique.

*A Wii sports play-off for all ages is set for Wednesday, Feb. 17 from 1 to 3 p.m. in our new media lab.

*Maine author Maria Padian will discuss her young adult novel "Out of Nowhere," from 3 to 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 24. This event is for teens and adults.

*"Can We Afford (Not) to Go Green?: Energy Efficient Buildings & Communities" will be presented from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Feb. 27 in program room 1. Experts from a variety of fields will provide attendees with the latest practical information on efficient and renewable energy in Maine for communities and homes. Bring questions and join the conversation at this free event.

*The State Street Traditional Jazz Band will perform a free concert from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 27. Founded in 1989, the band pays homage to the joyful music that was born at the turn of the last century and heard throughout New Orleans and the Louisiana Delta. This is not Dixieland or "straw hat" music, but rather the original rhythms that birthed jazz in New Orleans. Join us for this joyful celebration of music as living history!

Popular kids' programming resumes

In addition to all of this month's special events, several of the library's regular kids' programs have resumed.

*Creativity Lab After School Program for elementary and middle school students continues on Wednesdays from 2:30 to 4 p.m. with no registration necessary.

*The library's two therapy dogs, Winston and Maddie, are back on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons for kids who want to practice reading aloud to a lovable dog. Advance registration is required and can be done online or at the library.

*Musical Story Hour returns on a special day this month: Thursday, February 25 from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. in the library's new community room.

*Comic book artist Jay Piscopo will teach kids 7 to 12 years old to create cartoon art during a workshop called "Draw on Your Creativity!" during February vacation week from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb.

16. Piscopo will demonstrate how anyone can learn to draw and create comics. Using simple geometric shapes, Piscopo teaches kids how to build anatomy and perspective to create art that tells a story.

Piscopo is a Portland artist who is also the author and illustrator of "The Undersea Adventures of Capt'n Eli," an all-ages graphic novel series. Piscopo also co-created "The Scrap City Pack Rats," art directed the award-winning "Fizz and Martina Math Adventures," and was an animator for ABC TV's "Squigglevision."

Advance registration is required; register online at the library's website, where you can also watch a video clip of Piscopo's workshop in action.

The rest of the library's regular story times and other programs will resume in March, along with some new additions. Details will appear in the next issue of The Cape Courier, and will be posted on the library's website.



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Cape Methodist parishioners make dresses for women in poverty-stricken regions



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Cape Elizabeth United Methodist Church members, from left, Linda Webster, Barbara Knowles and Judith Hill make dresses for the "Dress a Girl Around the World" mission, an international effort through which 300,000 dresses have been delivered to young girls living in poverty-stricken regions of the world. For Cape Methodist's three-week project to make and donate dresses to the effort, parishioners have been carting their sewing machines, along with yards of cotton fabric and packages of bias tape, to the church on Saturday mornings.



During a recent Sunday school class at Cape Elizabeth Methodist Church, Serafina Fontana, left, and Hunter Young work on pockets to be sewn onto dresses for the Dress a Girl Around the World project. Since mid-January, Sunday school students at the church have been busy cutting out designs on freezer paper and then painting the designs. The freezer-paper designs are applied to fabric with a hot iron. Each fabric piece becomes a pocket.

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Community Services

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ules and running nonschool youth soccer programs is better suited to municipal responsibility.”

McGovern said that Superintendent of Schools Meredith Nadeau concurred that the time was right to move Community Services out of the School Department.

The unanimous reaction of the councilors, who discussed the recommendation at a Jan. 7 workshop, was “enthusiastic,” according to Town Council Chair Molly MacAuslan, who noted that the mission of Community Services has “morphed and changed over the years,” providing an expanded range of services to the whole community, including more programming for senior citizens. MacAuslan also said that completion of the new library building would provide an opportunity for “synergy” between Community Services and the library, with joint projects “easier to accomplish if they are both under the municipal side of the house.”

The Town Council will take a vote on the proposal at its Feb. 8 meeting (after this newspaper goes to print). If approved, McGovern will present a proposed Community Services budget for fiscal year 2017 to the council concurrent with the presentation of

the municipal budget.

The proposal was also discussed at a joint meeting of the Town Council and School Board on Feb. 1. In a Feb. 2 email to The Cape Courier, School Board Chairperson Elizabeth Scifres said that while Community Services has always had its own budget, separate from the School Department “this was confusing to many.” The School Board will also vote on the proposal, at its business meeting on Feb. 9 (after this newspaper goes to print).

“We are looking to be inclusive and to gain consensus,” said MacAuslan, explaining her request that the School Board take a vote as well.

“We are jumping into the budget season,” MacAuslan added, in response to a question about the fast pace to bring the Community Services move to a decision. “We can roll this into the budget season.”

Community Services, located at 343 Ocean House Road, has a mission to “provide versatile community programs offering educational, cultural, recreational, and social enrichment opportunities to a wide segment of the citizenry,” with a commitment to “lifelong learning” to meet the “changing needs and interest of the community,” and to “enhancing and improving the quality of life for the residents of Cape Elizabeth.” (from the winter edition of The Cape Explorer.)

Verizon

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Road water tower is an “alternative tower structure” under the ordinance and that Verizon’s proposal qualifies as an “accessory use.”

Left undecided was whether the proposed antennas would be sufficiently concealed according to the standards of the ordinance.

The new application, a thick packet of documents, maps and photo simulations of the proposed facility, includes seven pages of “responses” to “approval standards” in the zoning ordinance. It states that the existing tank will be repainted and antennas installed within “shrouds” to minimize their visibility and visual impact. The application also states that the proposed facility will be installed on, and immediately adjacent to, the existing water tower, entirely within the existing fence, with limited post-construction traffic via the existing driveway, and no pedestrian access. It says noise will be

limited and within town standards, as will exterior motion-activated lighting and environmental impacts. The application is available for review at Town Hall in the Planning Office.

The water tower has been discussed as a possible site for a cell tower since at least 2004, but residents of the Shore Acres neighborhood have opposed the cell tower, citing noise, decreased property values, increased traffic, and negative visual impact in the residential neighborhood.

However, a plan for 100 percent cell coverage for the community is one of the Town Council’s goals for 2016, following its review of the town’s poor cell coverage in 2015 and a demand by many residents for improved service.

“I’m really pleased that Verizon is moving forward with an application,” said Town Manager Michael McGovern. “There’s a lot of desire in the town [for better cell coverage]. This is probably the best way to accomplish it.”

Winter at the park



The picnic table storage area on Jan. 27

Photo by Joan Carrier



Photo by Martha Agan

A rock sculpture with the tide coming in on the Fort Williams Park beach on Jan. 25

Town Hall

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Some of the mess can be accounted for by wind blowing material from the bins, but much of it appears to be intentionally left. Floyd said that trash found in the parking lot has included a television, car seats and small appliances.

“The back yard of Town Hall is not a dump,” said McGovern. “The abuse by a few residents is very disturbing. It calls into question whether or not we should have the silver bullets in unattended areas.”

Residents should just use “common sense” when disposing of recyclables, said Floyd, such as breaking down cardboard and fitting it compactly in the container, to allow more space.

“My advice is don’t come on Monday morning,” said McGovern. And “be responsible.”



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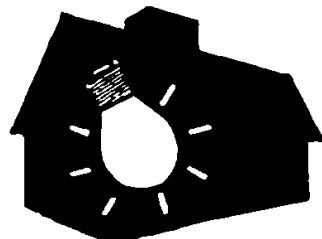
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Seven Cape Elizabeth students were named to the fall-semester dean's list at Tufts University in Medford, Mass. **Helen Bourdeaux** and **Vanessa Blair-Glantz** are seniors. **Emma Inhorn** and **Ben Hansel** are juniors. **Josephine Barth** is a sophomore. **Matthias Barth** and **Sterling Weatherbie** are freshmen. Helen is a graduate of Waynflete School in Portland, and the other students are Cape Elizabeth High School graduates.

Cape Elizabeth resident **Ellen Russell** recently joined the American Cancer Society as senior director for Relay for Life for Maine, New Hampshire and northern Massachusetts. Russell, who was formally with American Red Cross Blood Services, has more than 25 years of nonprofit leadership and partnership experience.

The American Cancer Society is a nationwide health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives, and diminishing suffering from cancer, through research, education, advocacy, and service. Relay for Life is a fundraising event of the American Cancer Society.

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Cape Elizabeth High School senior **Cooper Siepert** has accepted an offer to attend the United States Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, N.Y. Congresswoman Chellie Pingree nominated Siepert to the academy in December.

"Cooper has demonstrated an incredible commitment to serving the country and a maturity well beyond his years," Pingree said.

Cooper's brother, **Evan**, graduated from the academy in 2013. Their parents are **Michael and Mary Siepert**.



Cooper Siepert

Baby Sebastian!



Sebastian Sims

Sebastian Alexander Sims, the son of Cape Elizabeth residents, physician **Sarah Laduzenski** and **Bremont Krey Sims III**, was born Nov. 24, 2015, at Maine Medical Center in Portland.

Sebastian weighed 8 pounds, 11 ounces, and measured 20.5 inches.

Donald and Ann Marie Laduzenski, residents of West Springfield, Mass., and Cape Elizabeth, are Sebastian's maternal grandparents. His paternal grandparents, **Lil and Bremont Sims, Jr.**, traveled from Jacksonville, Fla., to meet him.

Sebastian's older brother, **Bremont David Sims**, is 21 months old.

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