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In the Spirit of Community

In my mind, I can still see it happening. It was the fall of 1976. I was a junior at Iowa State University in Ames, and a Resident Assistant (RA) in a 10-story dormitory (bottom three floors women, top seven floors men). The RAs met weekly on Sunday evenings to discuss things, and we established the custom that one of us would cook supper for the others for the meeting, on a rotational basis. The head RA was the only person in the entire dorm who had a kitchen or any kind of cooking facilities (pre-microwave days), so we were forced to go to her room to cook. For my first turn, I don't remember what I cooked for the main meal that day, but I do remember for dessert I made a beautiful apple pie with a lattice top (everything was from scratch, including the crust - a work of art). As I was bringing the pie up to my room to cool, I stopped at the third floor to chat with the RA. Holding the pie pan in my hands, I was leaning against the door jamb speaking with her, I remember seeing out of the corner of my eye two women walking down the hall in my direction. When they reached me, one of them stopped, put her hand in my pie, pulled out a big hunk, and started eating it. I stared in disbelief for an instant before telling her, in no uncertain terms, what I thought of her actions (cuss words were involved). She thanked me for the taste and continued down the hall. Those readers who know Elizabeth are likely not surprised that she did this. We have been married for 39 wonderful years... but we did not hit it off on that first meeting!

Jim Huebener



The Cape Courier wishes you all a Happy Valentine's Day!

Maryellen and I met on a spring break bus trip to Daytona Beach back in 1990. I was sporting a serious mullet haircut,

lugging around a beer funnel all week. How could she possibly resist.

Charlie Tarling

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As we approach Valentine's Day, I would love to share my parents' love story with their town. My parents, Douglas and Carolyn Davis, have been married for 54 years, a span of time that baffles their six grandchildren, who occasionally like to hear the story of my parents courtship.

My father is always quick to oblige them, telling the kids that they met in high school and that my mother invited him to a Girl Scout Dance when they were 14 years old. My father would always say to the children, "The minute your grandmother took off her glasses and kissed me that was it. I was in love."

And thus began their romance. Several movie dates later, a snowstorm was scheduled to hit their small Massachusetts town. My brilliant grandfather called home from his office sharing the forecast and stating that there would be no school the next day. He then suggested to my father that he could swing by and pick up my mother at her house so she could come for dinner. My father thought that was a great idea, and of course later in the evening my grandfather called my mother's father and stated that, sadly, due to the storm, he could not drive my mother home. It wouldn't be a safe choice... but there was plenty of room for her to stay overnight! We are not sure, but suspect, my mother's father was aware of "the plot." This began a snow day tradition. Mom would be invited for dinner, and encouraged to bring her toothbrush "just

Cape Elizabeth basketball scene



Photo by Sara LeTourneau

Sophomore Nate Mullen drives for a layup as Cape beats Yarmouth at home 45-27 on January 21.

Richard Mullins retires after 59 years as an educator



Photo by Kevin St. Jarre

Dick Mullins was feted by colleagues on the occasion of his retirement. He is pictured here with Lisa Melanson and Joan Moriarity.

After 59 years as an educator, 40 of them at Cape Elizabeth High School, Richard Mullins has retired. He served as a teacher and theater director at Cape Elizabeth High School for so many years and was celebrat-

ed by faculty and staff at a recent potluck. Colleagues Scott Shea and Lisa Melanson said a few words, relaying stories about the enormous impact Mullins has had over the decades.



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If you are a Cape Elizabeth resident and have been affected by the government shut-down, please know that we are here to support you with supplemental groceries. Our next pantry dates will be on February 12 and February 26. We are open between the hours of 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. and are located in The Cape Elizabeth United Methodist Church, 280 Ocean House Road. Please bring your government ID.

Beth Owens
 Coordinator for Judy's Pantry

Kindergarten registration open

It is Kindergarten registration time again. If your child turns five years old on or before October 15 of 2019 she/he is eligible to attend Kindergarten for the 2019-2020 school year.

To help us plan for accurate enrollment projections, please contact the Pond Cove Office by calling 799-7339 or emailing pcf@capeelizabetschools.org. For now we need your child's name and DOB, parents' names, address, phone, and email. Registration forms are available on our website <https://pondcove.cape.k12.me.us/> or at the school office. Please complete and return forms as soon as possible.

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Thank you for supporting fundraising efforts

I would like to publicly thank Denise Goode, owner of Circuit 77, our neighborhood gym, for supporting my fundraising efforts for the Maine Cancer Foundation.

On Tuesday, December 11 riders raised money for the Maine Cancer Foundation. The class was lead by endurance coach and studio owner Denise Goode. The afternoon class was designed so that riders of all levels would be able to participate. Motivational holiday music, laughter and positive coaching made this a great class. Many first time riders are already returning for more classes. Thank you to all that CYCLED for a great cause.

This years Tri For A Cure will be held on July 14 starting at Bug Light in South Portland, and bikers will be riding their

second leg of the tri through Cape Elizabeth. Be sure to get out there and cheer on those athletes. Funds raised by the Tri for a Cure go to provide grants for research, education and patient support services, 100 percent of the money goes to work here in Maine.

Thank you again to Circuit 77 for supporting local community members like myself and fundraising efforts for the 2019 Maine Cancer Foundation's Tri for a Cure. I am grateful to have such a beautiful studio to train at. From barre, circuit training, yoga fusion and of course spin classes I will be ready for my 10th Tri for a Cure.

Tara Bucci



Contributed photo

On left, Tara Bucci with Denise Goode, owner of Circuit 77

Another successful year for Christmas Tree Pick Up fundraiser

On behalf of the Cape Boys Hockey Boosters, we would like to thank all those who participated in the Christmas Tree Pick Up fundraiser.

the team. We really appreciate your support.

Steve and Cathy Murray

It was another very successful year for



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Cape Elizabeth boys hockey team

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Cape Elizabeth Then and Now: What's in a name?

By Jim Rowe



Photo courtesy of the Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society

The Ironclad Club in 1877, Charles Conant photograph

Through the latter half of the 19th century and well into the 20th, "special interest" and social clubs were very fashionable. Cape Elizabeth hosted many of these groups: The Venerable Cunner Association and Propeller Club (founded 1845- extant today- social), The Bush'uns (founded 1860- locally acclaimed artists), The Bluff Cottage Club

(early 1870s- social), The Great Pond Gun Club (1902- sportsmen), The Purpoodock Club (1922- extant today- golf and social), to name only a few.

As we travel the length of Shore Road today and if we're paying attention to our driving, it might be easy to miss the sign for Ironclad Road. It stands on a particu-



Photo by Jim Rowe

Ironclad Road street sign

larly winding and hilly stretch just south of Delano Park.

From the early 1870s to about 1920, a group calling itself the Ironclad Club met regularly in a stone cottage they had built on the rocky shore there. The doors and windows of the cottage were bound in black iron, hence the name. The charter members

all hailed from Portland, testimony to the allure that the Cape Elizabeth shoreline held for those seeking rest and relaxation. I'll take some literary license here and imagine that time spent at The Ironclad Club might have included storytelling, picnics, whist and cribbage, a good cigar, and possibly a dram or two.

Town Council approves senior tax-rebate program

The Town Council on Jan. 14 approved a tax-refund program that could save senior citizens up to \$500 on property taxes. Councilors voted 5-1 to adopt a new ordinance creating the program, modeled after a similar program in Scarborough.

Residents 65 and older, who have lived in their residence - owned or rented - for 10 years, have a federally adjusted annual household income of less than \$60,000 and receive the state's homestead exemption can qualify.

Voting against the ordinance was Councilor Chris Straw, who said he supported the idea but not the requirement for 10-year residency. "Imagine if it instead was a program for food stamps, or a program for welfare benefits," Straw said. Garvin, however, said he saw the ordinance as a first step. "I think that as we see what the interest is in this, and how it's embraced and the number of people that take it up, comments like

what Councilor Straw is talking about can certainly be revisited," he said.

Councilor Valerie Randall, a member of the ordinance committee, said the residency requirement grew out of a desire to help seniors remain in the homes they've lived in for years.

The council's ordinance subcommittee drafted the ordinance along with Clint Swett, town assessor. "It is a good ordinance and I think it will help a lot of people," Swett said.

"One thing I want to stress is, tell your

neighbors. Tell your friends." Swett said. Application forms are already available at the assessor's office at Town Hall and available for download on the Cape Elizabeth town website. "If you can't get to Town Hall, call the office, we'll be more than happy to throw some in an envelope and mail them

out to you. But definitely take advantage of the program, I think it will help a little bit," said Swett.

Deadline for application is Feb. 15. The current town budget includes \$75,000 to fund the pilot program.

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Cape Elizabeth School Board news

During the December 10 Oath of Office, the School Board welcomed Laura DeNino as the newest member. Laura was elected during the November election and fills John Voltz's vacancy. Returning members, Heather Altenburg and Elizabeth Scifres were re-elected to the board and also sworn in. Heather is beginning her second three-year term and Elizabeth is beginning her third. The following leadership appointments were approved during the December 11 Regular Business Meeting: Susana Measelle Hubbs, Chair; Heather Altenburg & Kimberly Carr, Co-Vice Chairs; Elizabeth Scifres, Finance Chair; and Hope Straw, Policy Chair. Trying something new, the board decided to select two co-vice chairs so that growth within the board is encouraged and supported.

On January 8, during the most recent regular school board business meeting, the board discussed setting goals for the upcoming FY20 budget season with the idea that all budgeting decisions would lean on these goals as guides for budgeting decisions.

1. Maintaining and improving the high quality of education for every student.
2. Careful examination of line items and consideration of the success and effectiveness of the expenditures in order to provide a fiscally responsible budget.
3. Clear and continual communication throughout the budget process.

Live coverage and recordings of school board regular business meetings can be viewed at www.cetv.capeelizabeth.org.

BUDGET:

On December 18 the School Board and Town Council held a second joint workshop to continue conversations on ways to improve the school budget process. The meeting produced a healthy exchange of questions and suggestions. Beginning with a question from a community mem-

ber on whether the superintendent builds the budget assuming \$0 in subsidies from the state? Dr. Wolfrom answered that the approach to building the budget begins by looking at staffing, person by person, considering retirements and whether or not these positions need to be replaced. From there, the process moves by looking at each and every line item. The "original request budget," developed after numerous meetings with all department heads, is then calculated with no assumption of revenues included. Councilor Penny Jordan pointed out the importance of marketing the budgeting process to the community so that they are fully aware of the needs and rationale. Town Council Finance Chair, Chris Straw, shared that more pressure should be put on our local representatives to stand firm on behalf of our town. Town Council Chair, Jamie Garvin, reinforced the value of providing comparisons with neighboring school districts. Finally, the joint committee fully agreed that it would be prudent to continue conversations within the context of a sub-committee made up of the Town Manager, Town Council Chair, Town Council Finance Chair, the Superintendent, School Board Chair, School Board Finance Chair and the Business Manager.

Hence, the newly formed sub-committee met on January 24 to begin examining the budget schedule; the anticipated timing of state subsidies being announced (early February); the status of the upcoming municipal budget; as well as the details of the school budget. Currently, the total percentage increase for only — staff, benefits, and retirements (without any additions) — is 4.33 percent. While this percentage may change, it is important to clarify that it does not represent any other additional expenses, such as supplies or a possible Needs Assessment, nor does it include an estimate of any

revenues. As the board moves forward with this very important work, every effort will be made to provide as much communication, transparency, and clarity as possible. As always, the public is encouraged to attend meetings and workshops and/or send questions directly to the School Board.

All budget-related materials and schedules can be found on the CESD website (www.cape.k12.me.us) under the FY 2018-19 tab as they become available.

FACILITIES STUDY:

The Needs Assessment Committee met a third time on December 5 at the CEHS library and toured six different areas within the school (excluding athletics) that have been identified as needing improvement. High school students Joe Clancy, Liv Cochran, Aidan Lee, Max Patterson, Piper Strunk, and Julia Thoreck guided groups from each station to the next. The following areas were discussed: CEHS main entrance; Science classrooms 319 & 320; Cafeteria & Kitchen; Auditorium/Stage Entrance; Life Skills and Special Services Classrooms; and the Library. Some of the items identified as needs included: proper safety measures, equipment, and spacing within one of the chemistry labs; and the need for new curtains for the theater that are not torn and are fire compliant. For a complete review of the concerns and needs, please review the Minutes from the entire meeting and the video of the tour under the Facilities Needs Assessment Committee tab on the school website (www.cape.k12.me.us).

On January 9, the committee met for a fourth and final time to fulfill its charge of determining whether or not a needs assessment should be recommended to the School Board for the FY20 budget. Prior to voting, a slide show comparing neighboring districts was presented. With over six neighboring school districts compared to Cape Elizabeth, the slides highlighted a stark contrast between the conditions of Cape Elizabeth's buildings to those of our neighbors. Also included in this presentation was a historical look at renovations and bonding. The community is encouraged to view this slide show, also located on the Facilities Needs Assessment Committee tab.

Colby Company Engineers provided a presentation of a Needs Assessment Study Proposal (which is also posted online) in the amount of \$189,060 (roughly \$60K less

than the Facilities Study proposed last year, but eventually removed from the budget). While the Needs Assessment study would not include various things such as conceptual renderings and PE/RA stamped construction drawings, it would provide the district with a comprehensive field investigation and reports; categorized project-specific reports sorted by priority levels; and multiple stakeholder interviews and presentations.

In the end, after significant discussion of options to increase the speed of progress, the committee voted unanimously to make the recommendation to the School Board at the next regular school board business Meeting on Tuesday, February 12. The School Board, at the January 22 workshop, indicated via straw poll that the recommendation will be approved.

POLICY:

The policy committee met on January 3 to discuss for a second reading the following policies:

- JJIBD: Athletic Policy - Sanctioning of Sports;
- EBCC: Bomb Threat;
- BCC: Nepotism;
- BBA: School Board Powers & Responsibilities; and
- JJIAB: Private Schools Access to Public School Co-Curricular, Interscholastic & Extracurricular activities.

No comments or requests for changes were received from the School Board, Administration or community members. As such, the above listed policies were approved as-is at the January 8 School Board Regular Business Meeting.

The following policies were reviewed for a first reading at the January 3 Policy Committee Meeting:

- KF: Community Use of School Facilities;
- ECB: Integrated Pest Management;
- EEAEAA: Drug and Alcohol Testing for School Bus Drivers; and
- IHOA: Field Trips

There was extensive discussion around the policy KF: Community Use of School Facilities. The committee determined

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School Board

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that use of the Maine School Management Association's sample policy on use of school facilities would provide more concise clarity on the use of school facilities. The existing policy, however, reflects the unique shared use of Cape Elizabeth town facilities among the school district and town. As such, the existing policy will be retained with some modifications as regulations applicable to the use of facilities.

The director of facilities recommended that in order to more closely meet regulatory requirements, policy ECB: Integrated Pest Management be revised to more closely reflect the Maine School Management Association's sample policy.

IHOA: Field Trips policy was discussed extensively. The policy committee and administration determined that many details contained in the Field Trips policy are more closely related to a transportation policy. The committee determined that moving the transportation related details out of the Field Trips policy and into a separate transportation policy would be appropriate.

All three policies were brought before the School Board for a first read (public reading and discussion, no vote) at the Board's January business meeting.

On the agenda for the January 3 Policy Committee meeting, but not discussed due to time constraints:

DN: School Properties Dispositions;
GCFB: Recruiting & Hiring of Administrative Staff; and
JRA: Student Education Records and Information.

All policies are posted on the CESD website (www.cape.k12.me.us) under the School Board/Policy tab.

FUTURE DATES:

- Thursday, Feb 7, Policy Committee, 3 – 5 p.m., Jordan Conference Room.
- Tuesday, Feb 12, Regular School Board Business Meeting, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., Town Hall Chambers.
- Tuesday, February 26, Budget Workshop Q&A, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., CEHS Library. State subsidy (ED279) estimate will be announced and School Board will begin intensive review of the budget with Q&A from all department heads.
- Tuesday, March 5, Budget Workshop Q&A, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., Town Hall Chambers.

McCain resigns as executive director of Fort Williams Park

The Friends of Fort Williams Park announces that James McCain has resigned as its executive director. McCain has been the face of the organization since June 2013, first as arboretum director and later executive director.

In his resignation, McCain said he wants to revive his landscape design business, which he let go dormant while he developed the gardens at Fort Williams Park. McCain told board members that developing the plan for the Children's Garden at Fort Williams and seeing that garden come to fruition in 2016 made him realize how much he missed designing and planting sustainable landscapes.

Board members praised McCain's work in improving the ecology and beauty of the park, creating sustainable gardens around Portland Head Light, along the Cliff Walk and in the Children's Garden.

To provide a seamless transition in the Friends' operation, the Board of Directors will divide the duties that McCain has been doing into two part-time positions – with the salaries of the two positions not to exceed the current salary of executive director. One part-time position will be manager of the ecology project, overseeing the long-term, park-wide effort to improve the ecological health and sustainability of Fort Williams Park. The second will be executive director, who will oversee operations of the organization, lead fund-raising activities and other events, manage staff and be the organization's prime contact with the public.

As a first step, the board of directors has selected Andrea Southworth as temporary ecology project manager. Southworth, who is a member of the Friends' Board of Directors and chair of its Education Committee, is an instructor at Maine College of Art and Southern Maine Community College, teaching botany, biology, urban ecology, invasive species and scientific method. She has a B.S. in biology, M.S. in botany and has 100 hours toward a Ph.D. in entomology.

The Board of Directors is initiating a search for a qualified person to fill the position of executive director, with the intention of filling the post within the next few months.

Anyone interested in applying should contact Dianne Manning, dcmanning@fortwilliams.org, 207-767-3707.

Garden plot vacancies for 2019

Greetings and happy winter from the Cape Elizabeth Community Gardens at Gull Crest and Maxwell's Farm. This upcoming 2019 garden season we have some garden plot vacancies. If you are a Cape Elizabeth resident who is a new or experienced gardener and is interested in growing fresh organic produce at one of the beautiful Cape Elizabeth Community Garden locations, please send your name, mailing address, phone number and e-mail address to Rachel Stamieszkin at smok77@maine.rr.com.

Please also indicate if you have a preference for either the Maxwell or Gull Crest

location. Your name will be added to the wait list in the order in which your e-mail is received. Gardeners use organic methods, and in addition to tending their own plots, spend additional hours during the season on general garden duties. In each garden, vegetables are grown in several plots for the Maine Harvest for Hunger program. Produce goes to Judy's Pantry, serving Cape residents with limited resources, and named in memory of Judy Simonds, one of the garden founders. For more information, please visit www.capegardener.org or call Rachel at 767-3603.

Scam alert bulletin board

Reported by Jessica D. Simpson

W-2 and Tax Aid Scams

As the tax season approaches, individuals as well as small businesses need to be cautious of identity theft. Identity thieves use stolen Employer Identification Numbers to create fake W-2 Forms to file with fraudulent individual tax returns. Fraudsters also used these to open new lines of credit or obtain credit cards. Now, they are using company names to file fraudulent returns. Employers are warned to lookout for emails asking for sensitive W-2 information. If you believe you have been targeted by a tax scammer, you can report it to dataloss@irs.gov and StateAlert@tacadmin.org.

Just Send the Money - Advance Fee Scams

New college students are receiving admissions letters and scholarships this time of year. Among the letters from universities, many students may also receive offers for alleged student loans, scholarships, financial aid, and job offers. Some will charge a fee for things you could do by yourself, like filling out college applications, writing college essays, filling out the FAFSA (financial aid) form, or filling out job applications. Whether they end up providing the service once you've paid up is unsure, in many cases. If you hear any promotion of "just give us money and we'll do the rest," know that this is likely a scam. While some of the forms and applications can be difficult to get through, it is best to protect your personal information and fill them out yourself or with someone representing a reputable company.

New executive director at The Landing

The Landing at Cape Elizabeth and Next Step Healthcare is excited to announce the appointment of Lee Freitag as executive director. Freitag is a licensed residential care administrator, bringing six years of senior

living and over 30 years of leadership experience to Cape Elizabeth. Prior to The Landing, he served as administrator of two communities in the Westbrook area. He resides in Topsham, Maine.

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Middle School Celebration of Learning

By Evelyn Agrodnia, Grade 7 and Sophia Toon, Grade 7

Hello. I'm Evelyn Agrodnia. Sophia Toon and I participated in a Celebration of Learning at the Middle School before the holidays. It was quite the experience. We faced our fears of presenting in front of people we didn't know while learning to speak and look at the people we are presenting to at the same time.

Our class was given the assignment to choose from a list of historic Cape Elizabeth people, structures/buildings, or events. Our objective was to research the topic we chose and create a slideshow, poster, or model. Some of the topics were: Two Lights State Park, Portland Head Light, shipwrecks, Goddard Mansion, Town Hall, Beckett's Castle, etc.

I chose Two Lights. We found reliable resources that gave valuable information to put into our project. We used websites, books, interviews and videos. We found a lot of information and then we had to edit the project to be able to present it. We chose what format we wanted to use. I chose to do a slideshow because they look neat and organized. We found pictures of our topics to put into our projects as visuals.

For some topics, it was harder to find information. My teacher allowed us to work independently. However, she did check on our projects every once in a while and made sure we were taking notes. She had us turn in our projects before the presentations so she could tell us what needed to be fixed. We presented in front of our class first to practice so we wouldn't be too nervous. Making sure you knew your topic was a big thing. You didn't want to be reading off your project. You want to know what you're talking about. Some people memorized a script to talk without looking at their project. However, I didn't. Before we presented, I had looked at my slides and knew what I wanted to say about each one. The public presentation was postponed twice due to bad weather. The first time it was postponed, there was a sigh of relief from the majority of us. Anyhow, the second time we just wanted to get it over with. The more we thought about presenting in front of people, the tenser we got. I wasn't sure what the audience would be like. It was a crowded room. For some people, it was hard to present in the somewhat organized chaos. For others, it didn't matter. We learned many things while creating our projects: we learned a lot

about our topic; we learned how to present in front of people without looking at a piece of paper or screen; we learned how to cite our sources and pictures correctly; and we learned how to find reliable resources with valuable information.

Hi. I'm Sophia Toon, a 7th grader at Cape Elizabeth Middle School. The Celebration of Learning was...well...there is no other way to put it...interesting. I had mixed feelings about the ordeal. I thought it was really cool to learn about Cape Elizabeth. As Evelyn explained above, we had to choose a topic related to Cape and present it in some way or another. I did the Cape Cottage Casino. I chose to do the Casino because I was really interested in its history.

When I think of casinos, I think of Las Vegas and crowded rooms. I thought it was kind of weird that there was a casino in Cape. I learned that the Cape Cottage Casino was not only a casino, but also a theatre, cafe, and dance hall as well. A representative from the Maine Memory Network came and talked to our team about the resources on Maine Memory Network's website. She was really nice and helped us to get better information on our topics. I chose to do a slideshow because I like the neatness of it and it makes me feel professional.

I think that it was a challenge to do this project because of all the steps involved. But at the same time, I wasn't too flustered or stressed about it. But how did I feel about the public presentation? I was TERRIFIED!!!! I am not a big fan of talking in front of people. I get all stressed and tense when I am talking and I start to feel cold inside. I learned about the history of Cape Elizabeth, not only from my project, but from listening to others as well. I learned about citing my sources and paraphrasing.

However, I think the most important thing I learned was that it's okay to be scared and it's okay to be nervous about talking to people. But if you just sit there and shy away from it, you're never going to get over your fear. And chances are that whatever you are in life probably requires talking in front of people you either know or don't. Sometimes that can be scary and that's okay.

We both agree that we are glad the assignment is over, but we are happy that we had the experience.



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Cape Elizabeth Middle School students present their projects to attendees at the Celebration of Learning

Pittsburgh shooting

By Elena Rosenberg, Grade 6

As I was sitting in temple on a recent Saturday morning, I prayed for the people who were killed in the Pittsburgh shooting on October 27, 2018. I thought about the victims, and how they had been saying the same prayers, and singing the same songs that I was reciting that day.

The morning after the shooting, when I arrived at Hebrew school, there were police officers and police cars parked outside the temple. Although I was grateful for their presence, I was anxious because I was thinking that something bad could happen at any given moment. Even though I have heard about other mass shootings in America, the Pittsburgh shooting hit particularly close to home.

The Pond Cove Elementary School playground needs your help

In the January 16 issue of The Cape Courier, an article outlined the Pond Cove community's hopes to have a new playground installed this coming summer.

It has been almost 20 years since the current playground structure was installed, and unfortunately it is showing its age. Safety concerns have also arisen with the current state of the playground. In order to make the dream of a new playground a reality, the Pond Cove Playground Committee needs to raise \$300,000 for the project.

Stay tuned for more updates on fundraising progress throughout the coming months. To become involved with the Pond Cove Playground Committee, please contact School Nurse, Erin Taylor at Pond Cove Elementary School. For more information, please visit the project website: www.pondcoveplayground.org.

Below are some ideas and comments about the playground from Pond Cove students:

Dear Community,

Here at Pond Cove school we need a new playground. I have many hopes for this new place to play. One: I would like more options. Right now we either play on the structures, play a game, play in snow (when there is snow), play in Natureland, or simply talk. On our new playground it would be nice to see more games, or new and interesting structures. Two: we need more space for games, etc. During games, I have seen tag games on the same field as football and other safety issues due to this problem. Tying in with this problem, we need more space in general. We need a field for playing, just playing, in grass or making a snowman in snow. We only have tiny patches of land, near a brick wall, or the library. Three: We need safety to be first. There are many broken things on our current playground. Missing ladder steps, pulled up gravel, rocks in fields. In school they say safety comes first. That should be the rule on our playground too. For a new playground, I have

In this case, 11 people were killed and many others wounded because they were Jewish. I'm Jewish. On any normal day when I wake up I don't usually worry about being shot because of my religion, but on this day I was reminded that sometimes being different can be dangerous.

Unfortunately, hatred of those who are different is a repeating occurrence throughout history. Previously I've only experienced such hatred through reading about it in history books.

Now, in 2018 I'm experiencing it myself. Unfortunately, I'm reminded that the work of combating hate, and anti-semitism and prejudice is not over.

many hopes. I would like a structure (a safe one), new slides, nature land really being a NATURE LAND not a rock land, being safe, and most importantly, having fun. Thank you, everyone who read and listens to this. WE NEED A NEW PLAYGROUND! Thank you!

**Claire G.,
4th grader**

WE NEED A NEW PLAYGROUND!!

We need a new playground and nature land. I hope you can help. These are reasons why.

One reason why is because our gazebo is breaking apart. The reason why is because it is old and it can give you splinters. And if that's not enough we have benches that are sagging. It's a sad sight. We need our gazebo and benches better!!

Another reason why we need a new playground is we don't have safe swings! Our swings are a big problem. We need to move them away from the wooden fence that is bigger than a teacher! The swings are also so old that they are falling apart. It's a horrible place to swing.

We really need your help. I hope you can help us raise money to make our recess BETTER!!!!

**Desmond S.
4th grader**

Dear Community,

We need a new playground. Here are some reasons why. I broke my arm on the blue roly slide, so we should remove the slide. I don't like the football field, I liked the big structure. I hope that we get a big structure back at the playground. Structures are fun to play on. I dream that we can get the playground all fixed and back to normal.

**Matthew B.
4th grader**

Legislature session highlights from Sen. Millett and Rep. Carney

By Senator Rebecca Millett and Representative Anne Carney

Maine's State House is buzzing with activity. Though the 129th Legislature has just begun, bills are being printed and public hearings scheduled. Here are some early session highlights.

Senator Millett is again Chair of the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee, which oversees the education of our children from early childhood through higher education, school finances, cultural affairs and historic preservation, and many related issues. She is also a member of the newly formed Innovation, Development, Economic and Business Committee.

Representative Carney serves on the Labor and Housing Committee. The committee hears bills related to wages and public employee benefits, workplace safety, affordable housing, landlord/tenant law, homelessness, and housing safety. We are excited and grateful to be appointed to these committees that will review bills advancing policies important for the future of Maine, and that tackle issues we are passionate about solving.

We are working together on several bills. We have teamed up on "An Act To Prohibit the Possession and Use of Electronic Smoking Devices on School Grounds" (sponsor Sen. Millett, lead co-sponsor Rep. Carney), which will add electronic smoking devices, also known as e-cigarettes, to the list of tobacco products prohibited in Maine schools. E-cigarettes present a huge health risk to our children and keeping them out of our schools is one step toward curbing youth addiction.

We are also both working on "An Act To Protect Adults 66 Years of Age and Older from Financial and Other Types of Exploitation through Theft by Deception" (sponsor Rep. Carney, co-sponsor Sen. Millett), which addresses concerns we heard from Cape residents about phone scams targeting Maine's vulnerable seniors.

We have sponsored many important

bills that will head to committees for hearing. "An Act To Support Healthy Workplaces and Healthy Families by Providing Earned Paid Sick Leave to Certain Employees" (Sen. Millett) seeks to expand employees' access to earned paid sick leave. This would allow hard working Mainers to take time off to get better, decrease the spread of contagious illnesses in the workplace, and increase workplace productivity.

A bill to provide pregnant women reasonable accommodations at work (Rep. Carney) aims to ensure that Maine women can continue to work during their pregnancies without putting their own or their baby's health at risk.

Another priority bill seeks to extend health care coverage to Maine children by expanding Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) eligibility (Rep. Carney). Maine currently has the highest rate of uninsured children in New England, and the ninth highest in the nation. States throughout the country are using federal CHIP funds to deliver better health care. Maine's children and our state as a whole will benefit from affordable health care for kids.

To learn more about these bills and other legislation we are sponsoring please visit: http://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/bills/bills_129th/bill-texts/. You can also find the committee hearing schedules and live committee audio at <http://legislature.maine.gov/Calendar/#PHWS/>.

It is our honor to serve you in Augusta. If you have questions or comments, please let us know. You can e-mail Senator Millett at senrebeccamillett@gmail.com and Representative Carney at anne.carney@legislature.maine.gov.



Photo by Senator Justin Chenette

The 129th Legislature at Maine's State House has begun and Cape Elizabeth's Senator Rebecca Millett and Representative Anne Carney are busy serving on committees and working on bills. Sen. Millett is serving her fourth term in office while Rep. Carney is serving her first.

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CEHS art class undertakes project to connect with Syrian children

By Kevin St. Jarre

Cape Elizabeth high school students in Janna DeWan's Art Fundamentals class have undertaken a project which uses art to connect the CEHS students with Syrian children who have been displaced by the terrible Syrian civil war.

Student Isaac Dinnerstein explains, "We are painting Syrian children; each [Cape] student paints a corresponding child. This will, hopefully, give a light in their life where not much in their life is going right for them as they have to worry about their safety on a daily basis."

Student Riley Knupp said, "We painted Syrian refugee kids who have lost so much within their lives. We did it, simply, to make them smile and laugh and bring joy to their lives."

"We're painting some Syrian children for a project that sends the paintings back to them," said Salvatore Deschino.

DeWan gives some background, saying, "Years ago, The Memory Project sent a postcard to me and I tacked it on my wall in my classroom. Someday I want to do that project, I thought, but I was too anxious to try it! What if the portraits didn't come out as well as I hoped? This year my goal was to take

risks and expose my students to different cultures and ways of creating art. The Memory Project seemed like the perfect undertaking."

Student Isabelle O'Grady said, "Painting the portrait of another individual, especially one of child, was very impactful. It made me really want to try and succeed in painting the child accurately. And knowing that we would be sending these portraits to the children, made it more meaningful, I didn't want to mess up. It was also very honoring knowing that I had the ability to create something that would cause the child so much joy. This project has made me realize that art can have a purpose and can create joy in another's life. Additionally, it made me take art more seriously knowing it could have an impact. I have also gained a lot more respect for artists in general."

"This project was important because it helped to expand our worldview. I think it did two classes of high school students from Maine a lot of good to paint children halfway across the world living a very different life than we are. Before this project, I was already convinced that art had a lot of power, but the fact that our paintings might be something to

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Portrait by Ally Lynch

Jana is six years old, and her portrait was done by student-artist Ally Lynch. Acrylic on Canvas 2019.



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Walkers and their furry friends enjoy a snowy day at Fort Williams Park

Coastal Maine Aquatics shares space with competitor after fire

By Kevin St. Jarre

Coastal Maine Aquatics, a community-based swimming club, has been sharing its pool space at their two locations with a competitor, the Westbrook Seals, since a fire left the Seals' facilities damaged. CMA operates out of the South Portland Community Center as well as the Cape Elizabeth Community Pool.

Marcel De Ponte, CMA's head coach, first learned about the fire in real time. "I heard about the fire as it was happening. I had received a phone call from John Smith who is the head coach of the Westbrook Seals Swim Team," De Ponte said.

It didn't take long for the two coaches to identify the need and begin working on a solution. De Ponte said, "During that conversation, John and I considered that we would need, at the very least and immediately, a place for all the Seals kids to practice [swim]. We're both pretty big proponents of doing what's best for the athletes. I contacted the CMA Board of Directors and the decision was made to have the Seals' senior swimmers come over to our Cape Elizabeth location for practice, the very next evening. After that first combined CMA/Seals Practice we have worked with a third team, the Portland Porpoises, so as to provide practice oppor-

tunities for all of the Seals' practice groups. The bulk of the Seals practices are happening at our facilities. CMA is currently sharing five out of our six available practice days with the Westbrook Seals."

De Ponte said things are working out well. "Although we are obviously dealing with a lot less available space in the pool lanes, the collaboration has been great! John and I communicate daily to ensure that we are meeting the needs of each team's swimmers. It's kind of crazy because everyone has just rallied since the fire occurred. I, John, all the assistant coaches, the parents and the two Boards of Directors. Both the South Portland Community Center as well as the Cape Elizabeth Community Services have been very receptive to helping CMA accommodate the extra swimmer numbers. They've been great!" he said.

"We have been taking it week by week and my initial understanding is that the Seals will be out of a pool for six to eight weeks. We have not received any confirmation on this timeline as of yet," De Ponte said.

De Ponte said, "I just think that this has been a great opportunity in terms of building relationships with the swimming community in the greater Portland area, the local governments, as well as the communities at large. It's just the right thing to do!"

Wolf encounter at the police station

By Jim Rowe



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In the early evening hours of Jan 14, the Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society had a wolf encounter at its office in the Public Safety Building! (Cape Elizabeth Cub Scout Pack 30, Wolves Den came to visit). The scouts (and Moms) dropped by to learn a little about the Society and about their town's proud heritage. Pictured left to right are: Paddy Rolfe, Elliot Hughes, Jim Rowe, and Bennett Kang. At the end of the visit, Rowe earned a merit badge for standing up from a kneeling position without a hand hold! Wolves are pretty nice animals after all.

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Lathrop three burning up the slopes

By Kevin St. Jarre

Cape Elizabeth High School boasts three brothers, Devon, Killian and Tiernan Lathrop, who are doing great things on the ski slopes. The CEHS Alpine Ski Team is coached by Jeff Davis.

Davis said, "They are great to coach. Devon has added lots to our team this year after missing out last year due to a knee injury. He was our strength coach in the gym during our preseason helping others learn how to work out and planning workouts for the team. After tearing his ACL last year, he has been a little frustrated with the setback the injury caused for his racing, but the competition amongst his brothers is motivating him to improve. Killian has always been a reliable and quiet leader. He's super consistent in finishing races and is a model for others on how to remain focused on race day. Tiernan has been a great addition this year. He has that freshman energy and excitement which has been refreshing. After he finished first for our team in the first two races, his older brothers were humbled. I

think their competition is healthy and encouraging, fun to witness. What I am most impressed with is their love for the sport and the enjoyment they have at races catching up with other racers and getting hyped with our team."

Devon, the eldest, is a senior this year. He races alpine, in addition to playing varsity lacrosse in the spring. He is excited about how the ski team is doing this year. "The team is doing unreal! We have won every meet so far. We have by far the best boys team in the state in my opinion. We obviously have us three Lathrop brothers who finish in the top every time with Cody Labonty right up there with us. Pretty much our whole team finishes top 15 if everyone shows up and finishes," he said. Labonty is a freshman stand-out in his own right.

Killian, a junior who also plays lacrosse and soccer, echoes his brother's feelings about the team, saying, "We only lost a couple of seniors last year and gained two very talented freshman. Having Devon back from a year off with an ACL injury is definitely helping the team out."



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The three Lathrop brothers- Devon, Killian and Tiernan- have been putting up impressive times for the Cape Elizabeth High School Alpine Ski Team. Along with freshman Cody Labonty, the brothers and the team are a force to be reckoned with.

Tiernan, who with Labonty is the other freshman Killian mentioned, also played varsity soccer last fall. He said of racing on the same team with his brothers, "I've per-

sonally enjoyed it. They push me to improve and catch up to them. We've lately had a lot of family competition because of the last few race results, but we like to focus on the Lathrop name as a whole."

Killian agreed, "It's very competitive and fun. We are always competing for that top spot in the Lathrop house with lots of trash talk being thrown around." Devon laughs about the competition, and said, "It sucks when my younger brothers both beat me. Especially at the beginning of the season because I had to take last season off due to ACL reconstruction knee surgery and I lost a lot of confidence and skill. In the end, we all want each other to succeed. As long as it's a Lathrop on top, I'm happy."

For all three young men, the adrenaline is a huge part of their love for the sport. Devon said, "I love going fast, I love the adrenaline rush and I love the friends I have made from ski racing. I live for the adrenaline rush. I love going fast, so fast that I don't know if I can even stay on my feet. I also love the social aspect of it. Some of my closest friends have come from skiing. My buddy Gibson Scott skiing for Falmouth, I met way back when I first started racing and my best friend Quinn Richards from Framingham, MA. On powder days these are the first guys I contact to go shred."

Tiernan said, "I love the adrenaline you get from that 30 seconds of racing. All the stress you've had and work you've put in all comes out in that run and when you finish that run you feel amazing. And a bonus was all the medals and trophies." For Killian, the adrenaline is also key, and he said he loves pushing himself. "The feeling of trying to go faster and faster. I've learned that you always have more in your tank than

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Ski team

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you think," he said.

While their reasons for loving the sport are similar, the parts they find most challenging are less so. For the youngest, Tiernan, it is the psychological challenge. He said, "The mind games. I've had trouble with that. I stress out and overthink everything so being at the top of a course waiting for your run doesn't help. You have to be confident and feel amazing to have a good run. The slightest bit of fear and stress can affect your run dramatically." Devon's take is somewhat like Tiernan's. "The mental part, because not every race goes your way. Every day is different, you can be the best skier on the mountain but if you make one mistake it could bring you from first to twenty-first. Training days also take a toll on your mental state, if you have a bad training day it affects your confidence and can carry over to race day," he said. But for Killian, the biggest challenge is more physical, saying, "The most challenging part of ski racing is the cold. I hate the cold. It's hard to move with all the layers that you're wearing and it's hard to have fun when you're freezing."

In addition to Coach Davis, the boys have had other coaches through the years, and when asked what they took away from the variety of instruction, they shared some thoughts. Killian said, "I've always been a better skier in training than racing but my coach at Sugarloaf, Dave Kearing, tells me, 'Ski the top, race the bottom' which has really helped my performance on race day." Devon said of a former coach, Jimmy Myrick, "I just remember him telling me to 'ride the bull through the flush,' 'pole plant' and 'stay early.'" Tiernan has had several coaches, including Scott Cushing, John Wagner and Craig Marshall, and he said "they are tough on me in training but they know what I can do and give me confidence for my races. I get told a lot to stay forward and pole plant consistently and to always look for the 'next gear.'"

Tiernan credits Devon with getting him into racing. "My parents introduced us to the sport. My father wanted us to be mogul skiers but Devon decided to try racing. So, I give credit to Devon, the oldest, for introducing us. Once Devon started to enjoy it, we all tried it and fell in love with it."

The brothers combine to provide some advice for younger racers coming up:

*Join a ski group program on the weekends, and make friends who love to ski as much as you do.

*Push yourself, do your drills to improve, and just have fun.

*Watch videos of your favorite skiers.

*Play other sports as well.

*Don't overthink and just enjoy the lifestyle of being a skier.

While the two younger Lathrops say they'd like to race in college, and maybe in the World Cup, Devon, perhaps sounding a bit less formal about it, said, "I hope to ski after high school and do more backcountry and free-skiing out west, and maybe make some trips internationally in the future."

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Capetoons: Big Mouth of Maine

By Jeff Mandell



Drawn by Jeff Mandell

The Northwest has its Big Foot. But it's no match for the Big Mouth of Maine. These marauding potholes appear each winter. They are intelligent, aggressive, and hungry. Tales go back generations of roving bands of chuckholes able to change size and location at will. A car disappeared in Cape Elizabeth in 1967 only to be spat up at Cape Ellis after a nor'easter in 2019. It seemed unchanged other than a "Muskie for President" bumper sticker.

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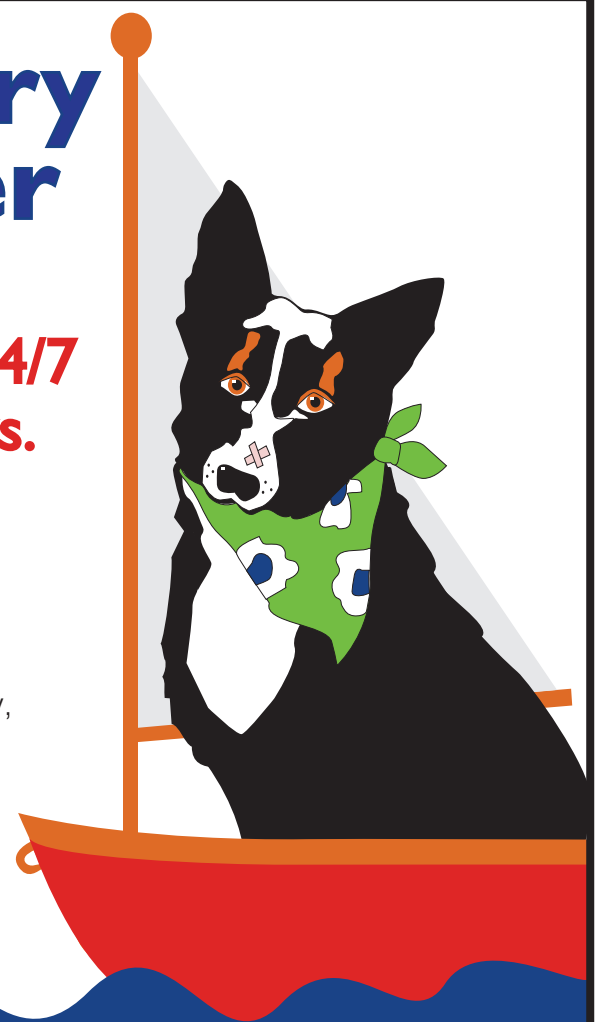
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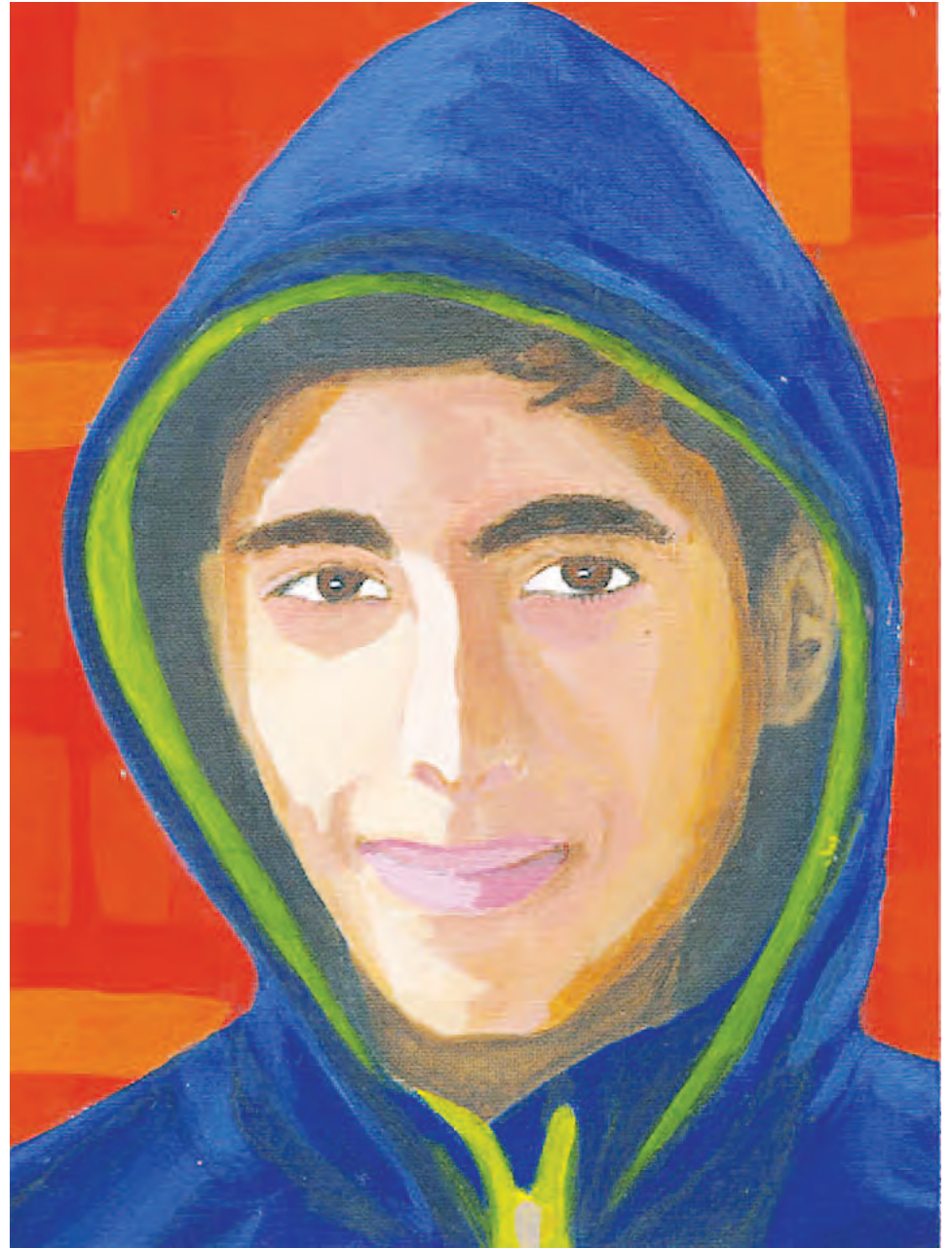
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Portrait by Ella Briman

Student-artist Ella Briman was told her model is Ghazali, 11 years old, who likes yellow. Acrylic on canvas, 2019.



Portrait by Isabelle O'Grady

Amro is 13 years old and likes the color red, so student-artist Isabelle O'Grady painted his portrait with a red background. Acrylic on canvas, 2019

**Registration for the 2019 Cape Elizabeth Little League season is open
at www.cape-ll.com through Friday, March 1st.**

CELL provides T-ball, softball and baseball opportunities to Cape children, ages 4-14. Late fees will be charged after March 1st.



Assessments are planned in mid-March, and team practices begin in April. Opening ceremonies are planned for April 27th. The season will run through June. Go to www.cape-ll.com or email: president@cape-ll.com for more information.

Volunteer coaches and team administrators are needed for the season. If you're interested, please indicate it on the registration. Also, we are in need of Board members. If you're interested in becoming a Board member, please email: president@cape-ll.com

Driftwood Barn Band, composed of seven locals whose ages span five decades, to make OLS debut

By Kevin St. Jarre



Photo by Katja Photography

The Driftwood Barn Band will make its One Longfellow Square debut on March 1. Left to right, in the front row are Mike Foley, Lauren Steidl. In the center, sitting is Jack Lowe. Standing in the back row are Jo Carpenito, Scott Steidl, Nick Freed and Joe Guerrette.

The Driftwood Barn Band will soon venture out beyond a local barn, and will be making their Portland debut at One Longfellow Square. The band is comprised of Capers who range widely in age, bringing a broad perspective to their music.

Samantha Lowe, who works on lights and sound, and acting as sort of their publicist, said, "The band ranges in age from 20's to the low 60's with at least one member representing each decade. Five of the seven are graduates of Cape Elizabeth High School; the other two raised families in Cape and have two children each that are also graduates of CEHS."

Jo Carpenito plays lead guitar, vocals and is a songwriter, and Mike Foley is one of the lead vocalists, and plays bass in the band. He is also a songwriter and a good guitar player in his own right. Nick Freed plays rhythm guitar in the band. All three are graduates of CEHS.

Joe Guerrette plays drums in the band; his wife is a Cape graduate and their two

children graduated from CEHS recently. Jack Lowe is the band's founder, owner of the barn and does sound, lights, plays acoustic guitar, percussion and is a 1980 graduate of CEHS.

Lauren Steidl is the female lead vocalist, was All-American Lacrosse, and was a member of a vocal group at Princeton University. She is the youngest member, and the daughter of Scott Steidl, who plays keyboards and provides background vocals. Scott has his Doctorate from the Juilliard School of Music and is also a songwriter.

Of venues played thus far, Sam Lowe said, "To date, the Driftwood Barn Band hasn't ventured beyond its practice setting very often. Instead, they mostly entertain family, friends and neighbors at the place for which they're named and where this group of seven musicians, all with strong roots in Cape Elizabeth, formed some-

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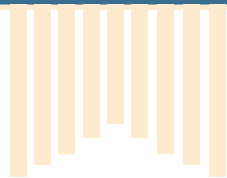
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If you would like to nominate someone for this award, please visit our website for the application, www.ceef.us/alumni-award and submit your nomination to info@ceef.us no later than **Friday, March 1st.**

CAPE CALENDAR

By Wendy Derzawiec

Thursday, February 7

School Board Policy Committee, 3-4:15 p.m., William H. Jordan Conference Room, Town Hall
 Town Council Ordinance Committee, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall
 Recycling Committee, 7 p.m., Public Works

Monday, February 11

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

Tuesday, February 12

School Board, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall chamber
 Conservation Committee, 7 p.m., Town Hall Lower Level Conference Room

Monday, February 18

Presidents 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 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. Purpoodock Country Club, Spurwink Avenue. 767-7388.

Codependents Anonymous (CODA) group at Cape Elizabeth United Methodist Church Regular meeting weekly on Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. Call 799-4599 FMI.

CABLE GUIDE

Cape Elizabeth Church of the Nazarene
 Feb. 9, 10, 16 & 17 - 9 a.m.
Town Council (live)
 Feb. 11 - 7 p.m.
School Board (live)
 Feb. 12 - 6 p.m.

CHANNEL 3

Town Council replay
 Feb. 13 & 14 - 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.
 Feb. 16 - 10:30 a.m.
School Board replay
 Feb. 15 & 16 - 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.
 Feb. 17 - 10:30 a.m.

How We Met

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in case" they got a snowstorm. Those days were filled with someone playing the piano, my grandmother cooking in the kitchen, board games, snow fights, and endless laughter.

We learned many years later how much my mother enjoyed these storms as she was an only child and my father had two sisters and a brother. But of course, the real reason she loved those days was because those were the days that led to her falling in love with my father. There are many wonderful, and hilarious, stories about my parents time dating, but this is my favorite. One week after they graduated from college, they were married.

My father shares this story and his love for my mother every year when buying the annual Girl Scout cookies at the Cape

Elizabeth IGA. In his mind, at that moment of retelling, he is 14 and back in that Girl Scout dance, not standing outside the grocery store. His face lights up and his smile is a mile wide. Several mothers have commented over the years how different the world was then, and my parents would agree.

This year will be the 61st time they will say "Happy Valentine's Day" to each other.

Kimberly Davis

Two years ago I was renting out my house and living with my sister's family in Cape for a few months. I had to spend a week in Hallowell for a work trip. The morning I left, my brother in law said, "I bet you'll meet the man of your dreams this week!" I left with an eye roll.

I arrived in Hallowell on Halloween. I posted on Facebook, "I've discovered the cutest town in Maine!". I spent the week in a 200 year old, beautiful, creepy bed and breakfast that was formerly a funeral home- interesting week. Anyway, a friend replied to my post: "You should meet my friend Mark Wiesendanger for a beer - you'll be fast friends!" Mark was living in Hallowell, so I reached out and we met for a beer later in the week.

We were married two years to the day that we met. We met November 3, 2016 and were married this past November 3, 2018. Our wedding also happened to be 83 years to the day of my grandparents' wedding (we didn't know this when we planned the wedding). I had Mark's wedding ring engraved: "Fast Friends 11/3/2018." Our lives are filled with love. We're so lucky. I will say to anyone who fears they won't find the right person - be patient. It was worth the wait for us and we never, ever settled.

Nicole Petit Wiesendanger

Developments in clergy and staff team at St. Alban's

St. Alban's Episcopal Church is pleased to announce two significant developments in our clergy and staff team.

The Rev. Holly Hoffmann (formerly Clark) has been promoted to the position of associate rector of St. Alban's. Of course, Holly is not a stranger to us, having served first as our dynamic summer seminarian in 2017, and then as a gifted deacon and assistant rector. Her promotion to be associate rector reflects our confidence in her leadership as a priest, pastor, preacher and teacher. And her fresh commitment reflects her love of St. Alban's. Holly's new position will involve added responsibilities, time and compensation.

It's also a joy to announce that Debbie Fisher, a devoted member of the parish and long-time director of our children and family ministries, will join us again in a fresh and on-going way. Debbie served at St. Alban's from 2001-2015 and brings all of her invaluable experience and knowledge of the parish to her new role as director of children's formation. Our parents, kids, and all who love them are thrilled that Mrs. Fisher is back.

Band

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what unexpectedly just a few years ago; a big red barn on Driftwood Lane. If you've run the Beach to Beacon road race or enjoyed the Willard Square Community's WillardFest during either of the past two summers, you've probably heard the Driftwood Barn Band play and capture the essence of live classic rock, both in its original songs and diverse list of covers."

Of the type of music the Driftwood Barn Band plays, Sam Lowe said, "They play a diverse blend of classic rock covers and several originals created by Jo, Mike and Scott."

The band came from Jack Lowe's longstanding passion for music, a barn he built and a drum set that has roots going back to Thomas Lizotte, a long-time and award-winning teacher of music, at CEHS. Lowe said, "That combined with NFL Patriot football gatherings, musician friends and an intertwined mix from there created the band. Started small and simple and quickly grew in ability and equipment. We have gathered once a week for more than two years now."

The band's name is derived from the street name that is associated with the barn the band practices and often performs in.

While Sam Lowe doesn't play an instrument in the band, she sees the project as an opportunity for growth. "I've been an on and off again struggling guitar player for several years [but] the formation of the band has driven me to strive at becoming useful to the band's purpose . . . I never in a million years thought I would be a part of a band. I've also had a steep learning curve with sound and lights. It's been extremely challenging, fun and rewarding!" she said.

Sam Lowe said of the chemistry within the band, "I would say Mike and Jo make us laugh the most. Coincidentally, they can be the most demanding and serious too."

Mike Foley said that humor can even be found during gigs. "Having played for the runners of the last two Beach to Beacon races, along the route at Driftwood Lane, we sometimes joke how we've already performed for international audiences of over six thousand people, without leaving Driftwood," he said.

"The band is driven by our passion of music, the camaraderie it creates and the pure fun of it," said Jack Lowe. "We continue to appreciate all of the local support and positive feedback the band has received."

Sam Lowe said, "We love to donate time and efforts entertaining our local community. To date, we're rarely paid; [we're] not in it for the money but like to raise money for a good, local cause. We play for the love of music, gatherings and the friendships developed within the group."

On Friday, March 1, the Driftwood Barn Band will be making that debut in Portland at One Longfellow Square at 8 p.m. Tickets are available online at onelongfellowssquare.com, and at the door on the night of the event.

The Driftwood Barn Band can be found on Facebook and Instagram or contacted via email at driftwoodbarnband@gmail.com.

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COMPLAINTS

- 12-31 An officer met with a resident of the Shore Road area regarding unauthorized charges on his credit card.
- 1-1 An officer met with a subject at the PD regarding suspicious activity.
- 1-4 Two officers responded to a residence in the Shore Road area for a domestic disturbance.
- 1-8 An officer met with a resident of the Shore Road area who turned over a ring containing two Honda keys and fob and miscellaneous keys.
- 1-9 An officer met with a resident of the Ocean House Road area regarding a landlord/tenant issue.
- 1-9 An officer met with a local business representative who advised that someone had used his personal information to open a credit card in his name.
- 1-10 An officer met with a representative at CEHS who had found a wheelchair and several cans of beer in a snow bank. The owner of the wheelchair was identified and contacted. the owner advised the wheelchair was old and could be discarded.
- 1-12 Two officers responded to residence in the Woodland Road area for a well being check.
- 1-12 An officer responded to a residence in the Mitchell Road area for report of a dog outside in the extreme cold with no shelter and barking.
- 1-14 An officer met with a resident of the Broad Cove area regarding unauthorized purchases on his debit card.
- 1-14 An officer met with a resident of the Shore Acres area regarding a theft of an Amazon package from the front steps.
- 1-14 An officer met with a resident of the Mitchell Road area regarding an assault complaint.
- 1-15 An officer met with a resident of Ocean House Road area regarding a criminal mischief to a motor vehicle complaint.
- 1-15 An officer met with a resident of the Mitchell Road area regarding unauthorized charges to her debit card.
- 1-17 An officer met with a resident of the Oakhurst area regarding fraudulent credit charges.
- 1-18 An officer responded to CEHS for an accident. The damage was minor and did not require a formal accident report. Operators exchanged information.
- 1-19 Two officers responded to a residence in the Stonegate area for a reported possible burglary in progress. Subject was located and extremely intoxicated and believed he was in Falmouth. He had come from the Old Port and got into the wrong Lyft and passed out and got dropped off at the wrong destination. Arrangements were made to get him home.
- 1-19 An officer responded to a residence in the Sawyer Road area for a loose dog complaint. Officer made contact with the dog's owner who reported having problems with the electric fence/collar and had just purchased new batteries for the collar.
- 1-20 An officer took a complaint from a resident of the Sawyer Road area who advised her e-mail and credit card information had been compromised.

SUMMONSES

- 1-1 Brunswick resident, operating after suspended license, Route 77
- 1-3 Cape Elizabeth resident, failure to report accident, Valley Road
- 1-3 Cape Elizabeth resident, leaving the scene of an accident, Valley Road
- 1-4 Cape Elizabeth resident, possession of drug paraphernalia, Spurwink Avenue
- 1-5 Windham resident, failure to produce insurance, Mitchell Road, \$186
- 1-10 South Portland resident, operating after suspended license, Route 77, \$325

- 1-10 South Portland resident, violation of conditions of release, Route 77
- 1-11 Portland resident, operating after suspended license, Route 77, \$325
- 1-12 Portland resident, uninspected motor vehicle, Route 77, \$148
- 1-12 Connecticut resident, uninspected motor vehicle, Shore Road, \$148
- 1-15 Old Orchard Beach resident, speeding (47/30 zone), Mitchell Road, \$170
- 1-17 Cape Elizabeth resident, uninspected motor vehicle, Route 77, \$148
- 1-18 Portland resident, speeding (49/30 zone), Sawyer Road, \$170
- 1-18 South Portland resident, failure to produce insurance, Route 77, \$186

ACCIDENTS

- 1-03 Joseph Labrie, Mitchell Road
- 1-02 Erin Taylor, Scott Dyer Road
- 1-03 Sulayman Shir, Valley Road
- 1-05 Allison Stewart, Anders Newberg, Shore Road
- 1-08 Jessica Reynolds, Spurwink Avenue
- 1-10 Thomas Whitcomb, Valley Road
- 1-14 Ian Haines, Corina Page, Ocean House Road
- 1-14 Jonah Evon, Old Ocean House Road
- 1-15 Ruth Morales, Jeffrey Berman, Ocean House Road
- 1-20 Adam Beckworth, Ocean House Road

ARRESTS

- 1-7 Transient, probation violation, Woodland Road

FIRE CALLS

- 01-02 Cottage Farms Road Furnace Problem
- 01-03 Headlund Lane CO Alarm
- 01-03 South Portland Mutual Aid
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- 01-04 Mountain View Assistance
- 01-04 South Portland Mutual Aid
- 01-06- South Portland Mutual Aid
- 01-07 South Portland Mutual Aid
- 01-09 South Portland Mutual Aid
- 01-09 South Portland Mutual Aid
- 01-11 Fieldways Lane Fire Alarm
- 01-12 Two Lights Road Fire Alarm
- 01-13 South Portland Mutual Aid
- 01-15 Delano Park Fire Alarm
- 01-15 Ocean House Road Motor Vehicle Accident
- 01-16 Longfellow Drive CO Alarm
- 01-18 Harrison Avenue Investigation

RESCUE CALLS

There were 38 runs to Maine Medical Center
 There were 3 runs to Mercy Hospital
 There were 10 patients treated by rescue personnel but not transported.

Winter Lunch & Learn Senior Series

Enjoy a light lunch in the company of others along with a variety of interactive learning opportunities meant to engage, enlighten and entertain. Advanced reservations required and may be made by calling Community Services at 799-2868.

Cape Elizabeth resident Ray Shevenell presents the screening of "The Home Road" documenting his 188-mile trek from Quebec to Biddeford, retracing his great-great-grandfather's pioneering journey from Compton, Quebec to Biddeford in 1845. "Layered over this adventure are narrations, interviews, archive photos and film, and stories; exploring the themes of migration, movement and 'home,'" said Shevenell's daughter, filmmaker Tonya Shevenell. The screening will be held on Tuesday, Feb 19 from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m at the Cape Elizabeth High School Cafeteria. Cost is \$10 per person.

Enjoy a catered boiled dinner before the Stillson School of Irish Dance (including Cape's own Piper Strunk) perform traditional Irish step dance in their sparkling, colorful costumes. Director Carlene Moran Stillson will tell us the history of the dance and explain the

meanings behind the elaborate costume designs. The event will be held on Friday, March 15 from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the Cape Elizabeth Fire Station. Cost is \$20 per person.

There's a new chief in town and if you have not yet had the opportunity to meet him, Chief of Police Paul Fenton will tell us how he is transitioning into his new role and where he sees the department going forward under his direction and leadership. There will be an opportunity to ask questions. The event will be held on Tuesday, March 26 from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 pm at the Cape Elizabeth Fire Station. Cost is \$10 per person.

Additionally, the Cape Elizabeth High School Seniors invite community seniors to join them for lunch on the first Thursday each month at the high school cafeteria. Lunch service begins at 11:00 a.m. and fresh made to order sandwiches, hot entrees and a la cart items are available from \$3.25 to \$6.25. Cash Only. Call 799-2868 to register. The upcoming dates are February 7, March 7 and April 4.

CECS school vacation camps for Kindergarten through 6th Grade

Kids in Kindergarten through 6th grade can pack their winter and spring breaks full of games, exploring, crafts, fresh air, good friends and more.

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February vacation camp runs Tuesday through Friday (February 19 – 22) from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Daily excursions

include ice-skating, swimming, snow tubing, and roller-skating. Activities surround "Slippery Stuff."

April vacation camp runs Tuesday through Friday (April 16 – 19) from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Daily excursions include bounce park, pottery painting, and swimming. Activities surround "Goin' Green" theme.

Want to know more about school vacation camps? Contact Community Services at 799-2868.

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ADULT PROGRAMS

CEO Roundtable: Monthly Meeting of Entrepreneurs

Thursday, Feb. 7, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

If you're an entrepreneur or have your heart set on starting your own business, please join us in February for a new monthly gathering of kindred souls. At our CEO (Cape Elizabeth Opportunity) Roundtable, you'll have the opportunity to share ideas, get advice, and talk shop. We're going to meet on the first Thursday of each month with speakers most months to help you learn ways to grow your business.

YA Anonymous Book Club

Thursday, Feb. 7, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Are you an adult who reads YA books? Have you ever wanted to meet other readers who share your affinity for YA? Do you need an outlet for gushing about your favorite YA characters and authors? Welcome to YA Anonymous! We meet on the first Thursday of each month to discuss our favorite YA titles. For more information, please contact Alyssa at alapie@thomas.lib.me.us

Democracy Cafe

Tuesday, Feb. 12, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Our Democracy Cafe meets on the second Tuesday of each month. In February, we're going to discuss how freedom of religion and freedom from religion are two sides of the same coin. We welcome Tom Waddell from the Maine Chapter of the Freedom From Religion Foundation this month to help lead the discussion. We hope you'll join us for another great gathering. All are welcome.

Morning Book Group

Wednesday, Feb. 13, 9:30-11:00 a.m.

Please join us this month to discuss Homegoing by Yaa Gyasi. New members are always welcome.

Meet Byron, the Barred Owl

Thursday, Feb. 14, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

MAINE WILDLIFE SERIES: The Center For Wildlife joins us again this month – this time with Byron, the Barred Owl! Come meet this wild ambassador and learn more about his ecology, adaptations, and his history with the Center for Wildlife as a “foster parent” to orphaned barred owlets. Our Maine Wildlife Series is great for all ages.

This talk is brought to you with the

generous support of the Thomas Memorial Library Foundation: www.Thomas-MemorialFoundation.org.

Meet Maine Author Philip Moss

Tuesday, Feb. 19, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Philip J. Moss is the author of eight novellas and several collections of short stories, mostly set in Maine. We're delighted he will be joining us this month to talk about the difference between writing fiction and non-fiction, what constitutes a “good turn of phrase,” and other related topics.

Writers' Accountability Group

Wednesday, Feb. 20, 10:00 a.m.-noon

TML's Writer's Accountability Group (WAG!) meets on the third Wednesday of each month from 10:00 a.m. - noon. All levels of expertise and genres are welcome. We hope you'll join us to help get your WAG going.

Getting to the Core of Who You Are

Thursday, Feb. 21, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Your core beliefs influence everything. They are a guiding force in your life and are the key to creating change, both internally and externally. When your external world matches up with your core beliefs, you can achieve what you want to achieve. When your external world is out of sync with your core beliefs, it's easy to get off-track. So how do you get to, or get back to the essence of who you are?

Dr. Kimble Greene joins us this month to talk about her Monarch Method that gives you tools and practices to help get you back to your core self and bring more joy and less struggle into your life.

Evening Book Group

Thursday, Feb. 21, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Please join us this month to discuss “The Soul of America; The Battle for Our Better Angels” by Jon Meacham. New members are always welcome.

Ongoing Adult Programs

- Knitting Group – Every Monday at 1:00 p.m.
- Democracy Cafe – Second Tuesday from 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- Morning Book Group – Second Wednesday from 9:30-11:00 a.m.
- Writers' Accountability Group – Third Wednesday from 10:00 a.m.-noon
- Senior Tech – Fourth Wednesday from 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

• NEW! Entrepreneurs Gathering – First Thursday from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

• Maine Wildlife Lecture Series – Second Thursday from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

• Evening Book Group – Third Thursday from 7:00-8:30 p.m.

• NEW! Songwriting Workshop – Fourth Thursday from 6:15-8:15 p.m.

• Chess Club – Every Saturday from 9:00-11:00 a.m.

• Portland Stage Talk-Back Series – First Saturday of the month, 1:00-2:00 p.m. March-May 2019

PROGRAMS FOR TEENS & TWEENS

Diversions Board Game Contest Kick-Off Party

Saturday, Feb. 16, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Have you always wanted to create your own board game? Join us in collaboration with Diversions Puzzles and Games in South Portland for our first-ever Board Game Contest! Team up with friends to create a playable board game and win fun prizes! The kick-off event is MANDATORY for all participants wishing to enter their board game into the competition. The rules and regulations will be explained and the mystery “mechanic” that you will need to include in your game will be revealed, so it is very important that you attend this event.

Open to ages 10 and up. Teams may be no less than two people and no more than six people. No previous experience required! Game construction will take place during the week of February vacation and submission of the games to the judges will take place on Saturday, Feb 23rd at our “Closing Ceremony.” Please register in advance on the library's website.

Teen Programs (Weekly)

Our Dungeons & Dragons Club meets every Tuesday from 3-6 p.m. in the library's conference room downstairs. Open to tweens and teens ages 11 and up. *This session is currently full. If you'd like to be put on the waiting list, please email Alyssa at alapie@thomas.lib.me.us.

Join us for Crafternoons at the library after school every Thursday from 2:30-3:30 p.m. Kiah and Alyssa will be making a new drop-in craft each week in the Children's Room.

New Program: TEEN LOUNGE

Come play board and card games, take a turn on the Wii, color in one of our adult coloring books, or do an easy craft every Friday after school from 2:30-4:30 p.m. in our Community Room. Open to teens in grades 6 and up. No registration required.

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

Our regular story time schedule continues with weekly programs for babies, toddlers, preschoolers, and families (see our complete schedule on the library's website.) We also have some special events for school vacation week, and some monthly events coming up:

Musical Story Hour with Jud Caswell, for ages 3 and up

Thursday, Feb. 14, 1:00 - 1:45 p.m.

Singer/songwriter Jud Caswell entertains with songs, musical games, and stories with his own original musical accompaniment. No registration necessary.

Animal Advocates Club, for kids in grades 3 - 6

Thursday, Feb. 14, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Kids meet monthly with Felicia Mazzone from the Animal Refuge League of Greater Portland, along with a live animal friend from the shelter. Learn about the work that the shelter does, and work on projects to benefit shelter animals. This month, make some Valentine's Day treats for pets. No registration necessary.

Introduction to Chess, for ages 5 and up

Tuesday, Feb. 19

1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

and

Thursday, Feb. 21

1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Kids as young as five are invited to join chess enthusiast Isaac Dinnerstein for two introductory classes to learn how to play chess. Come to one or both classes to get started, and get some practice. Older kids and teens who have always wanted to learn chess are welcome to attend as well. Please register in advance on the library's website.

Mad Inventor's Workshop, for ages 6 and up




Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2:00 - 2:45 p.m.


Come see what you can make out of buttons, balls, clips, gears, and all kinds of doodads as you let your imagination and creative spirit run wild! No registration necessary.

Special Story Time Event for ages 3 to 7: “The Yin Yang Sisters and the Dragon Frightful,” by Nancy Tupper Ling

Thursday, Feb. 21, 3:00 - 3:45 p.m.

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Birding report for mid-January

By E. Brooks Bornhoff

In the late afternoon of January 12 a Northern Harrier, aka "Marsh Hawk" was spotted hunting along the fringes of the Spurwink River. On this same day there was Rough-legged Hawk along Black Point Road in Scarborough. A cold climate hawk, Rough-legged's nest and rear young in the tundra regions north of the boreal forest.

In the early morning hours of Jan 17 a very cold looking Hermit Thrush was seen in a Winterberry bush along Shore road.

'Tis the hooting season - on the evening of Jan 18 (Super Blood Wolf Moon was on Jan 20) I had just arrived home from work and was standing in our front hallway when all of a sudden I thought I heard hooting. Seconds later there it was again, the evenly spaced, low pitched, deep but seemingly distant booming sound of a male Great Horned Owl. Stepping outside to further investigate the matter, I was treated to the higher and huskier hoot notes of the female as well.

The last time that I heard Great Horned Owls calling from our property was February 2017. During January and February these owls become vocal. Later in the year the birds are less vocal, but now and then, especially in autumn, their hooting may be heard. As many folks may know, the Great Horned is a very early nester, often with young in the nest long before the snow has left us for the

season. In "Birds of Massachusetts and other New England States" (1927) Edward Howe Forbush describes the nest of a Great Horned as "well lined with a handsome, yellow mass of warm feathers from the mothers breast which seemed analogous to the downy lining of a ducks nest." Another important factor contributing to the need to nest early is that this is a large raptor that takes longer to grow and mature to a point where the bird (known to some as the Tiger owl) can master complex hunting maneuvers.

Additional and perhaps somewhat noteworthy mentionings - There is a Baltimore Oriole's nest hanging over the road, (close to the intersection Scott Dyer Road and Starboard Drive). Brown creepers can still be found quietly going about their business in Robinson Woods. An overwintering Northern Mockingbird was seen in Delano Park. Part of the reason these mimics are so resilient (stick around) is that they can switch from eating mainly insects in the summer to eating mostly fruit in the fall and winter time. Lastly, we are still seeing good numbers of Pine Siskins on our Nyjer tube. One Pine Finch sat on a snag a few feet from my head and waited for me to refill the seed tube. It is very likely that these birds are less cautious of humans because they don't encounter us very often in the isolated conifer groves of the northern forests.

Art

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make these kids' lives better is just more evidence," said student Ella Briman.

Student Alexandra Lynch said, "It's an opportunity to connect with children in an alternative and a creative way. The children's exuberant reactions when they see the portraits really illustrate how powerful art can be." For her part, the teacher is pleased that her risk paid off. DeWan said, "I am absolutely

blown away by the portraits my students painted! They exceeded my expectations and I'm so proud of their dedication and perseverance through this challenging painting project. I'm thrilled to help my students realize that art has the power to connect people from different cultures and the ability to show love and compassion."

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Vegetation management work completed at Fort Williams Park



Photo by Nylah Lyman

Visitors recently found signs indicating vegetation management work in progress at Ft. Williams Park. The work has since been completed. According to Public Works Director Robert Malley, no pesticides were used in the off-leash section of the park, and all the clearing was done by hand or mechanically. The photo shows a portion of the park, just below the sports field and within view of the lighthouse, where once there was a thick stand of trees and shrubs covering the slope and almost obscuring the steps. It is now open, with room to grow for the remaining, carefully selected trees.

Upcoming CELT programs

What's the Buzz About Bees?

What types of bees are found in Maine? Why are some bee species in decline? What can we do to protect bee populations in Maine? What plants encourage bees into our landscapes? Jennifer Lund, Maine State Apiarist, will answer these and many other questions about the bees in our landscape. Join her for a rich presentation and discussion at the Cape Elizabeth Land Trust Office about bees in Maine, and their importance.

Tuesday, February 19
7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

CELT office: 330 Ocean House Road, Cape Elizabeth
\$6/person

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\$6/parent and one child. Each additional child \$3.

Animal Tracking for Families

Join Cape Elizabeth Land Trust Education Coordinator Natasha Rathlev at the Great Pond Fenway Road trailhead to learn common winter animal tracks and practice tracking. Participants will receive a hand-held track guide that they will then use to identify and follow various tracks along the trail. Warm, dry clothing and footwear are a must. Children attending should be at least six years old, and accompanied by an adult. Outing is subject to acceptable weather conditions.

Wednesday, February 20
9:30-10:30 a.m.

Meet at the end of Fenway Road
\$6/parent and 1 child

Please register for the above programs through Cape Elizabeth Community Services. <http://www.capecommunity-services.org/>. Participants who register at least 48 hours in advance will receive notice of cancellation. All proceeds for these programs go to CELT, and please call the CELT office with any questions. 767-6054.

Good Night, Cape Elizabeth: Winter

Children ages 2-6 (with an adult) are invited to the CELT office to enjoy a bedtime hour about the snowy owl, our "cold-weather friends." Join Children's author Melissa Kim, and CELT volunteer Jill Darling for stories, a craft, and a brief visit outdoors, as we learn about owls in Maine. Come in your pajamas, and bring a snack. Parents/guardians must be present.

Monday, February 11
6:00-7:00 p.m.

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**UNH announces
 dean's list**

The following students have been named
 to the dean's list for the fall 2018 semester at
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 ham, New Hampshire:

- Andrew Kelly, with Honors
- Rachel Seekins, with Highest Honors
- Eleonora Giovine, with High Honors
- Hannah Walsh, with High Honors

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Meredith and Ken Young are proud
 to announce that their daughter, Alexa
 Young, was placed on the Dean's List
 of Southern Maine Community Col-
 lege for the Fall of 2018 semester. The
 Dean's List honors those that receive a
 grade point average of 3.0 or more.



Elsie Maxwell turned 90 years young
 on Dec. 2, but celebrated for the whole
 month, ending with a splash party after
 Christmas. Family members from New
 Hampshire, Missouri, Pennsylvania and
 even Japan joined her in the pool and
 returned to the farm for dinner & cake.

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Dean's List announcements

Susannah Graham has been named to
 the dean's list for the fall 2018 semester at
 the University of Vermont. Graham, from
 Cape Elizabeth, is majoring in Business
 Administration in the Grossman School
 of Business.

Sophie Chase of Cape Elizabeth, a mem-
 ber of the class of 2022 majoring in chemi-
 cal engineering, was named to the dean's list
 for the fall 2018 semester at Worcester Polytech-
 nic Institute in Worcester, Massachusetts.

Rebecca Tarling of Cape Elizabeth has
 been named to the Plymouth State Universi-
 ty President's List for the fall 2018 semester.
 Tarling is a Music Education (K-12) major at
 Plymouth State, located in Plymouth, New
 Hampshire.

Teresa Haller of Cape Elizabeth has been
 named to the dean's list at Assumption Col-
 lege in Worcester, Massachusetts.

Grady McCormick of Cape Elizabeth has
 been named to the dean's list at The Uni-
 versity of Rhode Island in Kingston, Rhode
 Island.

Albert Leblond of Cape Elizabeth has
 achieved Dean's High Honors for the fall
 2018 semester at Nichols College in Dudley,
 Massachusetts.

The following Cape Elizabeth residents
 were named to the fall dean's list at Muhlen-
 berg College in Allentown, Pennsylvania:
 Faith Buckley, Melissa Rudberg.



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Pirates Bowen and Hudson Charlebois spent holiday vacation sailing with the Courier in the British Virgin Islands.

Mary Ann Lynch joins Mitchell Tardy Jackson



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Mary Ann Lynch has joined Mitchell Tardy Jackson, a government relations firm

Mitchell Tardy Jackson, a government relations firm located in Augusta is pleased to announce that Mary Ann Lynch has joined the lobby team. "Mary Ann is highly respected throughout state government," said founding member Jim Mitchell. "Her in-depth policy knowledge and skill at drafting and negotiating legislation add tremendous depth to our team. We're absolutely delighted to have her on board."

An attorney, Ms. Lynch most recently served as the government and media counsel for the Maine Judicial Branch where she was responsible for public and government affairs for the Maine court system. In this position she was chief liaison for the Maine Judicial Branch to the executive and legislative branches of state government; she further worked with county and local governments on state courthouse construction

projects and served as the primary public spokesperson for the court system.

Ms. Lynch also brings private sector experience to the table, specifically in the energy sector. As vice president of law and Government Affairs for Maine Yankee Atomic Power Company, she successfully handled complex public policy and legal issues throughout decommissioning of the power plant.

Early in her career, Ms. Lynch served as assistant to Governor Joseph Brennan, coordinating gubernatorial appointments and lobbying for the Governor's legislative priorities. Active in her community, Ms. Lynch was a member of the Cape Elizabeth Town Council from 2001 – 2008; she served as Chair for two terms.

Mary Ann Lynch and her husband, Gregg Ginn reside in Cape Elizabeth.

Labrie named to dean's list

Nathan Labrie, son of John and Samantha Labrie, was named to the fall 2018 Dean's High Honors list at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio. Labrie, CEHS Class of 2018, is majoring in Mechanical Engineering with a minor in Biomedical Engineering.

Frost earns spot at the USA Climbing National Championship



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Cape Elizabeth resident Ian Frost is headed to the USA Climbing National Championship

Cape Elizabeth resident and CEMS fifth grader Ian Frost has earned a spot at the USA Climbing National Championship held in Redmond, Oregon from Feb 8-10.

Climbing for Team Salt Pump based in Scarborough, 10-year old Frost has qualified through stellar performances in the local, regional, and divisional stages. He is currently ranked second in his division. "We're very excited that Ian will have an opportunity to compete at Nationals and represent Team Salt Pump," said Rufus Frost, Ian's father, "It's been amazing for us to see Ian reach this level and the entire team's progress this season under the exceptional coaching of Michaela and [Assistant Coach] Alison."

Cheer Ian on by tuning into the USA Climbing webcast, starting Friday Feb 8: http://www.usaclimbing.org/Nationals_Information/Bouldering_Nationals/Bouldering_Youth_Nationals/Youth_Broadcast_Information.htm.

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