Two Lights Park renovations in preliminary planning stage

By Jeff Mandell

A project to re-open the bunker and other World War II structures at Two Lights State Park is in the preliminary planning stage. Pictured above is the Two Lights bunker, known as BCN 201 (Bunker Construction Number 201).

Every year, thousands of visitors to Two Lights Park leave their cars in the lot and climb the 40-odd rough rock steps up a small hill for a spectacular roof-top view of the ocean. It might surprise them to learn that the small grassy plaza at the top of the steps actually is a roof, and the hill they just climbed is artificial. As they gaze out over the Atlantic, they stand on a hollow bunker built during World War II to protect the entry to Portland Harbor.

Park manager Kurt Schoen said that the bunker and other World War II structures in the park, “Have been asleep and need to be awakened and open to the public.” The Maine Department of Agriculture Conservation & Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands, in cooperation with the Bureau of Real Estate Management and the Maine Historic Preservation Commission, is currently in the preliminary planning stage of a project to make those structures available to the public once again. The bunker was open to the public with guided tours as recently as five years ago.

Schoen said that the work needed to re-open the bunker includes running underground power to the bunker from the power supply across the parking lot, and installing an electrical panel for lighting to ensure safe entry and exit. He said, “The goal is to illuminate and open every room that has a story to tell. The bunker is remarkably well-preserved inside, but would need concrete restoration outside.” The bunker houses a variety of rooms, including munitions storage, a central poison-gas proof plotting room, communications rooms, and of course, a latrine.

The Department is currently at a stage to conduct a feasibility study/engineering plan as to what it would take to illuminate the bunker and provide interpretive signs that describe the rooms and other features. The upgrades to the park would also include the Lady Bird Johnson beach rose garden overlooking the ocean. This garden, dedicated in June, 1967 by the former first lady, is in the preliminary planning stage of a project to make those structures available to the public once again. The bunker was open to the public with guided tours as recently as five years ago.

CEHS recognized as 2019 National Blue Ribbon School

By Kevin St. Jarre

Cape Elizabeth High School has been recognized as a 2019 National Blue Ribbon School. The U.S. Department of Education recognized 362 schools as National Blue Ribbon Schools for 2019. The recognition is based on a school’s overall academic performance or progress in closing achievement gaps among student subgroups.

The coveted National Blue Ribbon Schools award affirms the hard work of educators, families and communities in creating safe and welcoming schools where students master challenging and engaging content.

“We recognize and honor your important work in preparing students for successful careers and meaningful lives,” said U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos in a video message to the honorees. “As a National Blue Ribbon School, your school demonstrates what is possible when committed educators hold all students and staff to high standards and create vibrant, innovative cultures of teaching and learning.”

According to the U.S. Department of Education website, only three high schools in New England were recognized as National Blue Ribbon Schools, with two in Maine and one in Connecticut. In Maine, in addition to CEHS, Yarmouth High School was recognized.

Senators Susan Collins and Angus King, in a joint statement, said, “The highly prestigious Blue Ribbon designation achieved by these three schools reflects the tireless efforts of the entire school communities to build a brighter future for Maine’s youth. This accomplishment would not be possible without dedicated teachers who are committed to helping their students learn and succeed, and staff and administrators who have built strong school environments, and families and students who have kept the focus on learning in and out of the classroom. We are so proud to have these schools representing Maine as 2019 Blue Ribbon schools, and we congratulate them on earning this honor.”

Superintendent of Schools Donna Wolfrom, in a message passed along to faculty by Principal Jeffrey Shedd, “Congratulations on the honor of being selected as a National Blue Ribbon School. While I can’t assume any of the credit for this honor, I am very proud of all of the teachers, staff and students at Cape Elizabeth High School and of the efforts of those at Cape Elizabeth Middle School and Pond Cove Elementary School who build the foundation for the success of our students. Our students are very fortunate to be taught and cared for by such amazing teachers and staff. Again, congratulations on this well-deserved recognition!”

Principal Jeff Shedd said, “The CEHS staff are blessed to be working with families who care deeply about education. In turn, our families and students are blessed to be working with the most extraordinarily talented and caring group of teachers and support staff that I have ever worked with. I believe the staff is particularly proud of the fact that this designation is not just the result of standardized test scores; it is the product of the work they do every day, serving the needs of CEHS’s students.”

Now in its 37th year, the National Blue Ribbon Schools Program has bestowed national recognition on 362 schools representing Maine as 2019 Blue Ribbon schools, and we congratulate them on earning this honor.”

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‘Outstandingly effective implementation’ of Pay and Display at Fort Williams

I would like to acknowledge and congratulate Robert Malley, Director of Public Works, Matthew Sturgis, Town Manager, the Town Council and many others for the outstandingly effective implementation of ‘Pay and Display’ at Fort Williams.

This was accomplished without any inconvenience or disruption to Cape residents. Moreover, in talking to town visitors in the park, they universally comment on the beauty of the location. No one has complained about paying to park in such a unique part of the Maine coast.

The implementation by our community officials of the “Pay and Display” program ensures that the reasons we love the park will remain for future generations. The park is in the best condition I’ve seen in the past 35 years. The work that has been done by the Fort Williams Foundation and all the volunteers has made an enormous difference.

Congratulations to all on a job well done! And thank you!

Ken Lane

Penny Jordan: careful listener, dedicated to serving others

We are writing to encourage you to vote for Penny Jordan for Town Council. She is a tireless, effective, patient and perceptive leader. Penny for years has been dedicated to community and town work, as well as the Land Trust and, of course, farming in Cape Elizabeth. She demonstrates time and again, an ability to listen carefully to all points of view before drawing a conclusion. Once a consensus is reached, she is tireless in moving groups of people, and projects, forward.

Penny is one of the most knowledgeable and informed people in regards to both the strengths and challenges that our town has faced in the past and will inevitably face in the future. Generous, congenial and thoughtful; an excellent team player and leader; we are extremely fortunate that Penny Jordan is willing to devote her time and energy for the benefit of everyone in our town.

Let’s all join together to re-elect Penny Jordan to our Town Council. We could have no better representative.

Frank Govannell and Terry Ann Scriven

Keep it Green in Cape Elizabeth: Plogging Week starts Oct. 13

Cape Elizabeth Plogging Week will be held from Sunday, October 13 to Saturday, October 19 to Honor Indigenous People’s Day. Keep Cape roads, trails and beaches clean and green by picking up trash when you’re out for a walk or run. It’s simple:

• Grab a bag and pair of gloves and pick up trash on your next walk or run on Cape roads, trails and beaches
• Take pictures and post them with #ploggingME
• Take your Plogging Trash to the Cape Elizabeth Recyling Center and place it in the Plogging Trash container.

There will also be a plogging dumpster at the Recycling Center during the week where Cape runners and walkers can drop off their plogging trash. The plan is to sort the trash and document the most common trash that gets thrown on our roads.

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Returnable bottle shed proceeds application deadline is Nov. 8

The Town of Cape Elizabeth is accepting applications from not-for-profit service clubs and organizations, based in Cape Elizabeth serving the town’s youth, to share in proceeds from the bottle redemption building at the Recycling Center. The application deadline is Friday, November 8. The distribution of funds will be awarded in November. Organizations are asked to complete an application and submit a request for funds explaining the mission of the organization and how the funds will be used. The application deadline is Friday, November 8. Funds will be awarded based on need and not exceed $2,000 per allocation. One application per group/organization may be submitted. Applications may be downloaded at www.capecelizabeth.com or to request an application contact Officer David Galvan at 767-1232 or david.galvan@capecelizabeth.org.

Notice about publication of letters during election season

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Closures for Columbus Day Oct. 14

Town offices, Thomas Memorial Library, Cape Elizabeth schools closed. Recycling Center open regular hours, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

For hours at the pool, fitness center, please refer to their respective websites. Town Council meeting scheduled for Oct. 14 will be rescheduled.

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Then and Now: It takes members of a village to raise...a village

By Jim Rowe

Copy of portion of 1766 town meeting minutes showing disbursements to Loveitt, Skillin, and Maxwell for their service as selectmen.

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Copy of portion of 1766 town meeting minutes showing disbursements to Loveitt, Skillin, and Maxwell for their service as selectmen.


Familiar surnames in these parts, but perhaps not so easy to put the given names with faces. Understandable, because these men lived a long time ago.

As we contemplate another upcoming municipal election, let us be reminded that since its incorporation in 1765, the District, and then Town of Cape Elizabeth has benefitted from the contributions of many devoted public servants—elected officials, other volunteers, and hired employees. These people have played and continue to play integral roles in the developing story of our town.

For over 200 years, Cape Elizabeth followed a template for government that was common in small New England towns—a selectman/town meeting model. In it, three elected representatives (selectmen) had routine oversight of the community, while major policy and fiscal decisions were reached at either regularly scheduled or specially called town meetings. Town meeting attendance varied, reflecting the perceived importance of the items on the agenda. Depending on the anticipated level of controversy, decisions were reached via voice acclamation, show of hands, or secret ballot.

In 1968 (the result of a town meeting vote), Cape Elizabeth changed its form of government to a town council/manager model. As elected representatives of the citizens, our volunteer seven member Town Council has the primary responsibility for development of policy and local ordinances. It either makes or affirms major fiscal decisions. The council appoints standing and ad hoc advisory committees as needed. The council also serves as an appellate body on occasion. It confirms nominations to major administrative positions. These among other things.

The Town Manager (a compensated position) is our lead administrator. The Manager oversees the day-to-day operations of the town, the supervision of our department heads, nominees to major administrative positions, is often a public spokesperson for our town, gathers input and proposes an annual budgets, fields routine citizen concerns, and otherwise shares responsibility for Cape Elizabeth’s municipal health. The Town Manager serves at the pleasure of the citizens (as represented by the Town Council).

Town Council/manager (or appointees) may represent our town in certain regional, county, or even state affairs and in various associations.

And so it is in 2019 that this article recognizes Jonathan Loveitt, Capt. Samuel Skillin and James Maxwell. Way back in 1766, in their capacity as duly elected selectmen for the District of Cape Elizabeth, these men assumed political leadership of our community following its spinoff from Falmouth (today’s Portland). They set the tone for nearly 254 years (and counting) of excellence in governance.

They well done, gentlemen—well done indeed!

Cape Elizabeth Historical Society looking for CEHS Nautilus yearbooks

The Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society is looking to fill the few remaining gaps in its collection of Cape Elizabeth High School Nautilus yearbooks.

CEHPS is missing the editions for 1943, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1987, 1989, and 1993. If you’ve been lying awake at night wondering how to find a permanent parking space for any of these books, email: cehps@capeelizabeth.org. We can help you keep your insanity!

Local Buzz Readings at Thomas Memorial Library on Oct. 26

On Saturday, Oct. 26 from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. the Local Buzz Readings series continues at the Thomas Memorial Library located at 6 Scott Dyer Road. The October event will welcome author Jane Brox together with series host Marcia Brown. The Local Buzz Readings are co-hosted by Portland Poet Laureate, Linda Aldrich.

The event is free and open to the public. Writers’ books will be available for sale by Kelly’s Books to Go and light refreshments will be available.

Returning audience members please note the new earlier start time of 3:00 p.m. for this and all future events.


Brox has taught at Harvard University and Bowdoin College, and is currently on the faculty of Lesley University’s low-residency MFA program. She lives in Brunswick.

Marcia F. Brown is the author of five books of poetry including “What On Earth” and “When We Invented Water” published by Moon Pie Press and the just released collection “In the Afternoon,” also from Moon Pie Press. She is the author of the essay collection “Well Read, Well Fed – A Year of Great Reads” and “Simple Dishes for Book Lovers.”

Her fourth book, “Elements of Our Lives,” published in January 2015. Brown served as Poet Laureate for Maine in 2013. She is a graduate of Smith College with a master’s degree in poetry from the University of Southern Maine’s Stonecoast MFA Program. Since 2011 she has co-hosted the monthly Local Buzz Readings, together with poet Linda Aldrich, in her hometown of Cape Elizabeth where she lives with her husband.

Disposal fees, open Sunday information for Recycling Center

Disposal fees at the Recycling Center will be waived for residents transporting their own material and/or items from Saturday, Oct. 12 through, and up to including, Monday, Oct. 28. Commercial haulers will still be assessed fees in accordance with current regulations.

The Recycling Center will also be open the following Sundays for the disposal of leaf yard wastes, wood waste, bulky waste and brush only. Fees will be assessed for all applicable items on Sunday, Nov. 3 and Sunday, Nov.10. As a reminder, no household refuse and/or recyclables will be accepted on the Sundays listed below.

Sunday, Oct. 20
10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 27
10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 3
10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 10
10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
News from the Superintendent

By Dr. Donna H. Wolfrom

The 2019-2020 school year has had an exciting start in the Cape Elizabeth School Department. I am proud to announce that Cape Elizabeth High School has been recognized as an exemplary High Performing Schools National Blue Ribbon School for 2019 by U.S. Secretary of Education, Betsy DeVos. The National Blue Ribbon Schools Program award recognizes schools where students are making gains in closing achievement gaps or where students achieve very high learning standards. This award "affirms the hard work of teachers, educators, families and communities in creating safe and welcoming schools where students master challenging content."

A recognition ceremony will occur in Washington, D.C. in mid-November where representatives of the school will be presented with a National Blue Ribbon School plaque and flag that symbolize the school’s achievements. We realize that the success and achievement of our students is a K-12 effort and I congratulate all the administrators, teachers and staff in the Cape Elizabeth School Department for their work with our students.

In our dedication to providing multiple pathways to student learning, and as we work to meet the needs of all of our students, a new eighth-grade program has been developed. The 8th-grade experiential education program is providing students a hands-on learning environment that connects their learning to local and relevant issues. Using a Project-Based learning approach, students investigate an issue through inquiry, hands-on experiences, meeting with experts, and personal research. Questioning is a key part of this process.

To start the year our students are diving deep into Aquaculture and how our coastal systems are being affected by climate change. Students have already started doing water testing at multiple sites around our beautiful bay. They have just started their individual projects, where they have the choice to explore any topic related to Aquaculture or coastal systems.

Our goal is to cover 8th-grade academic learning through our projects and the learning experiences that are connected to them. Another goal is for students to establish essential 21st-century skills like collaboration, critical thinking, inquiry, planning and time management, all of which are connected to a successful group and individual projects.

I had the pleasure of watching our kindergarten students emerge from the bus on their first day of school, Friday, September 6. Kindergarten teachers had spent the previous two days meeting each student and their parents individually, administering kindergarten entry assessments, and meeting them after their first school bus ride on Thursday. It was so impressive to see those teachers greet each student by name on Friday, gather them together in a classroom group outside, and then walk them into their building.

Several hours later I stopped into kindergarten classrooms to find students who had already become comfortable with sitting in circle-time and lining up quietly and orderly. I realized that from the first day of school our students are recognized as individuals and supported in their learning. Our kindergarten teachers provide an amazing entry to the school experience in Cape Elizabeth.

The Cape Elizabeth School Board and administrative team continue to work with the data provided at the March 16-17 Future Search Event.

Two Board workshops were dedicated to this effort at the end of the 2018-2019 school year. At the April 23 meeting, data was analyzed to determine themes in the major categories that were addressed at the Event.

At the May 28 meeting, school board members, administrators and several community volunteers worked to identify goal areas. Those identified goal areas were Health and Well-Being, Multiple Pathways and Definitions of Success, Global Competency, Safe, Sustainable, and Effective Communities, and Environmental Responsibility.

On September 24, the School Board held a retreat to develop goals based on those five goal areas. Goals adoption is on the agenda of the School Board meeting on October 8.

Following this adoption, the administrative team will develop a strategic plan to address those goals. I would like to thank those many community members who provided valuable input to the vital planning process at the Future Search Event. The first Building Committee meeting will be held at the School Board Work- shop on October 22. This meeting will be held in the library at Cape Elizabeth High School and will be open to the public. A team of architects and engineers who took part in the Needs Assessment will share their findings.

There will also be a public sharing of this information on October 29 in Council Chambers at Town Hall. I would encourage all community members to attend one of these important information-sharing meetings. The meetings will be video-taped and available on our website.

We are looking forward to an exciting year in the Cape Elizabeth School Department as we continue to develop our strategic plan and work towards meeting the needs of our students.

Four CEHS students commended by national program

By Kevin St. Jarre

Jeffrey Shedd, principal of Cape Elizabeth High School, has announced that Benjamin Dodge, Connor LaBonty, Raina Sparks and Charlotte Thayer have been named Commended Students in the 2020 National Merit Scholarship Program.

Of the 1.6 million entrants, some 50,000 with the highest PSAT/NMSQT Selection Index scores, qualify for recognition in the National Merit Scholarship Program.

Of those 50,000 students, 34,000 are selected to receive Letters of Commendation in recognition of their outstanding academic promise. Although Commended Students do not continue in the competition for National Merit Scholarships, some of these students do become candidates for Special Scholarships sponsored by corporations and businesses.

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Fully Involved: A view into Cape Elizabeth Fire Department, fire prevention preview

By M ar a DeGe or e

It’s that exciting time of year again: Fire Prevention Week. Nationally, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) has sponsored this public observance since 1922. It is the longest running public health observance in our country. During Fire Prevention Week, children, adults and teachers learn how to stay safe in case of a fire. Firefighters provide life-saving public education in an effort to drastically decrease casualties caused by fires.

Fire Prevention Week is observed each year during the week of October 9 in commemoration of the Great Chicago Fire, which began on October 8, 1871 and caused devastating damage. This horrific conflagration killed more than 250,000 people, destroyed more than 17,400 structures and burned more than 2,000 acres of land. (National Fire Protection Agency, https://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/Campaigns/Fire-Prevention-Week/A K E D)

Annually during Fire Prevention Week, Cape Elizabeth Fire Department participates in the education effort at Pond Cove School over their fall, six day rotation. All day, every day for six days, CEFD crews will come into Mr. David Shields’ physical education classes to conduct their Fire Prevention Program. The program consists of a warm-up run with Mr. Shields, followed by a Stop/Drop/Roll demonstration and practice. Students need to know, block smoke from coming unabated into a room when a mock smoke detector signals the sound. Students get down with one hand on each knee, get down on one hand with one hand along the wall where they crawl to an exit, and meet at a central meeting spot.

At the meeting spot, they participate in an open discussion: why we crawl low, why we stop, drop, and roll, how to call 911 (name, emergency, address/location — learn your address and leave it near the phone if you don’t know), block smoke coming from under a closed door, get firefighters’ attention from a window if they are trapped in a room (call out, wave a towel/shirt/blanket, throw objects/toys out window), never run back inside a burning building, and follow their home escape plan to a central meeting spot.

After the discussion, students transition to sit in front of the Hazard House, an interactive fire safety simulator that teaches how to turn a hazardous home into a risk-free environment. Featuring realistic special effects, such as smoke, flame, electric arc, lighting effects and sounds, the Hazard House is used for interactive presentations. It has a remarkable level of detail and numerous moveable parts that are perfect for grabbing everyone’s attention. CEFD firefighters engage each group in a discussion on recognizing the hazards inside and out, and having students offer solutions for improving them. Flip panels turn each “hazard” into a “safe practice.” The last portion of the program is dedicated to Escape Plans. Students are given a blank Escape Plan to work on and practice at home. They are instructed to include a floor plan of their home, highlighting doors and windows, with two ways out of each room, smoke detectors and an outside meeting point. They are encouraged to return their completed plan to Mr. Shields to be entered into a drawing to win an Engine Ride to School.

Firefighters, teachers, and administration all get excited for the program. Jason Manjourides, Pond Cove Principal, said, “The fire safety program is well coordinated with our physical education teacher, David Shields. I cannot overemphasize the importance of this program. The awareness created by these classes could save lives. The firefighters are great with our students. Students are receptive to this important learning when the instruction is delivered by the Cape firefighters. The kids love The Hazard House, it’s a big hit!”

David Shields also has a positive perspective on the Fire Prevention program. He is quick to share that the kids like most of the things they do. “The Cot/Crawl exercise and Hazard House are the big favorites because it’s physical and interactive.”

The kindergarten classes are even luckier. Not only do they participate in Mr. Shields’ program, but they also have the opportunity to tour the fire station, watch a video on fire prevention, and learn about the trucks, tools, and equipment. These tours will take place outside of the regularly scheduled Fire Prevention visits to Pond Cove.

On Mrs. Dawn Rioux’s blog, she highlights the kindergarteners’ experience: “We walk over to the fire station and meet fire chief, Peter Gleeson, some firefighters and EMTs/Paramedics. Students look at two types of trucks, a water rescue boat, the inside of an ambulance and all of the gear firefighters need! We even see a night vision camera that allows firefighters to find people in the dark. We also watch a movie about what goes on inside a fire station. If you have a fire, do you have a family meeting place?”

Mrs. Catherine Cornell describes her experience, saying, “The walking field trip offers the children the opportunity to learn directly from Cape Elizabeth firefighters and/or paramedics. They teach us about their role in the community and share with the children up close the gear, equipment and vehicles that they use to do their job effectively. The trip supplements what we read about and discuss in the classroom regarding fire safety and offers the children an opportunity to ask the professionals questions directly. I am thankful Chief Gleeson has always welcomed the kindergarteners children to the station. They love watching the safety video, seeing what is housed inside the station, seeing a firefighter put on their gear, and they always enjoy whatever Chief has for them as a parting gift - the fire hat, stickers, pencils, etc. (a little different year to year). For some children it is their first time to the fire station.”

CEFD is also in the process of scheduling visits to area nursery schools and daycares to provide introductory fire prevention lessons for the youngest Cape Elizabeth students. Fire safety education isn’t just for school children. Everyone is at risk in fires, making it important for every member of the community to take some time during October Fire Prevention Week or any other time to make sure they understand how to stay safe in case of a fire. CEFD recommends changing smoke detector batteries when we change our clocks November 3 and following manufacturer guidelines to replace smoke detectors every ten years.

CEFD is proud and honored to be instrumental in the Fire Prevention Program at Pond Cove School.

Look forward to Fully Involved: A View Into CEFD next time, as we feature Winter Safety.
Two Lights
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lady, features a variety of roses and local plants. The upgrade would include a stone table carved by a local artisan.

Significant public interest in the WWII bunker at Two Lights could translate into funding for their restoration,” said Shoener. “The project would require a significant capi-
tal campaign, to include not only public ac-
cess, but also interpretive features highlight-
ing their history.”

The bunker and other park features are concrete reminders of the role that Portland played in World War II. As the closest part to Europe, Portland was a key player in the war in the Atlantic, serving as an embarkation point for the 256 liberty ships built in Maine to carry troops and supplies to the battle fronts in Europe. Access to Portland harbor was through gates and submarine nets. Ger-
man surface ships and submarines patrolled the east coast and threatened shipping to and from Maine and elsewhere.

The Two Lights bunker, known as BCN 201 (Bunker Construction Number 201) was part of a battery that also included a 65-foot fire control tower to provide visual coverage and telemetry to be telephoned to the crew inside the bunker. The battery was to be part of the shore defense of Portland harbor, and was intended to have a pair of long-range guns, called breech-loading rifles, one on each side of the bunker.

The guns were capable of firing a 100-pound shell 15 miles at enemy ships. Concrete-bordered grassy circles on either end of the bunker still show where the guns were to be placed. The tower still stands in the park, but due to safety concerns, is not part of the current renovation planning.

Construction of the bunker was complet-
ed in 1943. It was built on level ground then covered with dirt to provide camouflage. However, due to the decreasing number of German surface ships in the waters off Maine’s coast in that stage of the war, one of the guns was never installed, and the other was never fired.

Even though BCN201 was never active, German submarine activity continued. The New York Times reported this past July of the discovery of the wreck of a US Navy pa-
trol boat sunk by a German submarine three miles off the coast of Cape Elizabeth just two weeks before the end of the war. The submarine, allegedly a rogue, was then sunk by Navy destroyers the day before Germany signed a surrender. The search for the ship is the subject of the current Smithsonian Chan-
nel documentary, “The Search for Eagle 56.”

In 2018, the park hosted 100,000 visitors, about 60% of whom came from out of state. Many of the visitors saw the Atlantic Ocean for the first time. Many thousands more come to Two Lights Park in search of light-
houses implied by the Park’s name. How-

However, when the rangers at the park entrance inform them that there are no lighthouses within the park, the would-be visitors turn around and head out. In summer, as many as 200 cars a day leave without entering the park.

The bunker, when reopened, might prove to be a popular place throughout the year. Insulated by a thick layer of earth, it is naturally climate controlled, maintaining a steady 50-degree temperature throughout the year. Perhaps when the thermometer is pushing 100, people might feel inclined to cool off and learn some fascinating local his-
tory. Then, as the weather cools, the bunker might be a popular place to warm up after a hike on one of the park’s many trails.

The Department is not currently solicit-
ing donations. However, those who are in-
terested in learning more or contributing to the funding, can do so by speaking with the ranger at the gate house, or by calling the park office at 207.799. 5871. The Courier will continue to follow this evolving story.

LOBSTER DINNER

Saturday, October 12th
5-7 pm
Dine in or take out
$14 for one-lobster dinner
$19 for twin-lobster dinner

Meal Includes: Lobster(s), corn, potato and blueberry cake. BYOB

Call Mike to reserve your lobster(s)
by October 9th
Phone:  653-5978

Proceeds benefit maintenance of the Bowery Beach School House and Cape Lions Charities.
Cape Cross

Created by Rich Dana

ACROSS
1. Quaint “OMG”* 6. Word with fire or carpenter 9. Type of cheese*
17. Togetherness* 18. Word commonly shortened to a single letter in text messages 19. Flynn who played Robin Hood
25. Some can be off-putting 28. Person from the northeast who might attend one of the nine starred clues in the same region 32. Scary movie motel*
35. Forty-nine day period between Passover and Shavuot on the Hebrew calendar 36. Year in Spain 37. Airport abbrs.
38. University of Florida player 40. Finishes 41. Company behind the phonograph
42. Capricious idea 43. Clean, in a way 44. Holidays with the family, perhaps
53. He draws on “Mother” to inspire others 57. but should have 60. Lou Gehrig’s dis.
61. With Maria, famous ship of 1492 62. Call for a blessing 63. Small river 64. Playful critter in a 63 Across
65. 2008 Triple Crown contender, Big* 66. Common word in company names
67. Approaches

DOWN
10. “Did you see ______ in the Cape Courier? We’re so proud!” 11. Human offshoots written about in a 1970s trilogy by M.A. Foster
12. Invite abbr. 13. Letters of fashion 21. A ticket is preferable to this 22. Early email adopter
30. Non-____ , info on some labels 31. “Dick Van Dyke Show” actress Marie
32. Poet* 33. The ______ history 34. Fish, in a way 35. Resident of Eerie, PA? 36. Goal 40. “Able was I ______…” 42. Actor Wil of “Star Trek – The Next Generation”*
43. Keyboardist Keith of the British band known as ELP for short* 44. Holidays with the family, perhaps
45. Harried mom’s reply, maybe 46. “Such a tragedy” 47. With Mount, sacred place in Greek mythology*
50. Famous ship of 1492 51. Fall bloomer 52. Spotlights 54. Fictional Georgia home 55. “Thirty-something” actor Ken*
56. Modern place in London 57. Suffix with re- 58. Type of crossword clue, though not this one (abbr.) 59. Sporty Taurus

Scam alerts
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Be suspicious of anyone who calls, emails or visits you promoting a Medicare plan. Legitimate health plans can only contact you if you’ve requested information. Don’t give personal information to anyone who calls or visits out of the blue and always review your Medicare statement to ensure fraudulent charges aren’t included.

Scam Tracker Map
Scammers work 24 hours a day, seven days a week looking for their next victims. The unfortunate reality is that millions of people fall victim to scams carried out by sophisticated national and international criminal organizations every year. You can get a sense of how widespread this is by visiting the AARP scam-tracking map at www.aarp.org/scammap. Understanding how widespread scams are and which ones are trending in your community can help us all stay safe.

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The new Pond Cove playground is open for play

By Kevin St. Jarre

Nurse Erin Taylor did the official ribbon cutting opening the new playground to the community. Left to right: Tara Bucci (Teacher), Meredith Beauregard (Board), Jessica Morel (Board), Lauren Glennon (Board), Erin Taylor (School Nurse), Perry Schwarz (Facilities Director), Sasha Misner (Architect), Kristina Justh (Board), Andrew Klayman (Committee), Lindsey Barrett (Committee), Steve Green (Committee), Kevin Justh (Committee), Neil Martelle (Committee), Julie Robbins (Teacher)

The new Pond Cove playground is open for play

On Saturday, September 28, over 200 Pond Cove students, families, members of the town council, school board, and state government, school staff, community members and local business owners gathered to celebrate the completion of the new Pond Cove playground and outdoor classroom. In response to children’s chants of “cut that ribbon!” school nurse Erin Taylor did just that, and Pond Cove students exuberantly stormed the space for the first time.

Lauren Glennon, Pond Cove Playground Committee board member, spoke movingly about the many people who said, “yes” to enable the school’s dreams for a new playground to be realized. The playground committee formed in response to the school system’s request for fundraising assistance in late 2018. In just nine months the committee garnered support from the town, local businesses and foundations, and numerous individuals and families to raise over $300,000 in funds and in-kind donations.

The nature-based, adventure-style playground was designed by licensed landscape architect Sasha Misner and constructed by Three Stone Landscape. The outdoor learning area, “Natureland,” funded by the Cape Elizabeth Education Foundation, will enhance classroom studies of weather, plants and wildlife, as well as simply allow students to be immersed in the sensory experience of learning outdoors.

In addition to being used by the Pond Cove students during school hours, the new space serves as a valuable town-center resource for the entire community on afternoons, weekends and school breaks.

The Pond Cove Playground Committee recently received notice of its permanent 501(c)(3) status, making all donations tax deductible. They will continue to fundraise for the playground maintenance fund to ensure the success of the space for years to come. Find out more at pondcoveplayground.org. The committee wishes to thank its many supporters and enthusiastically says, “See you on the playground!”

Cape Elizabeth Middle School students learn through experience

By Kevin St. Jarre

With the first week of the 2019-2020 school year behind them, eighth-graders at Cape Elizabeth Middle School are reporting success with their new experiential learning program.

Principal Troy Eastman told members of the School Board that the first part of the program would focus on aquaculture, and that it’s more than a day at the beach. “This isn’t a field trip. It’s really field work and getting that message across; it’s really been exciting to watch and see how they’re doing with that,” Eastman said at the board’s meeting on Sept. 10.

He introduced the program to the board last winter as part of his budget plan for fiscal 2020. No staff was added, but a team of teachers already working with seventh-graders developed the program for what would be a relatively large (approximately 150 students) class of eighth-graders.

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“Students busy at work building a standing table, part of a new experiential learning program at Cape Elizabeth Middle School.”

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Captoons: Leaves aren’t the only things that fall

By Jeff Mandell

Heart Savers and CPR courses available through Nov 3. at St. Alban’s

Community residents who would like to feel prepared to respond at home or out in the community are invited to sign up for Heart Saver and CPR courses at St. Albans Church. They are being sponsored by the Cape Elizabet Public Safety/Rescue and the St. Alban’s Health Ministry.

The Heart Saver classes are free. Certification is not necessary for anyone, but if you’d like to be certified please choose a “BCLS” (Basic Cardiac Life Support) course time instead – and you’ll be given an official American Heart Association certification card. The BCLS is a little more in depth, and has practice videos. BCLS courses will be 30 minutes longer than Heart Saver courses in order to provide time for testing that allows BCLS certification for any work or volunteer needs.

Any person is welcome at either type of course, but please RSVP to stalbans@stalbansmaine.org. Residents may also rsvp by email at stalbans@stalbansmaine.org or sign up on October 6 after church services. Please indicate which course you will attend.

A demonstration AED will be available after the services on Sunday October 6 for anyone wanting to familiarize themselves with the use of our AED, which St. Alban’s now has available in Bonoff Hall – for public or parish use.

CLASS DATES AND TIMES:
Sunday, Oct. 20: 10:45am-12:45 p.m. BCLS certification available
Sunday, Oct. 20: 3:30-5:15 p.m. HEARTSAVER
Sunday, Nov. 3: 10:45am-12:45 p.m. BCLS certification available
Sunday, Nov. 3: 3:30-5:15 p.m. HEARTSAVER

HEARTSAVER

A first experience for the students was deciding on classroom design. They brought in an interior designer from the community to help with that process and to listen to their pitches, Eastman said.

“This is changing how school’s happening for them right now, and it seems like it’s a pretty good success,” he said.

According to CEMS teacher Morgan Kerr this was the first project of the year. “Students created classroom designs based on research about classroom set up, color, and seating. They received feedback from Michelle Whitney, a local designer, and then used that feedback to help their designs. The students then pitched their designs to their classmates. Students then power-voted on different aspects of the designs that they wanted in the classroom. Currently, we have a design team working on implementing parts of the design into the classroom. Per students ideas, we have built two standing tables and will hopefully be painting walls and adding a classroom mural,” said Kerr.

At a Future Search event held this spring, “Creative Experiential Learning” emerged as an example of the “Out of the Box Instruction and Assessment” envisioned for the schools as they develop a strategic plan for the next five years.

While there are sometimes questions raised in experiential education about traditional academics and maintaining rigor, when done well experiential learning can connect academics with practical experience, strengthening the retention of what is learned, and making the new content and skills more “portable,” meaning that students will be able to apply what has been learned when faced with an unfamiliar challenge later on.

Drop in for a spell
Pumpkin Carving
Tuesday, October 22, 2:30pm-5:30pm

Community Family Pumpkin carving with hot coco, warm apple cider and treats. You bring the creativity we supply the pumpkins for kids and the carving tools.

Rain date, Oct. 23
Reserve your pumpkin by Oct. 18
Please call Derrick Daly at 207.799.3134
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State Wildlife Commissioner Judy Camuso to address Land and Trust meeting

On Sunday, November 10, Maine Dept. of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife Commissioner Judy Camuso will meet with members and friends of the Cape Elizabeth Land Trust (CELT) to address “Balancing Land Conservation, Wildlife Habitat and Recreation.”

The public is welcome to attend the annual gathering at the Purpoodock Club that afternoon from 3:00 – 5:30 p.m. Over the past 12 months, CELT has conserve new properties in Cape Elizabeth “for the education, use and enjoyment of this and future generations,” in keeping with its mission. Both properties offer beautiful vistas and opportunities for human recreation, as well as significant wildlife habitat, including some threatened species like the New England Cottontail.

Yet in conserving cherished places and preparing them for the public’s enjoyment, CELT must try to balance the community and individual benefits of outdoor recreation and the inherent impacts to wildlife due to human disturbance, habitat fragmentation and the potential introduction of non-native (invasive) species and predators (e.g., dogs).

In light of this, the land trust has invited Judy Camuso, Commissioner of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (MDIFW), to explore that delicate balance with members and friends at its annual meeting and gathering.

Camuso is the first woman to serve as Commissioner of the department, where she oversees the preservation, protection and enhancement of the inland fisheries and wildlife resources of the state. Camuso has over 20 years experience with MDIFW and Maine Audubon, and has led several statewide natural resource initiatives as wildlife director for MDIFW. In 2018, she was named one of Maine Magazine’s 50 Mainers of the Year, Governor’s Award. She is a licensed bird bander and an avid birder, as well as a hunter, who canoes, hikes and bikes.

CELT appreciates the support of event sponsors Noyes, Hall and Allen, Saco Biddeford Savings Bank and The Landings at Cape Elizabeth, whose support is critically important to the conservation, stewardship and education programs that are such a large part of the Cape community.

Participation is open to the general public and free to all, but RSVPs are requested.

There will be a social hour with refreshments, a brief presentation of CELT’s accomplishments over the year and a Q&A period following Camuso’s talk.

Please RSVP to info@capelandtrust.org by November 1.

Celt’s Cross Town Walk

Join with Cape Elizabeth Land Trust’s (CELT) past board president Kathleen Janick, current board members and a representative from the Town of Cape Elizabeth Conservation Commission for the annual Fall Cross Town Walk.

Beginning at Portland Head Light, located at Fort Williams, this CELT sponsored walk will traverse seven miles of both Town of Cape Elizabeth and CELT trails highlighting Cape’s great places.

The walk offers a unique overview of Cape’s diverse ecosystems including Sprawling Marsh, Robinson Woods and Great Pond.

The walk takes approximately three hours and one half hours and includes a picnic lunch at Kettle Cove. Hikers will meet at the Portland Head Light and will carpool (arranged prior to walk) back to Fort Williams after the picnic.

Snacks, drinks and lunch provided. Participants should be 12 years or older; please call about younger ages.

Date: Saturday, October 19

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Location: Robinson Woods Kiosk, Shore Road

Cost: $6

Hunting season is here

Please be aware that Hunting Season began September 7 and will continue until December 14 this year. Currently, CELT allows hunting only in Robinson Woods I (north of Belfield Road), and in our new addition Robinson Woods III, but not in the middle section, Robinson Woods II. In Cape Elizabeth, only bow-hunting is allowed due to town firearm ordinances. For maps detailing this area, please see the CELT office or Robinson Woods kiosk.

Please contact the CELT office for permission before you hunt. You can call our office at 767-6054 and ask for Chris Schorn, or you can email him at chris@capelandtrust.org.

For both trail users and hunters, please consider wearing blaze orange or other high-visibility gear during hunting season! Hunting accidents happen every year – stay visible, stay safe and be respectful to everyone you encounter on the trails.
Cape Elizabeth birthing report

By E. Brooks Bornhoffer

At this time of year, on most evenings if one steps outside after 10:00 p.m. the various chips, zeets and peeps of migrating birds can be heard across the night sky.

On September 20 I flushed two Woodcocks. One within the Gulf Crest Trail system and one out by the Spurwink trail. The second of the two Timberdoodles I saw flew up into the dusky sky and I caught its silhouette against the waning gibbous moon.

On September 21 somewhere within the depths of the 21 acres of CELT land next to Great Pond, I came across a Ruby-throated hummingbird chasing a late season male Rose breasted Grosbeak through the mid canopy. Speaking of which, on September 23 Ruby-throated hummingbirds were still visiting the feeders I have left out. For the record, last fall we had our last resident Ruby throat leave our feeders on Sept 22. I also spotted a new yard bird, a Peregrine Falcon (the 109th unique bird I have seen on our property).

On or about the September 25 the first of many flocks of White-throated Sparrows (comes in two forms, one with tan stripes and one white stripes) appeared in Cape Elizabeth.

On the afternoon of September 26 I caught glimpses of one, then two Blackburnian warblers high up in an old White Pine on Shore Road.

Although Blackburnians don’t quite retain their brilliant orange face, throat and breast in the fall, it is still possible to see the washed out orange-yellow color. Don’t be surprised if you glimpse these tiny gems for a fleeting few seconds, my mind immediately drifted to ornithologist Ed- ward Forbush’s description of these birds in their spring finery, “When the low morning sun shines full upon its gorgeous face, throat and breast in the breeding season and into early fall are compared to a flaming torch. This is a true boreal forest warbler, breeding in northern Maine and eastern Canada where there are large areas of mature forest.”

On September 28 a Great Blue Heron was spied stalking its next victim along the emergent wetlands of Robinson Woods II.

On the last day of September, I arrived home to find a Yellow-bellied sap sucker and a Red eyed Vireo in a Crab apple tree. Adding to the fun, a pair of resident bluebirds with their new son dropped in to teach the young bird how to navigate the suet cake. Every fall now the bluebirds start to get more territorial, guarding the mealworm “lodge” from pesky intruders like the family of four Carolina wrens.

Later the same day my wife and I spotted several Black and white Warblers and a couple of Common Yellowthroats. I also was able to make out a female Nashville Warbler and five or more Northern Parulas that were rapidly flitting and hopping across the upper levels of Robinson Woods’ forest and subcanopy. These plump little warblers tend to flutter around at the tips of branches quickly plucking insects or reaching out to grab its next meal.

Other mentionables, Surf and White winged Scoter (ducks) have arrived for the winter already and are visible just offshore from Fort Williams. Lastly, in the final few hours of the month I was surprised by the raspy scream of a young great horned owl still begging for food.

Cape Elizabeth Land Trust announces photo contest

2018 CELT photo contest third place winner Nelson Maxwell; photo taken at Two Lights. Do you have a fantastic photo of your family fishing or a fox frolicking on a land trust property in Cape Elizabeth? CELT - the Cape Elizabeth Land Trust - invites entries to its fall photo contest, “Farms, Forests and the Sea: Capturing Natural Cape,” to celebrate the natural beauty of Cape Elizabeth in all seasons. Enter by submitting up to five images that represent the natural beauty of the Land Trust’s conserved properties, as well as Cape Elizabeth farmland and wildlife in all seasons. Photographs of people outdoors enjoying land trust property are especially encouraged. (Photographs of minors require parental/guardian permission.) Pictures of wildlife or nature in Cape Elizabeth, but not on CELT property, will be considered if the surrounding property is not identifiable. All entries will be featured on the CELT website for the duration of the contest. The deadline is October 28. For complete submission guidelines and more information see www.capelandtrust.org. Three winning photographs will be selected by a jury of accomplished local photographers in mid-November. Winners will receive printed notecards with their image, publicity through CELT’s website and social media, and a CELT water bottle.

October corner's corner

By Erika Carlson Rhéle

Crockett’s crossing; a beautifully-designed, private residence community

On October 13 at 5:08 p.m. there will be a Full Hunter’s Moon. It was so named by Native Americans because game was fat and ready to hunt.

On the lookout for shooting stars with both the Draconid and Orionid Meteor showers peaking this month. Fun fact: The Orionids are actually from the debris of Halley’s Comet.

American Toads are preparing for winter burying themselves up to 20” deep in soil, sometimes even borrowing another animal’s burrow. The toads have a specialized hardened knob on their hind feet to assist in digging these holes. We’ll await their return to the surface in May!

Even though we’ve seen more monarchs in Maine this year, their overall numbers are still on the decline.

It’s estimated that out of a monarch’s 200 eggs, only one of them becomes a butterfly. Pierre Paradis’ 7th grade science classes at CEMS successfully raised 5 monarchs from 5 chrysalis he gathered in Cape Elizabeth, Gorham and Poland.

Sensing the shortening day length and cooler temperatures, these released monarchs will migrate from Maine to the mountains of Mexico. Although there is a lack of scientific evidence that monarch rearing actually results in an overall population increase, but there is no doubt that raising monarchs indoors is an excellent education tool for students and aspiring scientists.
TML offers new library card benefits, hosts authors James Hornor, Lee Rutty, requests donations of hand-made winter items for Maine’s asylum seekers

Your Library Card Just Got Better! You are now able to use your Thomas Memorial Library card at almost 70 libraries all across Maine. For years, TML has been able to bring in books and other materials from other libraries in Maine through interlibrary loan with Minerva/MaineCat. While that service isn’t going away, now you can go directly to almost 70 libraries all over the state and check out items while you are there. All you need is a valid TML library card with you. This is a new pilot program organized by the Maine State Library. It includes public libraries of all sizes, community college libraries, along with public and private colleges/universities throughout Maine. So whether you’re traveling the state and need another great book to read or are working up against a deadline and can’t wait for a book to travel here, we have you covered.

Be Part of Our Community Art Show This year marks the 100th anniversary of the Thomas Memorial Library. To celebrate, the library is planning a community art show during the month of November. Anyone of any age can participate. The library has space for 200 small works of art in the Stier Family Gallery. If you would like to participate, just register with us and we will give you an 8 x 8 wood panel for you to use to create your artwork inspired by the question, “What does the library mean to you?” Your art could depict a favorite book, an activity, a feeling, or whatever that question inspires you in.

If you’re having trouble getting started, come to our Open Art Studio with our resident artist Kiah Gardner on Saturday, Oct. 12 from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Please visit the library’s website for more information.

Do You Knit or Crochet? Help Maine’s Asylum Seekers Get Ready for Winter If you knit or crochet, please consider making warm winter hats, scarves and other items for Maine’s asylum-seekers, who are not accustomed to Maine winters. Families are especially in need of items for babies and children. You can drop off your hand-made goods at the library and we will bring them to the Maine Immigrant Access Network for distribution to those who need them. Thank you!

ADULT PROGRAMS

Morning Book Group Wednesday, Oct. 9, 9:30-11:00 a.m. Our morning book group meets on the second Wednesday of each month. This month, we’ll be discussing “My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She’s Sorry,” by Fredrik Backman. We hope you’ll join us to read and discuss. New members are always welcome.

Maine Wildlife Series: Coyote – America’s Songdog Thursday, Oct. 10, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Please join us with Conservation Biologist Geri Vistein to learn more about this important and resilient carnivore. This talk will center on “Perceptions and Relationships:” coyote and Native Americans and European Americans, coyote’s relationship with other wildlife and the ecosystem, and coyote and us. How do we share our lives with coyote? This presentation gives our community members a chance to come together and share your own stories, ask questions, and share a dialogue that helps us understand better our very deep-rooted relationships with all life, including our fellow humans. Come hear the songdogs sing.

Open Art Studio: Work on Your Art Panel for our Community Art Show Saturday, Oct. 12, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Would you like to participate in our November community art show but aren’t sure how to get started, or would you like some creative inspiration? Drop in any time between 2:00 and 4:00 p.m. to use our materials and get some guidance from our own resident artist Kiah Gardner. We’ll have paints, paint pens, collage materials and other supplies to help you work on your project. No experience necessary.

Meet Victoria Falls’ Author James Hornor Tuesday, Oct. 15, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Author James Hornor joins us this month to talk about his exciting new novel, “Victoria Falls.” Set in Zimbabwe, Kenya and Bombay, India, the main character’s journey into authenticity results in a series of failed relationships that reveal the dark, enigmatic recesses of his complex personality and eventually land him in a hellhole prison in Bombay. His tragedy unfolds into an ending that no one, especially Monroe, could have possibly predicted or imagined. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

Writers’ Accountability Group Wednesday, Oct. 16, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. 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.

Talk & Walk: Hands-on Bird Banding Experience Thursday, Oct. 17, 1-2:00 p.m. We’re excited to wrap up our Talk & Walk series with a hands-on bird netting experience with Professor Noah Perlat. We’ll meet at the library’s lawn at 1 p.m., then head out to the field. We hope you’ll join us for this unique experience. Photographers are welcome.

Pilgrimage to Paris: The Cheape Snob’s Guide to the City and the Americans Who Lived There Thursday, Oct. 17, 6:30-8:00 p.m. In this talk, Jayne Boisvert will introduce her easy-to-use travel guide to Paris, “Pilgrimage to Paris; the Cheape Snob’s Guide to the City and the Americans Who Lived There.” Dr. Boisvert’s talk will include travel tips and free or nearly-free places to visit in Paris. An ardent traveler, Dr. Boisvert has visited many different areas of France and the Francophone world over the years. Signed copies of the book will be available for sale.

Songwriting Workshop Tuesday, Oct. 22, 6:15-8:15 p.m. Our songwriting workshop meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Whether you are a new writer, experienced writer, or want-to-be-a-writer writer, we hope you’ll join us each month to bring in your work and get expert advice from award-winning songwriter Jud Caswell. Participants in this workshop rave about Caswell and about how much his advice is helping shape and improve their writing. The goal of the workshop is to provide a safe place for songwriters to share and learn. Songwriters of all levels and abilities are welcome.

Senior Tech Wednesday, Oct. 23, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Senior Tech meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month to help you in any way we can with tech questions. We work together as a group to answer similar questions and break out into smaller groups to answer individual questions. If you have a question, we will help you find an answer. You wouldn’t believe some of the things we’ve been able to help solve.

Living in a Mad World – with Author Lee Rutty Thursday, Oct. 24, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Picture this: “Four weeks after a plague has swept the world and a virus that unlocks the genetic insanities that lurk in all of us. It’s a world gone mad… A small band who believe themselves still sane fight for survival and the chance to build a better life. But are they really sane, or are they just deluding themselves?” We hope you’ll join us to meet Cape Elizabeth author Lee Rutty and hear more of this exciting novel.

ONGOING ADULT PROGRAMS

Knitting Group – Every Monday at 1:00 p.m.
Chair Yoga – Second Monday at 11:30 a.m.
Democracy Cafe – Second Tuesday from 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Songwriting Workshop – Fourth Tuesday from 6:15-8:15 p.m.
Eldering – First Wednesday from 1:2-3 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.
YA Anonymous Book Group – First Thursday from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

-see LIBRARY page 13
Theft of various items from rental property, more graffiti at Fort Williams

Reported by Marta Girouard

COMPLAINTS

9-29  An officer met with two subjects regarding an elderly female operating a motor vehicle in a dangerous manner. Vehicle was parked when located and arrangements were made to assist the operator.

9-31  An officer met with a manager of a rental property in the Ocean House area regarding a theft of various items including bikes, desk, mattresses and kayaks.

9-3  An officer met with a resident of the Mitchell Road area regarding an ID theft complaint. Someone had opened an account using his personal information.

9-4  An officer met with a resident of the Scott Dyer Road area regarding a harassment complaint.

9-4  An officer met with a resident of the Scott Dyer Road area who advised that her cellphone had been hacked and was unusable.

9-5  An officer met with a resident of the Fowler Road area who turned over a found cellphone. The owner was identified and returned.

9-6  Two officers responded to a report of a fight in progress in the Ocean House Road area. Two juveniles were located and parents contacted.

9-7  An officer spoke with a resident of Wingham regarding a lost or stolen cellphone. The phone was later located and returned.

9-7  An officer met with a ranger at Fort Williams who turned over a found debit card.

9-8  An officer met with a subject in the Kettle Cove area who turned over a found credit card.

9-9  An officer met with a resident of the Scott Dyer Road area regarding a domestic disturbance.

9-9  An officer responded to a residence in the Fowler Road area for a loud noise complaint.

9-10  An officer met with a resident of the Sawyer Road area regarding a motor vehicle burglary complaint. A checkbook, several CDs and loose change were missing from the vehicle.

9-10  Two officers responded to a residence in the Brentwood area regarding a domestic disturbance.

9-10  An officer met with a resident of the Old Ocean House Road area regarding the theft of a camera.

9-11  An officer met with the park coordinator at Fort Williams regarding new graffiti in the park.

9-12  An officer met with a ranger at Fort Williams who turned over a found credit card.

9-13  An officer met a cab driver regarding an unpaid fare. Officer made contact with the suspect who stated there was a misunderstanding and made arrangements to take care of the bill.

9-13  An officer met with a resident of the Oakhurst area regarding a possible scam by a contractor. Officer made contact with the contractor who advised there was a misunderstanding. Upon speaking with the complainant again, officer learned that the issue had been resolved and everything was OK.

9-13  An officer responded to a residence in the Oakhurst area where a delivery vehicle had accidentally rolled into and damaged a garage door.

9-14  An officer met with a resident of the Broad Cove area regarding two unauthorized charges on a debit card.

9-14  An officer met with a resident of the Kettle Cove area regarding a theft of boat ours.

9-15  An officer met with a resident of the Sawyer Road area regarding a motor vehicle burglary. Missing from the vehicle was a purse containing personal ID, bank cards and money.

9-15  An officer met with a resident of the Ocean House Road area regarding an abandoned bike at Hannaford Field. The bike is described as a blue 12 speed and was brought to the police department for safekeeping.

SUMMONSES

9-9  Cape Elizabeth resident, violation of conditions of release, Route 77

9-14  Scarborough resident, seatbelt violation, Route 77, $85

ACCIDENTS

9-06  Douglas Williams, Dennisson Drive

9-07  Derek Pray, Thomas Mckeen, Bowery Beach Road

9-14  Susan Sladke, Dennisson Drive

9-16  Summer Staples, Theresa Galvin, Farm Hill Road

ARRESTS

9-3  Cape Elizabeth resident, operating under the influence, Cape Elizabeth

9-9  Cape Elizabeth resident, violation of conditions of release, Cape Elizabeth

9-11  South Portland resident, warrant, Cape Elizabeth

9-14  Cape Elizabeth resident, domestic violence assault, Cape Elizabeth

9-15  Cape Elizabeth resident, domestic violence assault, violation of conditions of release, failure to give correct name, aggravated forgery, Cape Elizabeth

FIRE CALLS

9-03  Channel View Fire Alarm

9-07  South Portland Mutual Aid

9-07  Ocean House Road Motor Vehicle Accident

9-09  South Portland Mutual Aid

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9-11  South Portland Mutual Aid

9-12  Prout Place Fire Alarm

9-13  Erie Road Investigation

9-14  South Portland Mutual Aid

9-15  South Portland Mutual Aid

9-15  Shore Road Unattended Fire

9-16  South Portland Mutual Aid

RESCUE CALLS

There were 17 runs to Maine Medical Center There were three runs to Mercy Hospital There were 7 patients treated by rescue personnel but not transported.

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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.

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

PROGRAMS FOR TEENS

Tabletop Club

Tuesdays from 2:30-4:30 p.m. in the Teen Space

Come play tabletop games in our new Teen Space after school. We’ll have “Catan,” “Pandemic,” “Betrayal at House on the Hill,” and more. Open to teens ages 12 and up.

Library Great Book Transfer Quest (LGBTQ) Teen Book Club

First Monday of the month from 3:00-4:00 p.m. in the Teen Space

Want to read books by and about lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex and asexual people? So do we! We are all about good books and conversation — and feel free to bring a friend. This is a space for people to talk and learn about identities similar to and different from their own. Open to teens ages 13 and up. Hope to see you there.

Teen Library Council (TLC)

First meeting is Wednesday, Oct. 30 from 3-4 p.m. in the Teen Space

Do you want a say in what materials, programs and activities are offered to teens at the library? Join our Teen Library Council! Together with the Teen Librarian, you will be able to shape the new Teen Space for current and future teen library users. Open to teens in grades 7 and up. Interested teens can contact Alyssa at alapierre@thomas.lib.me.us.

Teen Takeovers

Every other month, last Friday from 5:30-7:30 end time TBD*

Starting in October, we’re letting teens take over the library over hours. This is an event that requires registration and parental consent.

Please check back for the registration link and more details about our next Takeover.

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

We have fifteen regular weekly programs for children at the library. Please check our website for the complete schedule. Below are some special events and monthly programs.

Early Release Adventure: Haunt Your House for Halloween

Wednesday, Oct. 16

2:15 - 3:15 p.m.

For ages 6 and up

Make some cool Halloween decorations, including a flying ghost and a glowing skeleton hand. Please register in advance on the library’s website.

Musical Story Hour with Jud Caswell

For ages 3 and up

Thursday, Oct. 10

1:00 - 1:45 p.m.

Join an instructor from Riverview Martial Arts for a monthly introductory martial arts workshop for little ones filled with games and creative movement based on martial arts principles.

Reading Dogs are Back!

Maury and Ollie are back from summer vacation. Kids in grades K - 8 can sign up to read to Maury, a yellow lab, on Mondays between 3:30 and 4:00 p.m., or Ollie, a mini-oodle on Thursdays from 3:30 - 4:00 p.m. Call the library or stop by to register.

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Volunteer Opportunities Fair on Oct. 9

Piper Shores will host a Volunteer Opportunities Fair on Wednesday, Oct. 9 in the Founders Room at Piper Shores. The Opportunities Fair provides a unique venue for residents of Greater Portland to engage with the remarkable nonprofits around us.

“This event provides a synergistic opportunity for residents of Scarborough, Cape Elizabeth and all of Greater Portland to engage with the remarkable nonprofits around us and to volunteer actively as a way to support their work, while enriching their own well-being,” said Andrea Killiard, Piper Shores Marketing and Life Enrichment Director.

For more information about attending the Piper Shores Volunteer Opportunities Fair, please call Anne Brennan at 207-510-5211.
An evening with John McCutcheon

John McCutcheon will perform at First Congregational Church on Nov. 2.

John McCutcheon, folk music’s renaissance man, brings his skill as master instrumentalist, powerful song-writer, storyteller and activist to First Congregational Church on Saturday, Nov. 2 at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are $25 general admission ($30 at the door). Admission for children 12 and under is $12.50. The church address is 301 Cottage Road, South Portland. Tickets are available at the church office, Nonesuch Books and on-line at mccutcheon.brownpapertickets.com.

Gruber promoted to Major in USMC

Thomas Gruber

Thomas F. Gruber, a 2005 graduate of CEHS, was recently named to the dean’s list for the spring 2019 semester at Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs, New York. She is a sophomore at Skidmore majoring in political science.

Julie Derzawiec, a 2018 graduate of Skidmore students must attain a grade-point average of 3.65 or higher to be named to the dean’s list.

Derzawiec named to dean’s list

Julie Derzawiec, a 2018 graduate of Cape Elizabeth High School, was named to the dean’s list for the spring 2019 semester at Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs, New York. She is a sophomore at Skidmore majoring in political science.

Fall rummage/garage sale on October 12 at First Congregational Church

A fall rummage/garage sale will be held on Oct. 12 at First Congregational Church at 301 Cottage Road in South Portland Time from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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The Cape Courier joins a film crew, ‘makes a friend’ in the Galápagos

Pictured with the Cape Courier is Caper Kirk Wolfinger, flanked by a film crew including his sons and former CEHS grads, Ezra and Noah in Ronneby, Sweden. The crew spent much of August filming the artifact recovery effort on the wreck of the “Griffin,” a Danish battleship sunk in 1495. It is the earliest known shipwreck of its kind—a part clinker, part caravel design similar to Columbus’ ships of discovery. The film will air in 2020 on PBS as part of the NOVA science series.

Cape Elizabeth resident Paige Teller enjoyed introducing this sea lion to the Cape Courier on her trip to the Galápagos last month.

Cape Elizabeth resident Greg LaTorre is pictured with The Cape Courier in Medellin, Colombia on a recent trip where he visited fellow Caper Calvin Alden.

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