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## Land Trust to buy 21-acre property

Existing trails on parcel will connect to greenbelt at Great Pond

By Wendy Keeler

The Cape Elizabeth Land Trust plans to close on a 21-acre parcel adjacent to Great Pond on Aug. 1 in the organization's first-ever purchase on the open market.

"We're thrilled that we're getting land close to Great Pond bordering on the greenbelt trail," CELT Director Cindy Krum said. "We have had our eyes on this property for a while."

The land, which CELT is calling "Great Pond Preserve II," is mostly wetlands and forest and will offer Cape Elizabeth residents opportunities for both recreation and wildlife viewing, Krum said.

The 20.9-acre property, owned by Barry Glew, is listed for \$548,000 by Michael Mallick of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage in Portland. While the property is under contract, CELT cannot publicly disclose the purchase price, but Krum said the organization has contracted to buy the parcel for the property's appraised value.

The purchase would be CELT's first since Krum became director in December. She is thrilled.

"The varied and inviting landscape includes swaths of both lush deciduous and fragrant pine forests, rich wetlands, and lively perennial running streams," Krum said, adding that the property will provide "ample opportunity for hiking, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, birding, outdoor photography, and more."

—see LAND TRUST, page 4 *Snowdrops (top) and crocuses are among the early signs of spring in Cape Elizabeth.*

*Hello, spring!*



Photo by Martha Agan

## \$12.3 municipal budget would add 10 cents to tax rate

By Elizabeth Brogan

Town Manager Michael McGovern presented a \$12.3 million municipal budget proposal for fiscal year 2017 to the Town Council on March 14. The budget represents an increase of \$443,668, or 3.8 percent, over the current year's budget, which would translate to a 10 cent addition to the tax rate, or 2.4 percent to the municipal portion of the tax rate and .6 percent to the overall tax rate.

The proposed budget includes Community Services, which will no longer be part of the school department as of July 1, 2016. McGovern structured his budget as if that move had already happened, to allow an

—see BUDGET, page 18

## Dennison's widow sues town and driver

By Elizabeth Brogan

Katherine Dennison, the widow of Herb Dennison, has filed a wrongful death lawsuit against the town of Cape Elizabeth. The former public works director was fatally injured on Nov. 24, 2014 at the Recycling Center after being struck by a Ford Explorer backing into the compactor building as he was disposing of trash at the hopper.

Also named in the lawsuit, which seeks unspecified monetary damages from the town, is resident Christine Sharp-Lopez, the driver, and her husband Bernard Lopez. The lawsuit was filed in Cumberland County Superior Court on March 15.

The lawsuit alleges that the town was negligent in its failure to maintain reason-

—see LAWSUIT, page 18

## High school chess team recoups state title; Pond Cove kids are novice champs



Photo by Ilene Schuchman

Cape Elizabeth High School's chess team, which held the Maine State Scholastic Team Chess Championship from 2012-2014, recaptured it on March 12 by beating 2015 victor Cheverus High School at the University of Maine at Orono. Members of the CEHS team are, from left, Matthew Yim, Rohan Freedman, Wes Parker, Carter Brock, Matthew Fishbein, Roman Medina, Joey DeMarco, coach Dan Fishbein and Joshua Powers.



Photo by Eric Dinnerstein

Pond cove fourth-graders, from left, Henry Abrahamsen, Zoe Dinnerstein and Trevor Oakley display their trophy after winning the 2016 Maine State Scholastic Chess Team Championship in the kindergarten through sixth grade novice division on Saturday, March 12 at the University of Maine campus in Orono. Calling them "the next generation of chess talent," Eric Dinnerstein said the players usually meet on Saturdays from 8 to 10 a.m. at The Local Buzz. "Come play with the champs!"

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## Project Graduation 'Lip Sync Battle' raises \$2000-plus for program

The Project Graduation co-chairs and committee would like to thank everyone who came out to support the first annual Lip Sync Battle on Tuesday, March 8. Project Graduation is a program which provides a safe and fun night for Cape Elizabeth High School seniors on the night of graduation.

The performers were:  
 From Pond Cove School: Dave Croft, Amy Kieran, Amanda Marsden, Tara Bucci (and son Jed), Susan Bahadori, Angelica Hall and Erin Taylor. Pond Cove students also performed in one of the acts: Justin Strunk, Scarlett Strunk, Isabel Sullivan, Katie Halter and Ayla Reynolds.

From the middle school: Linda Chao, Heather Geikie, Aaron Filieo, Carrie Newton, Laura Ellis and Joe Doane.

From CEHS: Deborah Braxton, Sonia Medina, David Peary, Alison Gwyther, Mark Pendarvis, Ben Raymond, Joan Moriarty and Candace O'Brien. High school freshmen Mia Spencer and Hope Campbell performed with Ben Raymond.

The emcees of the evening were CEHS seniors Stephen Bennett and Miles Dorrance.

The technical crew were CEHS seniors Remy Dickinson and Joey DeMarco.

The stage manager was Cape parent Sally Newhall.

The visionary and director was Cape parent and Pond Cove education technician, Suzanne Pillsbury.

By the end of the evening, the event raised over \$2,000 for this year's Project Graduation. More importantly, the success of the night and positive feedback we have received from teachers and parents means that we have a new Project Graduation tradition. We look forward to next year's Lip Sync Battle!

**Project Graduation Co-Chairs**  
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Cape Elizabeth High School senior and emcee Stephen Bennett, second from left, speaks to performers, freshman Hope Campbell, middle, freshman Mia Spencer, second from right, and CEHS teacher Ben Raymond, far right, as fellow emcee, senior Miles Dorrance, looks on during the 2016 Project Graduation Lip Sync Battle on March 8 in the CEHS auditorium.

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# Planning Board sets public hearing on Hill Way project for April 25

## Cell tower decision is postponed for more info

By Wendy Derzawiec

The Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Monday, April 25, on a proposal from Cape Chiropractic and Acupuncture to develop a medical office building and 10-unit townhome at 12 Hill Way.

Amber and Zev Myerowitz, principals of Two Penguin Properties LLC, are looking to subdivide the 2-acre parcel on Hill Way, at the corner of Scott Dyer Road across from Pond Cove Elementary School, into three lots.

The first lot, at 1.3 acres, would be the site of two new buildings, with medical office space on the lower level and the townhome units on the second and third floors. The second lot, at .43 acres, is the site of an existing residential farmhouse. The third lot, next to an existing red barn that is not part of the parcel, would remain undeveloped.

The Myerowitzes currently operate Cape Chiropractic and Acupuncture at 2 Davis Point Lane. "We love this town and feel the last five years have really cemented our place here," Amber Myerowitz told members of the Planning Board at their meeting March 15. "We plan to not only practice at this location, but will live at this location," she said. "This will not only be our place of work, but most importantly our home."

Architect Jocelyn Booth, with WBRC Architects/Engineers, presented various elevations of the two buildings that would house the medical offices and residential units. "You can see from this presentation we've worked hard to design a building which is respectful of the Town Center district guidelines and that would fit into the site and the surrounding neighborhood," Booth said. Each building, she said, is designed to represent a "traditional New England coastal home."

The development is split into two buildings, with footprints of 3,789 square feet and 2,416 square feet, to meet the 5,000-square-foot limit for construction in the Town Cen-

ter. They would be joined by a 357-square-foot connector building.

Planning Board members deemed the application complete at their March 15 meeting, scheduled a site visit for March 19, and scheduled the public hearing for April 25.

Town Planner Maureen O'Meara said that plans for drainage, landscaping, sidewalk and other improvements along Hill Way are likely to evolve as the town fine-tunes its own plans for the Town Center. "The Town Council has identified Hill Way as an area where they want to do improvements," she said. The town has just started the design process and will need more time to coordinate with the Myerowitz project. "We're hoping in the next month or two we can at least come together in a coordinated concept," O'Meara said.

### More details needed from Verizon

The decision on whether Verizon Wireless will be allowed to place cellphone antennas atop an 80-foot decommissioned water tower on Avon Road was postponed March 15 as the Planning Board asked for more information on landscaping and buffering, noise reduction, and details about how the equipment will actually improve cell coverage in Cape Elizabeth.

"I would suggest to the board that we are not in a position to finalize an approval tonight. We should delay this until the next meeting, at which point, with input from (Verizon) folks, we will hope to finalize our decision," Board Chairman Peter Curry said.

Verizon is leasing space on the 75-year-old tower from the Portland Water District, which, until 2007, used it for backup water storage. The company now uses the tower to support antennas and cable for communication with its wastewater treatment plant.

In 2014 Verizon's application to place equipment on the tower was denied by Code Enforcement Officer Ben McDougal, who said the tower did not qualify as an "alternative tower structure," used for something other than telecommunications, under the town zoning ordinance. The decision was

overturned in U.S. District Court last year, and McDougal subsequently referred the application to the Planning Board to consider as a partially concealed antenna installation.

Verizon plans to install three antenna arrays, each covered with a shroud, as well as a 16-by-10-foot concrete slab at the base of the tower to hold equipment cabinets and a backup generator. The shrouds will be colored to match a fresh paint job on the now-rusted tower, a job which Verizon has told its landlord it would pay for.

During discussion March 15, Planning Board members agreed that the painting, as well as cleanup of lead paint in the soils surrounding the tower, would need to be completed before Verizon could install the antennas.

Lead paint was just one of the concerns voiced by neighbors at a public hearing March 15. Thirteen residents spoke, most of them Shore Acres neighbors, who were also concerned about noise coming from the equipment and generator, ongoing maintenance, and other cellphone carriers wanting to add their antennas to the tower once Verizon comes on.

One neighbor, physician Dana Crovo of 5 Avon Road, said he was concerned about possible health effects. "It's been studied in some ways and in some fashion over time, but the consensus is that there is no consensus," he said. "We don't know what the health effects of one, two, three or four of these giant, basically microwave-like ovens generating waves 24/7 are on people living in neighborhoods," Crovo said.

Two speakers, both from the Broad Cove subdivision, said they understood the con-

cerns of Shore Acres residents, but were also hopeful that the antennas would improve cellphone service in their neighborhood. A goal of the Town Council this year is to consider a plan for complete cellphone coverage in Cape Elizabeth.

At the request of Planning Board member Jonathan Sahrbeck, Verizon attorney Scott Anderson said he would supply a report on how the new antennas will improve coverage in town.

And, although Verizon predicts that noise from the equipment and generator will fall within town standards, board members anticipating more cellphone companies adding to the tower asked for a plan to reduce noise even further. "It seems to me that since we are required by the statute to consider colocation, that we really should do all that we can to make this as quiet as practicable," said board member Elaine Falender. The town's zoning ordinance encourages colocation, the location of more than one antenna on a tower, to minimize the number of towers in town.

Sahrbeck added it would benefit Verizon to keep the noise down. "If you get more (carriers) creating more sound, all of a sudden the landowner may be in violation of the sound ordinance, and then code enforcement may have to come and shut down everybody," he said.

Anderson said that at 80-feet high, the tower would not likely support equipment for more than one additional carrier, but he did agree to come back with plans for more soundproofing fencing. He also agreed to return with plans for landscaping to create a buffer and to more clearly define the gravel accessway.

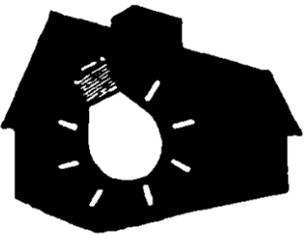
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No pets are allowed on state park beaches in Maine between April 1 and Sept. 30. Pets are allowed on the beaches, but must be leashed, from Oct. 1 through March 31.



Nature photographer Martha Agan's dog, Raisin, enjoys Crescent Beach while she can - before April 1!

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## NATURAL HAPPENINGS

### April brings spring birds and flowers

By Erika Carlson Rhile,  
 CELT Education Committee chair

**April 22:** The full moon that will occur on this date was known by early Native American tribes as the Full Pink Moon because it marked the appearance of wild ground phlox, one of the first spring flowers. Many coastal tribes called it the Full Fish Moon because this was the time that shad swam upstream to spawn.

**Spring birds are back!**

• I heard an American woodcock in Cape Elizabeth on the evening of March 14 (my first of the season!). Listen for the faint "peent" call at dusk. Watch for the male American woodcock's mating display; he spirals skyward and twitter-tumbles back down. The early bird gets

the girl!

• Turkey vultures are especially adapted to metabolize bacterial toxins, allowing them to feed on dead animals in an advanced state of decay. Other scavengers avoid carrion after a certain point.

• Robins are busy — and noisy! I have a winterberry wreath that they are using for some "carb-loading."

• Wild turkeys are mating. You may hear loud gobbles at dawn as toms attract hens.

• One of my favorite "signs of spring" flowers is present in the swamp. Its brilliant red flower covers poke up through the snow and ice due to its unique ability to generate heat. Do you know what it is? The skunk cabbage!

### Alternative Energy Committee gets appointees

The Town Council has approved the appointment of Wes Doane, James V. Masi, Laurenze Schmidt, Julia Bassett Schwerin and Richard W. (Rick) Smith to serve on a new ad hoc Alternative Energy Committee, charged with exploring opportunities for alternative energy sources for municipal and school buildings and vehicles.

At the March 14 Town Council meeting, Councilor Patty Grennon, who chairs the appointments subcommittee, said that 18 residents had applied to serve on the committee, making final decisions tough. "They were all passionate and incredibly smart and talented, with particular expertise in this field."

### Land Trust

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CELT plans to expand and improve a trail network that exists on the parcel by adding "meandering trails, bog bridges, resting places and views of Great Pond," Krum said. Trails will connect the Great Pond Reserve II to the 5.5-acre Great Pond Trail, part of the greenbelt network.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has recognized the property as a "particularly high value habitat," a press release from CELT states.

"The property provides a critical home for rare or declining species of birds and fish, including red-shouldered hawk, blue-winged warbler, northern flicker, blue heron, wood duck and bald eagle."

Contact Krum at CELT at 767-6054 to learn more about the conservation project.

The nonprofit CELT permanently conserves and provides stewardship for Cape Elizabeth land for the education, use and enjoyment of town residents.

The national Land Trust Accreditation Commission has recognized the organization as an accredited land trust.

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## News for schools not great, but better

By Wendy Keeler

Cape Elizabeth recently got news from Augusta that may not be great but certainly is better.

The Cape Elizabeth school district now expects to receive \$2.62 million in state subsidies for 2016-2017, up \$195,640.49 from the preliminary allocation figure published by the Maine Department of Education in January. The DOE released revised state subsidy allocations on March 15 after the Legislature voted to appropriate an additional \$15 million in state aid to schools.

Cape Elizabeth still faces a \$778,728.94 reduction in subsidy from last year.

"We are grateful for the slight increase in funding," Cape Elizabeth School Board Chair Elizabeth Scifres said on March

16. "However, we are receiving nearly \$800,000 less than last year. We're going to be getting not quite \$200,000 more, so it's not a great boon to the school department."

Superintendent Meredith Nadeau has recommended a \$24.5 million school budget for next year. The budget would increase spending by \$932,269, or 4 percent. The plan calls for a 5.7-percent rise in taxes for school services.

When The Cape Courier went to press on Monday, March 21, School Board members were still deliberating on the budget in workshop meetings.

Budget information is posted on the school website, [cape.k12.me.us](http://cape.k12.me.us). Go to the School Board link and then "budget information."

## Garvin wins ecomaine eco-Excellence Award for 'walking the talk'

By Elizabeth Brogan

Town Councilor Jamie Garvin has been selected to receive a 2016 ecomaine eco-Excellence Award for his "ongoing commitment to 'walking the talk' of reducing waste tonnage in Cape Elizabeth."

Ecomaine, a nonprofit, operates a waste-to-energy plant in Portland

Garvin, who previously served two terms on the Cape Elizabeth Recycling Committee, once as chair and once as secretary, also served on the Town Council-appointed Solid Waste and Recycling Long Range Planning Committee.

He was nominated by Peter Frye of Cape Elizabeth.

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Jamie Garvin

award," said ecomaine Communications Manager Lisa Wolff and board member and Recycling Committee Chair Erik Street.

Garvin and Frye were invited to an awards ceremony and luncheon at the ecomaine offices in Portland that was held March 23.

## Town's harbormaster service to move forward with intertown agreement

By Bob Dodd

The Town Council has authorized the town manager to sign an intertown agreement to begin sharing Scarborough's harbor-master services.

The unanimous vote came at the council's March 14 meeting.

Town Manager Mike McGovern said the impact of the agreement will significantly improve the professionalism and responsiveness of the harbor master services.

"We're going from a 1950s-style approach to a 2000s approach," said McGovern.

Cape Elizabeth previously provided harbor-master services by funding a very part-time position with no boat.

Scarborough recently hired a new full-time marine resource officer/harbormaster. Police Chief Neil Williams told councilors he saw this as a perfect opportunity to meet the council's goal of sharing services with neighboring towns whenever possible and to also take a significant step forward in improving marine service and rule enforcement activities provided to the town.

Williams identified Scarborough's new harbormaster as Ian Anderson. The cost to the town will be about \$5,500 per year compared to \$4,000 for the current town-hired harbormaster.

The Scarborough harbormaster will

provide about 155 hours of services annually to the town, including weekly checks of moorings for 28 weeks during the year. The cost will also provide for boat fuel and boat maintenance for Scarborough's harbormaster boat.

McGovern said that the agreement will provide the town with a harbormaster who has experience as a marine patrol officer harbormaster for the state, who is a sworn police officer, and who is familiar with local waters.

And who also has access to two boats to patrol the harbor.

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## Recycling Center will open for yard waste and recycling on four Sundays this spring

The refuse-disposal area of the Recycling Center will be open for leaf, yard waste and recyclables on four Sundays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., April 17 through May 8. Household refuse normally destined for the transfer

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Cape resident Hazel Barr's fondest childhood memories often focus on her frequent visits to her grandparents' home in southern New Jersey. They had immigrated to this country in the late 1930s and settled in a close-knit community with other families of German descent, bringing with them just a few select family heirlooms. One of these was a decorative stein from which her grandfather drank beer.

"After he passed away, another family member inherited the stein, and I never saw it again," explained Barr.

Then one day several years ago, while browsing at the swap shop, Barr spotted a miniature version of a similar stein in a box of pottery, plates and tea cups under one of the tables. "I was delighted to find the little stein," she remarked, "It brought back so many memories of my childhood and my Opa."

She brought it home, washed it out, and gave it a place of honor on her mantle. Eventually, she started using it as a planter and grew herbs in it.

One day, a friend was visiting and noticed the stein on the mantle. As an antique collector herself, she asked to borrow



A German stoneware stein to be evaluated by a specialist.

the stein to research its potential value. She returned with the stein the next week with some startling news. "Do you have any idea

how much this is worth?" was her first question.

Her friend went on to explain that the value of steins is determined by authenticity, availability, rarity and quality of design. Barr's grandfather's stein was covered by a pewter lid, which was a requirement in the 14th century to keep disease-bearing insects out of food products, specifically those carrying the Bubonic Plague.

Her swap shop find is one of the first coverless steins produced by Merkalboch Stoneware, as evidenced by the pottery and artist trademark etched into the mug. She

went on to say that the Austrian-Prussian Conflict in the 1700s resulted in the restricted supply of pewter, and as the spread of the disease had ended, the covered stein requirement was lifted.

"The quality and character design on the mug was my first clue that this was an item of value," explained Barr's friend. "Once I was able to establish that it was made in the 1700s, I knew that the aristocratic rabbit depicted King Frederick Wilhelm of Prussia, and he was speaking to a hedgehog, which represented the common man of Austria."

While a preliminary value has been estimated in the range of \$32,000 to \$55,000 by a local appraiser, an accurate evaluation will need to be conducted by an appraiser who specializes in German stoneware of this era.

"We have an appointment with a firm in New York City at the end of this month," explained Barr. "We're not sure where we'll go from there. The appraiser has offered to put us in touch with the family-owned studio in Germany. They might be interested in purchasing our stein as they estimate there may be fewer than 25 of this particular model left in the world." She went on to say that the limited quantities of the remaining pieces is due, in part, to the devastation during World War II.

Regardless of the future of the little stein, Barr feels certain that they will be looking to sell it. "It seems a little foolish to be holding onto something that is so valuable," she explained. "We can really

**'It seems a little foolish to be holding onto something that is so valuable' – Hazel Barr**

use the money."

For now, the little stein is safely wrapped in protective covering and tucked away in a safe spot. "The first thing we did was get a big safety deposit box at the bank and that's where it is for the time being," said Barr.

This is not the first time that an item of value has turned up at the swap shop. Residents may remember the set of silver flatware that was found in a plastic grocery bag a few years ago with a value of well over \$1,000.

Needless to say, Barr (and others) will be perusing items left at the swap shop with a keen eye to anything else that might have a hidden value.

But best to avoid any speculation on April 1, or you may be fooled again, just as you may have been with this story!

–Story and photo by Debbie Butterworth

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# Identity theft results in falsely opened accounts; burglaries reported

Reported by Debbie Butterworth

## COMPLAINTS

- 2-23 An officer met with a resident of the Old Ocean House Road area about a domestic situation.
- 2-24 An officer met with a resident of the Ocean House Road area about a harassment complaint.
- 2-24 An officer met with a resident of the Sawyer Road area about a criminal trespass complaint.
- 2-26 An officer met with a subject who reported a theft of money from his wallet while at the high school.
- 2-28 An officer met with a resident of the Ivie Road area who turned over an identification card belonging to a South Portland resident.
- 2-28 An officer met with a resident of the Shore Road area about a criminal threatening complaint.
- 2-29 An officer met with a Cape Elizabeth school bus driver about a vehicle that passed his stopped school bus while the lights were on and the stop sign deployed. A registration plate was obtained and contact made with the driver.
- 3-1 An officer met with a resident of the Shore Acres area who reported that someone had opened a Lowes account in New Mexico using a prior address

and also that an Amazon account had been opened in her name. Both accounts have been closed. The victim's information was compromised in the Blue Cross and Blue Shield security breach.

- 3-1 An officer responded to a residence in the Mitchell Road area for a well-being check.
- 3-4 Two officers responded to a residence in the Sherwood Forest area for a daytime burglary complaint with a subject possibly still in the building. No one was found inside and the only thing that appeared to be missing was some prescription medication.
- 3-4 An officer responded to a residence in the Mitchell Road area for a suspicious vehicle report.
- 3-5 An officer responded to a residence in the Oakhurst area for a burglary complaint. Forced entry was used to get into the house, but nothing appeared to be disturbed or missing from the residence.
- 3-7 An officer responded to a residence in the Broad Cove area for a well-being check.

## SUMMONSES

- 2-23 South Portland resident, uninspected vehicle, Shore Road, \$133
- 2-25 Cape Elizabeth resident, parking in

- handicapped space, middle school, \$165
- 2-25 Biddeford resident, speeding (46/30 zone), Sawyer Road, \$185
- 2-26 Hollis resident, uninspected vehicle, Route 77, \$133
- 2-27 South Portland resident, uninspected vehicle, Route 77, \$133
- 2-27 Cape Elizabeth resident, failure to produce license, Sawyer Road, \$137
- 3-1 West Newfield resident, failure to produce insurance, Cottage Road, \$171
- 3-1 Houlton resident, operating with suspended registration, Route 77
- 3-2 Cape Elizabeth resident, speeding (35/15 zone), Scott Dyer Road, \$215
- 3-2 Pittston resident, speeding (48/30 zone), Sawyer Road, \$185
- 3-2 Cape Elizabeth resident, speeding (52/30 zone), Sawyer Road, \$215
- 3-3 Cape Elizabeth resident, uninspected vehicle, Fowler Road, \$133
- 3-4 Portland business, failure to produce insurance, Mitchell Road, \$171
- 3-4 South Portland resident, speeding (44/35 zone), Route 77, \$119
- 3-5 Chelsea resident, violation of protection order, Shore Road
- 3-5 Portland resident, operating under the influence of alcohol, Ocean House Road
- 3-6 Hampden resident, uninspected vehicle, Shore Road, \$133

## JUVENILE SUMMONSES

- 2-25 Cape Elizabeth resident, failure to maintain control of vehicle, Woodland Road, \$119

## ACCIDENTS

- 2-24 Earl Shields, Kelsey Allen, accident on Route 77
- 3-1 Jacob Nedwell, Carolyn Wissley, accident on Route 77
- 3-3 Donald Mitchell, Susanna Measelle Hubbs, accident on Kettle Cove Road
- 3-4 Philip Carpenter, accident on Farm Hill Road

## ARRESTS

- 3-5 Chelsea resident, violation of protection order

## FIRE CALLS

- 2-24 South Portland Mutual Aid
- 2-28 Atlantic Place, carbon monoxide alarm
- 2-28 Ocean House Road, furnace problem
- 2-29 South Portland Mutual Aid
- 3-2 Granite Ridge Road, electrical problem
- 3-2 Spurwink Avenue, fire alarm
- 3-3 Ocean House Road, fire alarm
- 3-6 Portland Mutual Aid

## RESCUE CALLS

There were 21 runs to Maine Medical Center. There were 3 patients treated by rescue personnel but not transported.

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**FAITH D. LOWELL**  
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Faith Doris Lowell, 91, of Morrison Hill Road, Farmington and formerly of Sawyer Road, Cape Elizabeth, passed away peacefully on March 10, 2016 at the Gosnell Memorial Hospice House in Scarborough. She was born on July 21, 1924 in Madison, the daughter of Victor and Edna (Hapworth) LaCombe.

Faith loved her life in Cape Elizabeth where she and her late husband Harry raised their family. She had many good times with her neighborhood friends on Sawyer Road, and friends/coworkers at the Cape Elizabeth School Cafeteria. She especially enjoyed frequent outings to her favorite spot, Crescent Beach, as well as summer camping trips in the Sebago Lakes region and on the Saco River in Hiram. Her entire life, she was happiest while on "four wheels" and made frequent stops to enjoy her favorite food, ice cream. She was known for her quick wit and had a special way of always being able to put a smile on people's faces. While living in Farmington, she was an active member of the Franklin County Extension and was a long-time volunteer at the Edgewood Nursing facility where she made sure everyone had a chance to win the Beano games she ran. In her later years, she enjoyed breakfast with friends at The Brickyard, going to the movies with friends, and relaxing in her home on Morrison Hill with her devoted dog "Lilly".

Faith, a devoted wife and mother, is survived by her daughters, Jeanne Simpson and husband Jerry, Donna Fournier and husband Bruce; eleven grandchildren; sixteen great grandchildren; and many beloved nieces and nephews who knew her as Auntie Shay. She was predeceased by her loving husband, Harry Jr; her son, Harry III; her daughter, Judy Speckhart; her grandson, Eric Speckhart; her brothers, Vaughn and Victor LaCombe.

The family suggests making donations in memory of Faith Lowell and her devoted dog Lilly, to the Harvest Hills Animal Shelter, 1389 Bridgton Rd., Fryeburg, ME 04037, or email info@harvesthills.org

Friends and family are invited to gather at the home of Jeanne and Jerry Simpson, 272 Morrison Hill, Farmington on Sunday, April 3, 2016 from 1 PM to 4 PM. There will also be a graveside memorial service on Saturday, June 4, 2016, at 12 noon, at the Riverside Cemetery in Cape Elizabeth, with a reception to follow at Fort Williams picnic area.

*Arrangements are under the care and direction of Dan & Scott's Cremation & Funeral Service, 488 Farmington Falls Rd., Farmington, ME 04938*

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## 'Crucible' at Portland Players March 25-April 10

Arthur Miller's play "The Crucible," about the Puritan purge of witchcraft in Salem, Mass., will run Friday, March 25, through Sunday, April 10, at the Portland Players, 420 Cottage Road in South Portland.

The story focuses on a young farmer, his wife and a young servant girl who maliciously causes the wife's arrest for witchcraft. The farmer brings the girl to court to admit the lie but finds himself also accused of witch-

craft and ultimately condemned with a host of others.

Shows are at 7:30 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and at 2:30 p.m. on Sundays. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$18 for senior citizens and \$15 for students and children.

Go to portlandplayers.org or call 799-7337 to reserve tickets. Call the theater's office or email info@portlandplayers.org for more information.

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## CAPE CALENDAR

By Wendy Derzawiec

### Monday, March 28

**Spurwink School Committee**, 7 p.m., at the former Spurwink School (at the library), 6 Scott Dyer Road

### Wednesday, March 30

**Bottle Shed Committee**, 9 a.m., Public Safety Building

**Paper Street Neighborhood Meeting** - Town Council, 7 p.m., Town Hall chamber

### Tuesday, April 5

**Planning Board Workshop**, 7 p.m., William H. Jordan Conference Room, Town Hall

### Thursday, April 7

**School Board Policy Committee**, 7:30-9 a.m., William H. Jordan Conference Room, Town Hall

**Family Fun Day Volunteers**, 6:30 p.m., Cape Elizabeth Community Center

### Ongoing each week

**Al-Anon**, Regular meeting 7:30 p.m., Thursdays at United Methodist Church, 280 Ocean House Road. Regular meeting 7 p.m. Fridays at St. Alban's Church.

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

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

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

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

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

## CABLE GUIDE

## CHANNEL 3

**Zoning Board replay**  
March 26 - 9 a.m.

**Cape Elizabeth Church of the Nazarene**  
March 26 & 27; April 2 & 3 - 12 p.m.

## Robotics team plans April 5 benefit at Easy Day

Cape Elizabeth High School's VEX robotics team 56A plans a fundraiser on Tuesday, April 5, at Easy Day in South Portland.

The event will raise money for the team's trip to Louisville, Ky., in April, to compete in the 2016 VEX World Championship.

Easy Day, a restaurant and bowling alley located at 725 Broadway, will donate 15 per-

cent of its restaurant sales to the team that day from 5 to 8 p.m., when team members will bowl for dollars. Members of 56A are currently collecting pledges.

People also can donate to the team at gofundme.com by entering "caperobotics2016." Email capersrobotics@gmail.com for more information.

## Community members can watch fellow residents compete in trivia-style challenge on April 3

Community members will compete in teams against each another on Sunday, April 3, in the Cape Elizabeth High School World Affairs Council's ninth annual International Affairs Challenge in the CEHS cafeteria.

In the trivia-style competition, set for 5:30 p.m., tables of four to eight people will test their knowledge about the world and current events. Topics will range from current events and regional conflicts to his-

tory and geography.

Prizes will go to the three top performing teams. Light refreshments will be provided.

The event will benefit WAC, a school group that seeks to promote awareness of global issues among CEHS students, Cape Elizabeth residents and organizations with which WAC partners.

Email Madolyn Connolly at madolyn.connolly@capeelizabethschools.org for more information.

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## Cape Lions plan pancake breakfast on April 10



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Cape Elizabeth Lions Club member Carl Stephenson looks on as Cape Elizabeth residents, far left, Jim Cox and Bill Stressenger provide entertainment before a recent club meeting.

The Cape Elizabeth Lions Club plans two pancake breakfast fundraisers at the clubhouse, the old Bowery Beach Schoolhouse, located at the intersection of Two Lights and Wheeler roads.

Set for Sundays, April 10 and May 8, the breakfasts will run from 7:30 to 11 a.m. and include pancakes, French toast, eggs, sausage, coffee, tea and juice. Adults pay \$7, and children 12 and younger pay \$5.

Proceeds from the meals benefit maintenance of the clubhouse and Cape Elizabeth Lions Club charities. Last year, the club donated funds raised through pancake break-

fasts and spaghetti dinners to 16 nonprofit organizations, including Judy's Produce Pantry, Fort Williams Foundation, Cape Elizabeth High School's Project Graduation, the Maine Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, Southern Maine Agency on Aging, IRIS Network, Wayside Food Programs, Ronald McDonald House and the Center for Grieving Children.

Lions meetings are held at 6:39 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month.

The club welcomes new members. Call Cape Lion Paul Gentilini at 470-7353 for information.

## Public supper planned on April 2

The Cape Elizabeth United Methodist Church's monthly public supper is set for Saturday, April 2, from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

The supper will feature casseroles, baked beans, salads, breads and pies at a price of

\$8 for adults, \$5 for children and \$20 for families. Take-out will be available.

The church is located at 280 Ocean House Road. Go to ceumc.org for more information.

## Football registration for school, youth programs scheduled on April 6 in the high school cafeteria

Organizers will collect registration forms and payment at Cape Elizabeth football registration, planned from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 6, in the Cape Elizabeth High School cafeteria.

Youth tackle football for students in grades four through six costs \$135; \$185 for registrations received after July 1. The fee for middle school football for students in grades seven and eight is \$155; \$205 after July 1. Scholarships are available. Go to eteamz.com/capefootball to download a registration form.

The fee for high school football players is \$160; \$210 after June 1. Go to football.capeelizabetschools.org to download a registration form. Contact Jen Mello jmel-low@maine.rr.com for more information.

## Cape dancers to perform in 'Sleeping Beauty' at Maine State Ballet from April 1-17

Cape Elizabeth ballerinas Faith Buckley and Lily Mackenzie will perform next month in the Maine State Ballet's "Sleeping Beauty."

The three-act ballet features music by Tchaikovsky.

Performances of "Sleeping Beauty" are planned from Friday, April 1, through Sunday, April 17, at the Maine State Ballet Theater in Falmouth.

Performances are set for 7 p.m. on Friday, April 1; 2 and 7 p.m. on Saturday, April 2; 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 3; 7 p.m. on Friday, April 8; 2 and 7 p.m. on Satur-

day, April 9; 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 10; 7 p.m. on Friday, April 15; 2 and 7 p.m. on Saturday, April 16; and 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 17.

Buckley and Mackenzie are juniors at Cape Elizabeth High School.

Tickets are \$19 to \$25 and available at mainstateballet.org or by calling 781-3587. MSB offers discounts for senior citizens and children. A \$5 processing fee is charged for phone and box office orders but not for online purchases.

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## Medicare expert will talk about program at senior 'lunch and learn' event on April 5

A Medicare consultant will review how Medicare covers inpatient, outpatient and prescription drug costs at a Cape Elizabeth Community Services "lunch and learn" program for Cape Elizabeth residents who are 55 years and older.

The program is set for 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 5, in the Cape Elizabeth Fire Station's community room.

Presenter Barbara Hopkins, who handles marketing and sales at the Woods at Canco,

an independent living center for senior citizens in Portland, will discuss enrollment periods and products designed to partner with Medicare, including supplement plans, Medicare Advantage plans and prescription drug plans.

The program has a \$10 fee.

The fire station is located at 2 Jordan Way and parking is behind the building.

Call 799-2868 for more information about the program.

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

The Cape Challenge 5K, a fundraiser for all three Cape Elizabeth schools, is set for 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, June 5.

The annual event, sponsored by Cape Chiropractic and Acupuncture, includes an 8:30 a.m. "Fun Run" for children eight years old and younger, and a 9 a.m. one-mile dash for children 12 and younger. An awards ceremony will begin at 10:15 a.m.

Registration details will be avail-

able in The Cape Courier's April 8 issue. Race training programs for kindergartners through fifth-graders will begin on April 28. Call 799-2868 or go to [capecommunityservices.org](http://capecommunityservices.org) to register for the programs.

Organizers are seeking sponsors and volunteers. Contact Sheri Bragg at [sheribraggme@yahoo.com](mailto:sheribraggme@yahoo.com) about sponsorship and Andie Mahoney at [andiemahoney.maine.rr.com](http://andiemahoney.maine.rr.com) about volunteering.

See pages 8, 9 for more Events & Organizations

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## Caucusing for the first time



Photo by Tim Queeney

Cape Elizabeth High School seniors and recent CEHS graduates show their excitement about participating for the first time in the United States presidential election process while caucusing on March 6 in the Cape Elizabeth High School gym. Some of the students are 17 years old, but Maine citizens can caucus if they turn 18 by the November election. Pictured are, front row, from left, Hobie Wanzer, Hadley Britt, Charlie Tall, Alex Narvaez; second row, Tucker Wanzer, Wyatt Newhall, Harry Queeney; third row, Stephen Bennett, Miles Dorrance, Hannah Walsh and George Astor.

## Free Schooner Fair concert on April 8 for seniors

The Maine-based folk band Schooner Fare will perform in a free concert set for 10 to 11 a.m. Friday, April 8, in the Cape Elizabeth High School auditorium. The non-profit Cape Elizabeth Education Foundation is sponsoring the event, which is for Cape

Elizabeth residents 55 years and older.

Schooner Fare plays primarily original maritime, socially conscious and traditional folk music.

Registration is required. Call 799-2868 to register or for more information.



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## The Cape Courier vacations with the Ferguson family ... in New South Wales



The Courier sure has the life. Sisters and Cape Elizabeth residents Laura and Charlotte Ferguson display an issue in Cronulla Beach, New South Wales, located just south of Sydney, Australia. Charlotte was born in Australia, and the girls' father, Michael Ferguson, grew up there. "We had a great time visiting friends and family ... and enjoying family time in the warm Aussie sun," the girls' mother, Miranda Ferguson, wrote in an email to The Cape Courier. The youngest Ferguson sister, Kate, is not pictured.

## ... and in Fiji



Cape Elizabeth residents Miranda and Michael Ferguson display The Courier on a snorkeling trip off Toberua Island, off the east coast of Viti Levu, Fiji. "The snorkeling in the coral reefs is unparalleled," Miranda wrote in an email to The Courier. "We were so relieved to hear that the island and the surrounding villages suffered no loss of life following the devastating and record-breaking cyclone that made landfall the day after we departed. We were on the last plane to the USA before the airport closed."

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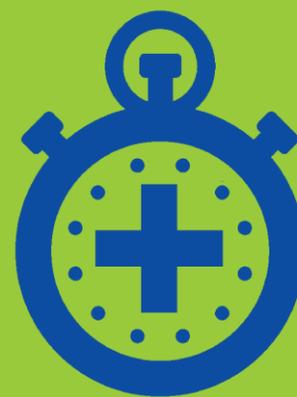


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### Pinewood Derby!



Photo by Jamie Garvin

After releasing the wooden car he built, Cape Elizabeth Tiger Cub Joey Gray, front row, far left, watches it fly down a track in the Pond Cove School cafetorium on March 5. With him are fellow members of Cape Elizabeth Cub Scout Pack 30, left to right, Teddy Garvin, Donovan Shroder and Duke Lawler. The Pinewood Derby is an annual Boy Scouts of America event for Cub Scouts, who build cars from wood kits and then race them. Cape Elizabeth resident Aaron Scifres records the event with his smartphone.

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### Dana Wigdon and family celebrates with Courier



The Cape Courier recently celebrated the 70th birthday of Cape Elizabeth resident Dana Wigdon, front row in striped pants, with her family at Discovery Bay in Jamaica. With her on the beach are, front row, holding The Courier, left, daughter-in-law Gina Byrd; back row, from left, son-in-law Jon Queally, daughter Mandy Queally, son Tom Byrd, daughter Amy Cochran, son-in-law Robert Cochran, daughter Courtney Thoreck and son-in-law Jeff Thoreck.

Emma O'Rourke, a 2014 Cape Elizabeth High School graduate, was named to the fall-semester dean's list at Providence College in Rhode Island. She is the daughter of Jim and Cindy O'Rourke.

Cape Elizabeth resident Stephen Swaney was named to the fall-semester dean's list at Salve Regina University in Newport, R.I. He is a sophomore.



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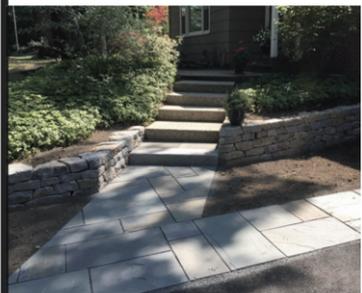
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## Author Jane Yolen at CEHS April 8; Cape AuthorFest 2016 set for April 9

By Rachel Davis

On Friday April 8 at 6:30 p.m. the high school will host a special event in conjunction with the library: An evening with Jane Yolen and Heidi Stemple. Yolen is the award-winning author over 300 books, among which are "Owl Moon," "The Devil's Arithmetic" and "How Do Dinosaurs Say Goodnight?" Her daughter, Heidi Stemple, also an accomplished writer, will join her for a discussion of their work, perhaps a reading or two, and a Q & A. Whether you are a child, parent, educator, writer, storyteller or a lover of children's literature, please join us for this very special evening!

Yolen and Stemple will also be joining us Saturday, April 9 for Cape Authorfest 2016, featuring more than 80 authors and illustrators from New England and beyond, with works for readers of all ages. The event will take place from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Cape Elizabeth High School gym.

Books will be available for purchase and signing through our sponsoring bookstore, Bull Moose, and author/illustrator talks and demos will be showcased. For more information visit: [authorfest.cape.k12.me.us](http://authorfest.cape.k12.me.us).

## April 7: author events for kids and families

By Rachel Davis

In conjunction with the fourth annual Cape Celebrates Literacy Festival, the library is pleased to present two author events on Thursday, April 7. First, from 3:30 to 4:15 p.m., Anica Mrose Rissi, author of the "Anna Banana" series of beginning chapter books, will offer an interactive presentation (with slideshow) about her path to becoming an author and the secrets of her writing process, from ideas and drafting to revisions and beyond. She'll also lead the kids in some fun activities. The presentation is geared for kids 6 to 10 years old and is perfect for kids who enjoy friendship stories.

Then, in the evening, from 6:30 to 7:15, authors Annabeth Bondor-Stone and Connor White will present a family event for all ages based on their books about "Shivers: The Pirate Who Was Afraid of Everything." Kids will get a chance to meet Shivers, the scariest pirate to ever sail the Seven Seas. Along with his best friend, Margo and his loyal fishmate (yes, you read that correctly), Albee, Shivers battles a giant squid, discovers hidden treasures, and gets pooped on by a pigeon to save his parents from the clutches of evil. You'll laugh, you'll cry, and you'll never eat snails again.

The performance is a combination of improv and creative writing lesson, while the authors teach kids about comedic characters and then bring their ideas to life. Both events are free, and will take place in the library's community room. For more information, please visit the library's website.

## Socrates Café to meet Tuesday, April 5

Adults craving interesting, thoughtful discussion are invited to attend the library's monthly philosophy discussion group, Socrates Café. The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 5, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the adult library reading area. No advance reading or specialized knowledge is required, and no need to sign up—all are welcome! For more information, please visit the library's website.

## Children's programming at library gets adjusted schedule

By Rachel Davis

The library is changing its children's program schedule slightly to better accommodate more families. The first change comes to baby story times. Instead of breaking the program into two, one for infants and one for older babies, the library is again offering its Mother Goose Time program for birth to 18 months. The program will be offered three days per week: Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m., Fridays at 9:30 a.m., and Saturdays at 9:30 a.m.

Another change is the addition of two more sessions of Baby Doll Story Time each week and an expansion of the age range of the program. The program will now be for ages two through five and will be offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:30 a.m., and Fridays at 10:30 a.m. Children are invited to use one of the library's baby dolls, or bring one of their own for a program featuring songs, stories and games. The schedule changes will take place beginning the week of March 28.

Please check the library's website for more details and for updates on special events.



Photo by Brittany Kashar

Children and their baby dolls sing a song with Rachel Davis at Baby Doll Story Time, which will now be offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. and Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

## Fantasy baseball league to meet March 29

Baseball enthusiasts of all ages are invited to attend a free program with Cape Elizabeth High School Assistant Coach Chris Mims, as the library creates its own fantasy baseball league. All are welcome to attend this free event at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 29. For more information and details on how to participate, please visit the library's website.

## Musical story hour returns on April 7

Jud Caswell will be back for his monthly musical story hour at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 7. Jud will lead the audience in musical games and read stories along with his own musical accompaniment. All are welcome!

## Read to a Dog!



Photo by Rachel Davis

Seven-year-old Jack Auritt reads to Winston, one of the library's two therapy dogs, with Winston's handler, Barbara Schenkel looking on.



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# 1955: The year Gary Merrill formed Cape hockey team; Bette Davis hosted team party

*Editor's note: The following is a story written by South Portland resident Sally Hinckley, who grew up in Cape Elizabeth and graduated from Cape Elizabeth High School in 1955. In it, she recounts a story that her CEHS classmate Fred Hatch told her about Hollywood actors Bette Davis and Gary Merrill. Davis, who died in 1989, was married to Merrill from 1950-1960, the years when Merrill owned Witch Way, a house that no longer exists in Cape Elizabeth. Merrill died in 1990 in Falmouth, where he lived after Cape Elizabeth.*

**By Sally Hinckley**

Once upon a time there was a hockey team in Cape Elizabeth called Merrill's Marauders, so named by Gary Merrill, who lived with his wife, Bette Davis, in Witch Way, Zeb's Cove, off of Old Ocean House Road. Gary and Bette were movie stars. My classmate, Fred Hatch, was a high school se-

nior who lived with his family in Elizabeth Park. This is his story.

In 1955, a man with a permanent five o'clock shadow pulled up in a black Cadillac convertible beside Billy Jordan's irrigation pond on Wells Road. A while after stopping to watch some teenage boys play hockey, the man rolled down his window and beckoned Fred over. Fred had no idea who this man was but agreed to play on the man's new hockey team. The man, who turned out to be Gary Merrill, asked if the "other kid" on the ice could play, too. Fred knew that his buddy, Dick Thayer, loved hockey as much as he did, and said, "You betcha."

Merrill had dug a hockey pond on his land and needed some young legs to compliment his team of local, middle-aged, former college hockey players. Merrill told Fred to show up Sunday at 1 p.m. By Sunday Fred had figured out who Gary Merrill and Bette Davis were. Fred and Dick walked to Witch Way and met their teammates. Ms. Davis was busy grilling hot dogs and hamburgers over a very large charcoal fire, and asked, "How do you like your hamburgers, boys?" They told her and were informed about the two beverage tables. One table was for the boys, and the second was for the "others." The boys were to stay away from the "others" table.

The first team, which did not include Fred and Dick, played the first and second periods against the Falmouth Airedales. The score was 0 and 0. Shortly into the third period, Fred and Dick were put in the game. The boys were fast and tenacious (and hoped a hockey scout was watching, Fred said.) According to Vern Putney, a sports writer for the Portland Press Herald at the time, this is what happened:

"Cape Elizabeth: Jan. 8, 1955 [Cape

Elizabeth defenseman] Parker Poole flicked a crisp backhand shot past Falmouth Airedale goalie Dick Chadwick with less than four minutes left to set up the hockey team of Cape Elizabeth for a repeat 2 - 0 win at Zeb's Cove today."

This is how it happened, Putney reported:

"Falmouth's desperate scrambling kept local [Cape Elizabeth] goalie Robinson Cook, Jr., busy with hands, knees and stick and an assorted arsenal of tricks intended to deny the puck cage entrance. Only his second straight superb performance in the nets kept fast-skating Falmouth out of the scoring column.

"[Falmouth] reserve Dick None ... bore down on Cook, only to have his rocketing charge come to grief at the goal mouth when he lost footing. Hank Payson, Falmouth's scrappy leader, was next to challenge Cape goalie, Robinson Cook. He gathered in the puck at the center line, guided it carefully most of the way, then blazed in for an angle shot. His whistling liner, fired at almost point-blank range, skimmed past the corner - to the relief of the helpless Cook. Before Payson could launch another solo sortie, the locals had taken the play and the puck. Poole, disengaging himself from a lively scrimmage near the opposition cage, spoiled Chadwick's shutout. Chadwick was a setup for a finishing score by Cape Elizabeth High senior, Fred Hatch, who had easy sledding after Falmouth was caught down-ice. He [Hatch] had deftly poised the puck into an unprotected cage.

"Both Poole and Hatch disclaimed organized hockey experience, but their timely counters belied limited ice service.

"While scanning the hockey horizon for more victims, with a weather eye in the direction of the Tarrantine Club of Bangor, game promoter Gary Merrill announced that



Gary Merrill, pictured with his wife, Bette Davis, in a studio shot from their 1950 film, "All About Eve," owned a house in Cape Elizabeth from 1950 to 1960.

the 'gate' take for the polio drive was \$30.45. "First Period: Scoring: none. Second Period Scoring: none. Third Period: Scoring: 1) Poole, unassisted 11:01; 2) Hatch, unassisted 14:45."

Later on that winter, during a heavy snow-storm, Merrill called Fred to ask a favor. Merrill said he was stuck in Portland and needed to get to Los Angeles the next day to start filming a Hitchcock mystery for television. He wanted Fred to accompany him to Boston and drive his car back to Maine. For this Fred would be paid \$20.

Merrill told Fred the script was on the back seat and he could read it but not reveal it. Many months later Fred and his family were watching the Hitchcock show when Fred's mom announced that she bet Fred didn't know how that story was going to turn out. Fred just smiled and said he knew, but he had made a promise.

Fred finished the season with Merrill's Marauders unbeaten. He graduated from CEHS in June and went to Wentworth Institute in Boston, where he did not play hockey.

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## Two churches to co-host services on Easter

The Casco Bay Cluster of United Methodist churches and the Cape Elizabeth Church of the Nazarene will host an Easter sunrise service at 6:15 a.m. on the rocks at the end of Two Lights Road on Easter Sunday, March 27.

Parking will be available in the Lobster Shack restaurant parking lot.

A second service is planned at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary of the Cape Elizabeth United Methodist Church, 280 Ocean House Road. The public will be welcome at the services.

## St. Bartholomew plans two Masses on Easter

St. Bartholomew Roman Catholic Church plans services during Holy Week and two Masses on Easter Sunday.

A Tenebrae service is set for 7 p.m. on Monday, March 21. The church will hold a Holy Thursday service at 7 p.m. on March

24, and a Good Friday service at 3:30 p.m. on March 25. Easter Sunday Masses are planned for 9 and 11 a.m.

The church is located at 8 Two Lights Rd. Call 799-5528 or email judi.logue@portlanddiocese.org for more information.

## Easter services planned at church, Fort Williams

First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ in South Portland plans services on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter.

A 7:30 p.m. sanctuary service is planned Thursday, March 24. On Good Friday, a 6 p.m. soup supper in Guptill Hall and a 7:30

p.m. sanctuary service will be followed by an Easter vigil that will run through 6 a.m. on Easter.

A sunrise Easter service is set for 6 a.m. at Fort Williams Park and a sanctuary service with American Sign Language interpretation at 9 a.m.

## St. Alban's to hold four Easter Sunday services

St. Alban's Episcopal Church will offer services every day of Holy Week.

Short services are scheduled at 9 a.m. Monday through Wednesday, and "Labyrinth in Candlelight" from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday.

Bread baking by children and a 6:30 p.m. service are planned on Maundy Thursday. On Good Friday, the church

will offer readings and reflections from noon to 1 p.m., musical meditation from 1 to 2 p.m., and prayer and hymns from 2 to 3 p.m.

An Easter vigil is set for 7 p.m. Saturday, March 26. On Easter, the church will offer three morning services at 7 a.m., 9 a.m., and at 11 a.m. There will also be a 5:30 p.m. Celtic Eventide service.

## After March 16 intruder incident, school officials, police evaluate protocols

By Wendy Keeler

Cape Elizabeth police and school officials are assessing emergency response management and protocols after a man entered all three Cape Elizabeth schools on March 16.

The school district's emergency management team was scheduled to present a report to the Cape Elizabeth School Board at a special workshop meeting on March 22, the day after The Cape Courier went to press.

"At that time the board will ask questions and look to address concerns with our facilities, procedures and practices," School Board Chair Elizabeth Scifres told parents and school staff in an email the afternoon of Friday, March 18.

Earlier that day, Cape Elizabeth Police Chief Neil Williams and Cape Elizabeth Superintendent Meredith Nadeau met with school officials and police to discuss security in the schools.

"We're going to sit down with the emergency management team at a debrief meeting ... and we'll go over the situation and see if there's a different way that we could have handled it: what we did right and what we could have done better," Williams said about the meeting, which was private. "Anything with security is confidential information."

Communication was a topic of discussion, Nadeau said a day after the meeting.

"The emergency management team discussed both our internal communication system and our system for parent communication," Nadeau wrote in a Saturday morning email. "We have researched alternative solutions and are continuing to work with our vendor to improve the delivery time for school communications."

The safety of students, staff and people on campus always comes first, however, Nadeau said.

"Once the situation has been stabilized, we are able to send communication about the nature of the incident," she said. "The mode of communication – phone/text/email – will vary depending on the severity and duration of the incident."

Cape Elizabeth police were called to Pond Cove School on Wednesday, March 16, when Cape Elizabeth resident Nathaniel Lavallee, 25, entered the school at 8:45 a.m., a time when doors are unlocked for students arriving for the day. Lavallee, a 2009 Cape Elizabeth High School graduate, asked a teacher for money, police said. The school immediately went into lockdown.

When police arrived at Pond Cove, La-

vallee was walking to Cape Elizabeth High School. Following him there, police confronted him when he entered the school and drove him home. They warned him he would be arrested if he returned to the campus, Williams said on March 17.

At about 10:50 a.m., a little more than two hours after he had been at Pond Cove, Lavallee went to the rear of Cape Elizabeth Middle School where he "pulled on a locked door, and it opened," Williams said. Why the door opened is "a Facilities [Department] issue. My understanding is that Facilities has looked at it and has done what is needed to correct the issue."

Lavallee's entry triggered a lockdown, and police arrested him on a charge of criminal trespass.

"The individual was not aggressive or physical and was quickly and peacefully removed from the school campus by police," Superintendent Meredith Nadeau told parents in an email the night of March 16, her second email to parents the day of the incident.

Police took Lavallee to Maine Medical Center in Portland for evaluation, and then transferred him to Cumberland County Jail. By the morning of March 17, he was out on bail.

"The [Cape Elizabeth Police Department] has stationed an officer at the Pond Cove and Middle School building and is providing a heightened presence in the campus area," Nadeau told parents in an email the morning after the incidents in which she informed them Lavallee was out on bail.

Later that day, Williams and Nadeau held a meeting at CEMS for concerned parents. About 60 people attended, Williams said.

"We gave them a brief synopsis of what transpired, but it basically was a question and answer period for them," Williams said on March 18. "We listened to their concerns. There were parents who were very concerned about the issue. I don't blame them. You always think of the school as your second home, and you're supposed to be safe. When someone enters the building who shouldn't be there, it creates anxiety and fear."

In the last email about the incidents that school community members received before the weekend, the School Board chair offered some thoughts about school security, the incidents and the outcome, and also about Lavallee and the town.

"Separate but inexorably intertwined

—see PROTOCOLS, page 16

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Visiting Artist Shawn Brewer, far right, shows Cape Elizabeth Middle School students how to screen print covers for their own copies of a limited release publication earlier this month at a launch party for the school's publication studio. Students will work with visiting illustrators, book makers and writers at the studio, open Thursdays during one afternoon period and then after school. The Cape Elizabeth Education Foundation and the Middle School Parents Association provided funding to open the studio.

## Protocols

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with this incident is the fact that one of our own Cape graduates is suffering. Hearing people speak with compassion and concern

for this person, despite our worries and fears, has bolstered my pride in this town," Scifres wrote in her Friday afternoon email. "We have come through a difficult time together. We are fortunate the incident had a positive outcome, and must seize this opportunity to reflect and improve."

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## New special education director to start job in Cape Elizabeth on July 1

By Wendy Keeler

Jessica Clark, a consulting specialist at the New England Center for Children, based in Southborough, Mass., will become the Cape Elizabeth schools' next special education director on July 1. Clark, 35, will take over from Steve Floyd, who has served as the district's interim special education director since former director Jane Goulding retired last spring.

Cape Elizabeth School Board members approved Clark's nomination at their March 8 meeting.

"We are very excited to have this fabulous candidate on board," School Board member Jo Morrissey said at the meeting.

Clark used the same adjective to describe her feelings about her next chapter.

"I'm excited in general — to be in Cape Elizabeth, to be in the community, and to be in the special education department," Clark said in a phone interview on March 17. "It's

going to be a nice change of pace. I'm used to being all over the place and it will be nice to settle into one place."

In the past two years at NECC, where Clark has worked since 2005, she has provided behavioral and educational consultation to 14 school districts in New Hampshire. Clark does consulting for students, teachers and administrators, and also runs districtwide trainings.

Additionally, she serves as NECC coordinator for teacher training and professional development for Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont. Clark previously worked as a lead teacher/coordinator and behavioral consultant at Northwood Elementary School in Northwood, N.H.

From 2005 to 2009, Clark taught special education and served as an educational coordinator and education department special-

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Volunteers needed:

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- Community members are needed to talk about their career experience at the annual CEMS career fair the morning of Thursday, April 14. Email John Holdridge at [jholdridge@capeelizabetschools.org](mailto:jholdridge@capeelizabetschools.org).

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### Cape Elizabeth High School

Volunteers needed:

- The CEHS cultural communications club needs adult drivers to transport

10 students from the high school to Portland at 2:30 p.m. and from Portland back to CEHS at 4 p.m. on Mondays and Tuesdays. The students are involved in an after-school tutoring program for middle-school-aged English language learners. Email John Holdridge at [jholdridge@capeelizabetschools.org](mailto:jholdridge@capeelizabetschools.org).

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Tangible resources needed:

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- Old-school typewriters for a student-driven learning program. Email John Holdridge at [jholdridge@capeelizabetschools.org](mailto:jholdridge@capeelizabetschools.org).

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## Ross ends Sacred Heart football career after setting four university records

Cape Elizabeth resident Jamie Ross, who is pursuing a master's degree at Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, Conn., completed his football career at Sacred Heart this fall after setting four school football records.

Ross, who attended Cape Elizabeth schools through eighth grade when he transferred to Deering High School in Portland, scored numerous honors during his career at Sacred Heart, a Division 1 school in the Northeast Conference.

Because of an injury, Ross did not play football his sophomore year and had a red-shirt year of eligibility to exercise this year.

A junior when he began punting for the Sacred Heart Pioneers, Ross kicked the longest punt in school history: 78 yards. His punt average for a game, 48.5 yards, also set a school record, and his punt average for a season – 40-plus yards – is the school's highest ever. Ross also racked up 3,272 yards in punts, the most for a season. Additional Sacred Heart football achievements include third for total number of punts in school history, third for total punt yardage, third for punt average, and fourth for total punt yardage in a game.

In 2015, Ross was a member of the North/South Football Championship Subdivision Div. 1 All Star team. He was named a first team NEC All-Conference punter, a special team NEC Conference player of the week,



Jamie Ross, pictured with a Sacred Heart University coach, completed a record-breaking football career this fall.

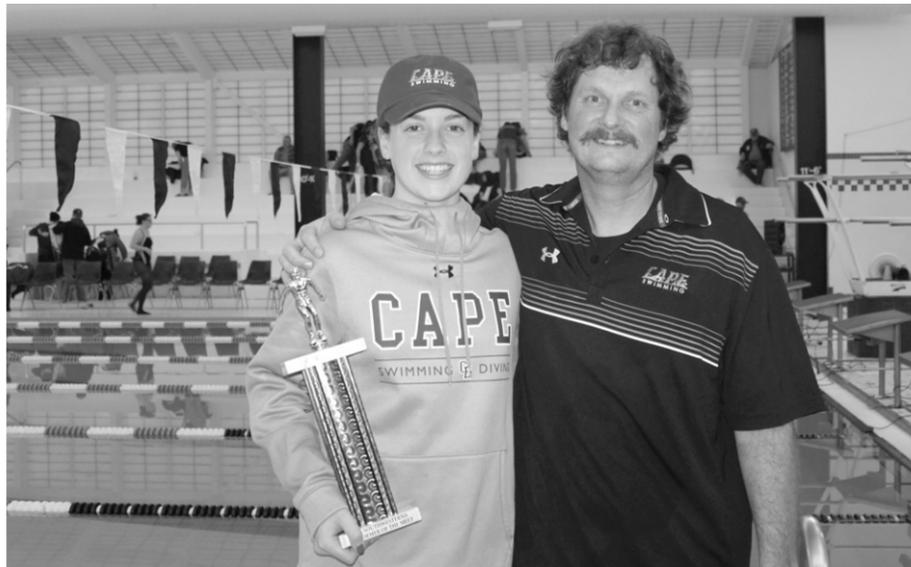
and a Corvias East Coast Athletic Conference special team player of week. He was named a special team player of the game five times in 2015, and in 2013 and 2014 he was a member of the NEC Conference championship team.

Ross has a history of breaking athletic records. At Deering, where he played quarterback, Ross broke four football records.

In May 2015, Ross earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Sacred Heart. He is set to receive a master's degree in sports communication and media in August.

– Wendy Keeler

## Freshman helps CEHS girls' swim team to second-place finish at state meet



Cape Elizabeth High School freshman swimmer Olivia Tighe, pictured last month with coach Ben Raymond at the North Southwestern championship meet, helped the girls' swim team to a second-place finish in the Maine Class A state swim championship in Brunswick last month. Tighe won the 200-free event and was a member of two all-freshmen relay teams that finished first. She also won the medley relay with Hope Campbell, Maddie Culkin and Alicia Lawrence, and the 400-free relay with Campbell, Lawrence and Jade Lindenau. The CEHS boys' team also came in second at the state meet. Tighe was named Performer of the Meet at the Southwestern championship, which both the Cape girls' and boys' teams won.

## CEHS skiers race for Maine



Cape Elizabeth High School Alpine ski team members, from left, Devon Lathrop, Emma Dvorozniak and Caroline Paclat, qualified for the Maine state high school Alpine team that competed last month at the Eastern High School Championships at Attitash Mountain in Bartlett, N.H. "Unfortunately, prior to the competition, Caroline broke her foot and did not race. Both Emma and Devon had runs that scored for Maine," Cape Elizabeth resident Kathy Barber said. This year, the CEHS boys' and girls' teams came in second place in Class A.

## Director

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ist. From 2003 to 2005, she taught special education at John F. Kennedy School in Biddeford.

Clark has a bachelor's degree from the University of Connecticut in Storrs, a master's degree from Simmons College in Boston and a certificate of advanced studies degree from the University of New Hampshire in Durham. She is also a board-certified behavior analyst.

She and her husband will move from Portsmouth, N.H., to Kennebunk with their three children in late June. Her oldest child will attend Kennebunk schools. The younger children have not started school yet.

Clark learned about the Cape Elizabeth job from colleagues.

"Quite a few encouraged me to apply. They sent me a link to servingschool.com, a school employment recruiting website," she said.

A family member gave the Cape Elizabeth school district a great review.

"My brother-in-law grew up in the Cape Elizabeth school system and when I heard about the job, I asked him about the school system, and he said how wonderful it was."

Choosing Clark for the job was not dif-

ficult, Nadeau said.

"The [search] committee was impressed by her: her enthusiasm and her energy, and her commitment to serving children and families," Nadeau told the board at the March 8 meeting.



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## Many CEMS musicians selected for festivals



Photo by Joanne Lee

The Southern Maine Middle School Honors Band includes Cape Elizabeth students, from left, front row, Sydney McFarland, Miryam Keller, Zoe Preble, Maximo Kesselhaut, Zach Merrill, Luke O'Kelly, Marco Hansel; back row, Jack Bassett, Ben Payson, Charlotte Thayer, Connor LaBonty, Aidan Lee and Joe Jacobson. Jack Sands is missing from the photograph.

Clearly Cape Elizabeth Middle School has no dearth of accomplished band and chorus students. A large group of CEMS musicians were selected to perform in regional music festivals.

Students who performed in the Southern Maine Middle School Honors Festival are Sydney McFarland, Miryam Keller, Charlotte Thayer, Zoe Preble, Maximo Kesselhaut, Jack Bassett, Ben Payson, Aidan Lee, Zach Merrill, Jack Sands, Luke O'Kelly, Marco Hansel, Joe Jacobson, Connor LaBonty, Meg Brewer, Bella Eremita, Violet Grimsley, Millie Erickson, Christiana Pinette, Molly O'Sullivan, Emma Frothingham, Madi McCarthy, Emma Ouellette, Olivia

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Singers selected for the American Choral Directors Association Eastern Region Honors Chorus are Kim Knauff, Meg Brewer, Emma Frothingham, Lily Dunton, Bowen Charlebois and Jeanette Kelly.

## Bottomley, Vaughan win WMC awards



Cape Elizabeth High School seniors J Bottomley and Natalie Vaughan received the Western Maine Conference Citizenship Award on March 1 at the Irish Heritage Center in Portland. The award is given to one senior boy and one senior girl at each Maine high school in recognition of their contributions to their school in the areas of academics, athletics, leadership, extracurricular activities, and for their attitude and consideration of others.

## Budget

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“apples to apples” comparison between the current fiscal year’s budget and the one proposed for the next fiscal year.

Happily, McGovern was also able to report to the council, in a budget summary dated March 1 and available on the town website, that some of the budget increase is offset by revenue increases. The budget projects \$2 million in excise taxes, a \$120,000 increase, due to residents’ purchases of newer motor vehicles. The budget also reflects \$53,732 in revenue from the town of Scarborough for their shared use of Cape Elizabeth tax assessor Matt Sturgis and about \$60,000 in new tax revenue from new construction.

Much of the increase in spending—\$149,564 or 34 percent of the total increase—is attributable to personnel expenses. These include a 2.5-percent average wage increase; the dedication of one full-time professional at Community Services to work on seniors’ issues and programs; and a 7-percent increase in health insurance premiums.

McGovern reported that personnel-related costs in total are about \$6 million and account for about 49 percent of the total proposed budget.

Increases relating to debt service principal and interest account for another \$94,828, or 21 percent, of the budget increase.

Stone wall and tennis court repairs at Fort Williams Park account for \$48,000, or 10 percent, of the budget increase.

A transfer to the Rescue Fund to help pay for new 24/7 rescue coverage accounts for \$30,000 of the new budget expenditures. Another \$34,000 relates to the cost of re-

moval of an old fire alarm cable no longer in use.

Higher building operations costs, including additional custodial services, at the new Thomas Memorial Library account for \$16,000 of the budget increase.

Trash and recycling fees account for \$15,000 of the increase in the proposed budget.

McGovern’s budget summary also includes a list of proposed expenditures from the capital budget. These total \$1,057,000, with the largest items being roadway, paving and drainage improvements, for \$445,000; replacement of a dump/plow truck for \$175,000; upgrades at Town Hall totalling \$96,000; a WETeam boat replacement for \$80,000; computer and operating system upgrades for \$75,000; and a police cruiser replacement for \$34,000.

The Town Council accepted McGovern’s budget for review by the Finance Committee, which is made up of the council as a whole. The committee held public workshop meetings on Monday and Tuesday, March 21 and March 22 at 7 p.m. (after this newspaper went to print). On Monday, April 11, the Town Council will take public comment on the budget at its regular 7 p.m. meeting in the council chamber at Town Hall.

The School Board will present its budget to the Finance Committee on Tuesday, April 26 at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall. Superintendent Meredith Nadeau’s recommended budget of \$24.5 million would result in an increase in school spending of 4 percent if approved; School Board deliberations on that budget are ongoing. (See story on page 5.)

A Finance Committee wrap-up (only if needed) is set for Wednesday, April 27.

## Lawsuit

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ably safe premises at the Recycling Center, citing a lack of proper design, warnings, barriers or gates and a “failure to otherwise channel and supervise” the mix of pedestrians and motorists accessing the compactor.

The traffic pattern at the Recycling Center had vehicles backing up into one of three parking spaces in the compactor building, where residents also walked and emptied their trash. Following the accident, the town obtained an assessment for short-term safety improvements by the engineering firm of Woodard & Curran and vehicular access to the compactor building was eliminated altogether in January, 2015.

On Jan. 4, 2016 the Town Council voted to send a \$1.4 million bond to finance long-term Recycling Center improvements to

referendum. Residents will vote on the proposal in June.

The new design for the Recycling Center, which was recommended by the Solid Waste and Recycling Long Range Planning Committee, includes several drive-forward-only lanes, each with its own recycling and trash compactor stations.

“We continue to be saddened by the loss of Mr. Dennison,” said Town Manager Michael McGovern in a brief statement on March 16. “As there is now pending litigation, I will not have further comment.”

Cape Elizabeth is insured by the Maine Municipal Association Property and Casualty Risk Pool, which has hired Jonathan W. Brogan from the law firm Norman Hanson DeTroy to represent the town in the lawsuit. Dennison is represented by Robert Raftice from the law firm of Ainsworth, Thelin and Raftice.

## Harbormaster

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### Timing of the vote questioned

Three town residents and mooring holders spoke at the meeting. All indicated that while they were not necessarily opposed to the harbormaster agreement, they hoped they would get to meet with the prospective harbormaster before the council voted on the agreement.

McGovern had announced that a meeting had been set for March 23 as an opportunity to meet the harbormaster and field questions. However, both McGovern and Williams said it would be awkward to have the meeting without an agreement between towns in place.

Two councilors said they would support delaying the vote on the agreement until the regular April council meeting, to get feedback from residents attending the March 23 meeting.

Council Chair Molly MacAuslan counseled members that it was not their place to

get involved in hiring decisions, and that the process of the harbormaster hiring was the responsibility of the police chief and town manager. MacAuslan reiterated at a couple of points that the council’s only responsibility was to weigh the merits of the proposed agreement between the towns.

Other councilors also saw the delay of the vote as impeding the hiring process, something that is restricted by town charter.

McGovern and Williams noted that while it is important that the concerns of mooring holders and other commercial and recreational marine interests be heard by the harbormaster at the March 23 and other future meetings, that this should not be a step in the hiring process.

“Certainly when we just hired a code enforcement officer,” said McGovern, “we didn’t have all the contractors come in and look for the one best suited for their needs.”

After the discussion, all councilors voted to authorize the town manager to sign the agreement with Scarborough.

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### Liam Ginn returns to civilian life



Cape Elizabeth resident Gregg Ginn, left, welcomes his son, Liam Ginn, home on Feb. 26 with Liam's mother, Mary Ann Lynch at the Portland International Jetport. After five years of service in the United States Navy, Liam has returned to civilian life and Cape Elizabeth. Liam enlisted shortly after graduating from Cheverus High School in Portland in 2010. He spent three of his five years in the Navy in undersea deployments as a submariner. He plans to attend college in the fall.

Cape Elizabeth resident **Sage Hunt** was named to the fall-semester dean's list at Duke University in Durham, N.C. A senior, Sage is majoring in evolutionary anthropology. She is a graduate of Phillips Academy in Andover, Mass., and the daughter of Cape Elizabeth residents **Betsy** and **Chris Hunt**.

Cape Elizabeth resident **Jack Drinan**, the son of **Stephanie** and **Michael Drinan** of Cape Elizabeth, was named to the high honors dean's list for the fall semesters at Boston College. A 2015 Cape Elizabeth High School graduate, Jack is a freshman majoring in biology.

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### CEHS alum spends spring break helping others



Erin Lyons, a 2013 Cape Elizabeth High School graduate and a nursing student at the University of Maine at Orono, holds a young patient earlier this month in Panama during the university's spring break. Erin is vice president of UMaine Nursing International program through which nursing students offer medical services to people in need in developing communities. Erin's sister, Shannon Lyons, a 2008 CEHS graduate who is now a registered nurse, went to Belize in 2014 on a similar mission while at UMO.

**Sarah Hagos** was named to the fall-semester dean's list at Curry College in Milton, Mass. She graduated from Cape Elizabeth High School in 2015.

Cape Elizabeth resident **Tyler Mercer** was named to the fall-semester dean's list at Roger Williams University in Bristol, R.I. He is a foreign languages major.

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