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Voters need not wait until Nov. 8



Photo by Kim Case

Available until 4 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 3, Cape Elizabeth residents can go to Town Hall to register and vote early in both the national and local elections, 7:30 to 5 p.m. Mondays, 7:30 to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays.

New committee to conduct major review of town's harbors, senior programs gets minibus

By Bob Dodd

It has been nearly 30 years since the last review of Cape Elizabeth's harbors and coastal water resources.

At its Oct. 5 meeting, The Town Council took the first step toward a new study.

The council voted unanimously to establish a Harbors Committee consisting of two town council members and three members of the public. The council will select the three public members based on recommendations from the appointments committee.

The committee's purpose will be to review the town's Coastal Waters and Harbor Ordinance and make recommendations for updating these to the council.

The committee will also meet with state officials to determine options for boat access at Kettle Cove and Crescent Beach State Park and develop a long range plan for access. Other directives include updating maps utilized by the harbormaster showing potential mooring locations, and taking inventory of public water access along the town's coastline.

The council allocated \$15,000 for the committee's work. The group is expected to meet in January and complete its work with a report due back to the Town Council by the end of 2017.

The appointments committee is accepting applications now for the committee. Applications can be submitted online through the town's website or at Town Hall.

The deadline for application is Nov. 4.

Council approves purchase of bus for senior programs

The Town Council has approved the purchase of a new 14-passenger minibus dedicated primarily for Community Services programs for seniors. Councilors approved the expenditure of \$65,000 in undesignated funds for this purpose.

The town's Senior Citizen Advisory Commission made the recommendation to the council.

The vehicle will allow easier access for seniors than the school buses that are currently used and will be more comfortable.

Kathy Raftice, Community Services Adult Programs Coordinator, said the new vehicle will have a significant positive impact on the town's programs and services for seniors.

While senior programs will have priority use of the minibus, it will also be available for other town programs and services as needed.

Students to host second of two 'Candidates Nights' before November election

By Kevin St. Jarre

Students in Cape Elizabeth High School's Advanced Placement Government class will host the second of two candidates nights on Oct. 27.

The first was held Oct. 20 when candidates for two School Board seats, Kimberly Carr and Susanna Measelle Hubbs were featured in an earlier round of questions. Later that same night, three candidates for two seats on the Town Council, Caitlin Jordan, Penny Jordan and Shannon Auritt answered questions.

On Oct. 27, students will host candidates hoping to represent voters in Augusta. State House District 30 candidates, Kim

Monaghan, and George Van Syckel will answer questions beginning at 7 p.m. while State Senate District 29 candidates Martha "Molly" MacAuslan and Rebecca Millett will answer questions from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

CETV Channel 3 will broadcast the events live from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Questions are being generated in advance by the AP Government students, but the those in attendance can submit written questions, and those watching on television are encouraged to call in questions at 207-767-2273 Ext. 255 during the live broadcasts.

See the CETV program schedule for re-broadcast times and dates.



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Kim Monaghan (D), incumbent candidate for Maine State House District.30, will appear at 'Candidates Night' on Oct. 27 beginning at 7 p.m.



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George Van Syckel (R), candidate for Maine State House District.30, will appear at 'Candidates Night' on Oct. 27 beginning at 7 p.m.



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Martha "Molly" MacAuslan (I), candidate for Maine State Senate District.29, will appear at 'Candidates Night' on Oct. 27 beginning at 8 p.m.



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Rebecca Millett (D), incumbent candidate for Maine State Senate District.29, will appear at 'Candidates Night' on Oct. 27 beginning at 8 p.m.

How do I register to vote?

The State of Maine allows residents to register to vote anytime, including the day of the election. Residents of Cape Elizabeth may register to vote at the Town Clerk/Tax Office at Town Hall, or at the Cape Elizabeth High School gymnasium the day of the election. Proof of residency and proof of identity is required, e.g. driver's license indicating a Cape Elizabeth address.



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Polite kids in Cape

Today when I was driving home from the recycling center I stopped at the intersection of Route 77 and Scott Dyer Road just as a group of young boys were waiting to cross Scott Dyer. They looked to be part of a track team and could only have been 10 or 12 years old.

I waved them across and the last boy waved back and called "Thank you!"

For some reason it really struck me what decent kids we have and how, in a world with ever-increasing rudeness there must be here, parents and teachers who teach their kids polite behavior. My own grandson has always been extremely considerate of others and although he is now 21 and studying in Prague, still is. There really is hope for humanity.

Edward Materson

Notice about publication of letters during election season

The Cape Courier is not able to publish all letters received in support of candidates before elections. No more than one letter of support for any particular candidate, received by deadline, will be published in any single edition of The Cape Courier.

Letters should be no longer than 250 words. Writers submitting significantly longer letters should expect that their letters may be edited for length if published.

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Support for "Yes" on Question 2

For some time the Cape Elizabeth School Board has appropriately expressed its concern about the impact of unfunded state mandates on our schools and the ability of the town's most economically vulnerable residents to shoulder rising property taxes. Cape voters will have the opportunity to address these two concerns by voting "Yes" on Question 2 this November.

The desire to shift away from local property taxes as the primary source of school funding goes back at least to 2003, when 68% of Cape voters favored doing just that. In 2004 Maine's voters approved a referendum that required the State to pay 55% of the cost of public education. Unfortunately, the State has not met this obligation. In fact, the State's share of school funding fell to 47.5% in 2016, and the State is still contributing approximately \$980 million – the same amount it contributed in 2009.

The state's declining share of school funding has helped fuel an increase in property taxes in Cape Elizabeth at a rate twice that of inflation over the past decade. Statewide from 2006 to 2014 the increase has been well over three times the rate of inflation.

This decline in state funding for education has put towns like Cape Elizabeth, which value high-quality education, in a difficult position. But, the State has done more than just reduce its share of funding.

Our schools have been beset by an ever-

growing number of state mandates. The most recent mandates (Common Core, proficiency-based diplomas, teacher evaluation systems, and others) require substantial demands on our schools and impose substantial costs on local taxpayers at the same time funding has declined.

Even the one bright spot, the fact that health insurance premiums for Cape's teachers have risen by a total of only a half of a percent over the past three years, has been more than overshadowed by the fact that the Governor's 2014 budget shifted part of the retirement costs onto towns for the first time.

Question 2 would address these problems by assessing a 3% tax on each dollar of household income over \$200,000. This would be an adjustment to a state income tax system that assesses the same tax rate on an individual who earns \$40,000 as someone who makes \$400,000. "Yes on 2" would finally fund the 55% requirement and would bring an estimated \$2.5 million to Cape Elizabeth that local officials could effectively use to fund school programs or to reduce local property taxes – or some combination of the two. Voting "Yes" will force the state to fund a greater portion of the mandates that it sends down to local schools. Most importantly "Yes on 2" will mean that our kids are more likely to receive the education they deserve regardless of where they live in Maine.

Mark Ashe

Support for "No" on Question 3

Do not be fooled by Question 3. This bill is not only about background checks. Question 3 is also about transfers. The problem comes when lending firearms between friends and loved ones that do not fit the narrow definitions as written in this bill.

Here's an illustration of what could happen if this bill becomes law. Becky, Sean and Eddie spent the day hunting. As they're walking out of the woods, they encounter a warden who asks, "Where did you get your guns?" Becky answers, "I bought mine at Cabela's. Sean says, "My fiancé's father lent me his." Eddie says, "I got mine from my best friend." Becky goes home, but Sean and Eddie are handcuffed and arrested because they both committed a crime. Sean's fiancé's dad and Eddie's best friend may be arrested as well. If Question 3 passes, in

order for Sean and the three others to abide by the law, they would have to find an FFL (Federal Firearms License) dealer, fill out time-consuming paperwork and be charged a fee, just to loan each other their guns. In order to return their firearms, they'd have to do the entire onerous process again. This is exactly what will happen to Maine sportsmen if this bill passes.

New York City ex-mayor Mike Bloomberg has spent over \$3 million on Question 3. He has brought legislation from the biggest city in the country to our rural hunting state, a state that ranks fourth safest in the nation.

This bill will not keep guns out of the hands of criminals. Rather, if it passes, it will transform many Mainers who were previously law abiding citizens into criminals.

Tammy Walter



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Support for Kim Monaghan

I strongly support Kim Monaghan for re-election to the Maine House of

Representatives and urge Cape residents to join me in voting for her on November 8th.

Kim is running for her fourth term, having initially arrived in Augusta following a 2011 special election. As a Vietnam veteran, I appreciate Kim's work on behalf of veterans as well as her support for other causes important to Maine people including helping Maine's elderly, funding education, protecting the environment and developing renewable energy.

Just this past legislative session, The American Legion named Rep. Monaghan as one of its Legislators of the Year during its annual state convention.

Some of Kim's votes on behalf of veterans include improving the delivery of veteran's services, granting a sales tax exemption to organizations that support veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder and helping student veterans transition from military to student life.

Please join me in supporting Kim Monaghan on November 8th.

Bruce V Moore

Support for Martha (Molly) MacAuslan

We endorse Martha MacAuslan for state senate. I, Bollie Bollenbach, worked with Martha on the library committee. Our working group had were very diverse opinions about the library and Martha successfully brought consensus to this group. And she did this while focusing on the budget. She helped her committee develop a building that meets the town's needs, at a lower budget than originally proposed. Her ability to gain consensus and work with people of varied opinions will serve her well as a state senator. We frequently watch Martha at town

council meetings. She comes to each meeting with an open mind. She listens and considers all sides of an issue before reaching a conclusion. She is not an ideologue; rather she seeks the best solution for issue. Martha is running as an independent and will continue to be a flexible in her decision making. She is always professional, calm, thoughtful and measured. Her disciplined process and inclusive process for making decisions will help Martha to be an effective legislator.

Bollie and Randi Bollenbach

Speak Out

Each issue, The Cape Courier provides a topic and invites readers to share their opinions. Those who respond must choose one side or the other, and make a well-reasoned case for their position. One submission from each side will be selected and printed here in the next issue. It is our hope that these dialogues will be thought-provoking.

Topic for the November 4 issue:

“Fort Williams should charge an entry fee for every car without a Cape Elizabeth resident sticker”

Email your submissions to editor@capecourier.com with “Speak Out” in the subject line. The deadline for the next issue is Oct 26, 2016. You must include an email address or phone number. Suggestions for future topics are welcomed. You also are invited to express your thoughts on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/capecourier

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Five referenda questions voters in Maine face on election day

What follows are the referenda questions as they will appear on the ballot and excerpts of public statements made in support and in opposition to each question as found in the Maine Secretary of State's "Maine Citizen's Guide to the Referendum Election".

Question 1: Do you want to allow the possession and use of marijuana under state law by persons who are at least 21 years of age, and allow the cultivation, manufacture, distribution, testing, and sale of marijuana and marijuana products subject to state regulation, taxation and local ordinance?

Excerpt of public statement in support

"Voting Yes on Question 1 will create significant economic, public safety and health benefits for Maine.

Regulating and taxing marijuana will provide tax revenue that can be used for vital services like funding our schools. A recent Tax Foundation study shows we could generate tens of millions of dollars per year from taxes on marijuana. In 2015, Colorado brought in over \$150 million dollars in new tax revenue.

We are wasting valuable law enforcement and court resources on punishing adults for small marijuana crimes. These penalties create criminal records that can negatively affect people for life...."

"Regulating marijuana would free up time and money for police to focus on serious, violent, and unsolved crimes...."

"Please join the majority of Mainers who agree it's time for a new approach. Vote YES on Question 1."

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Original comment by David Boyer

Excerpt of public statement in opposition

"Question 1 directs lawmakers to enact a scheme to tax, regulate and police marijuana similar to Washington and Colorado. Those states have spent millions of taxpayer dollars to implement and enforce the new laws. This proposal doesn't guarantee revenue would cover expanded costs...."

"Maine already allows legal and regulated cultivation, processing, sale, and testing of marijuana, generating millions every year in registration fees and tax revenue. The medical marijuana program has been rated best in the country, balancing safe patient access with needed safety protections.

Maine has some of the lowest arrest and incarceration rates in the country for cannabis possession and cultivation. Our laws can be improved without passing an initiative that would bring new costs and favor big business over the health and well-being of Maine people."

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Original comment by Hillary Lister

Question 2: Do you want to add a 3% tax on individual Maine taxable income above \$200,000 to create a state fund that would provide direct support for student learning in kindergarten through 12th grade public education?

Excerpt of public statement in support

"We urge support for Question 2 because all students, regardless of zip code, deserve support, resources and time to learn. That's why a coalition of parents, teachers and organizations are determined to put students, teaching, and learning first, by voting Yes on 2, for tax fairness and fair funding of Maine's public schools.

What does a YES vote mean? If approved by voters, the initiative, known as Stand Up for Students, will generate an estimated \$157 million more dollars for schools statewide.

How will the money be raised? By adding a 3% surcharge to taxable income above \$200,000...."

"Why is this 'tax fairness'? Right now in Maine, someone earning \$40,000 per year has to pay the same top tax rate as someone making \$1 million per year...."

"Many towns have had to make tough choices to raise property taxes and/or cut back on school funding...."

"Many Maine families are struggling. It's only right to ask the wealthiest Mainers to pay their fair share to fund our public schools...."

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Original comment by Robert Walker

Excerpt of public statement in opposition

"Question 2 is the wrong solution for Maine's education funding problem. Question 2 raises taxes, it doesn't fund school infrastructure and creates more unfair funding distributions for Maine schools and towns.

Question 2 raises taxes, more than \$157 million on Maine households. In fact, this law would make Maine's top rate the second-highest in the nation, with a rate over 10 percent. Two-thirds of the taxpayers targeted by this extra income are community based small business owners, many of them local family businesses.

Question 2 was written by the teacher's union, for the teacher's union...."

"According to the fine print, all of the money raised by this new tax must be spent on salaries for teachers and other school personnel meaning that none of this new money can be spent on fixing school buildings, buying technology, or providing materials for students...."

All Maine public schools need to be adequately funded. Question 2 is just too vague and misleading with no guarantees...."

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Original comment by Dana Connors

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Referenda

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Question 3: Do you want to require background checks prior to the sale or transfer of firearms between individuals not licensed as firearms dealers, with failure to do so punishable by law, and with some exceptions for family members, hunting, self-defense, lawful competitions, and shooting range activity?

Exerpt of public statement in support

“Mainers have a proud tradition of responsible gun ownership, and we strongly believe in the Constitutional right to bear arms. We also know that those rights come with responsibilities.

Every day, 91 Americans die from gun violence. Requiring a criminal background check for all gunsales is the single most effective policy for bringing that number down by keeping guns out of thehands of felons, domestic abusers and other dangerous people.

Currently, federal law only requires background checks for gun sales conducted by licensed dealers.

But people can easily and anonymously buy guns from unlicensed sellers – often from strangers met online or through classified ads – with no background check required, no questions asked....”

“The proposed initiative is a simple, common-sense policy: it requires that everyone in Maine who buys a gun gets the same criminal background check, no matter where they buy it or who they buy it from.”

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Original comment by David Farmer

Exerpt of public statement in opposition

“While this initiative may sound good on the surface, it will not accomplish the goal of keeping firearms out of the hands of criminals, but it will make unwitting criminals out of ordinary Mainers....”

“This bill will create criminals. Ordinary Mainers will become criminals by relying on the exceptions in the law. But those exceptions are traps. The so-called hunting exception, for example, does not allow you to lend a rifle to your neighbor at home to hunt in the morning. That would be a crime. And when he returns it the next day, that will be a second crime, this time a felony. For both of you.

The bill uses a fantastically broad definition of transfer, which is borrowed from the law which makes it a crime to transfer a firearm to a child. That definition reads:

‘Transfer’ means to sell, furnish, give, lend, deliver or otherwise provide, with or without consideration....”

“Even if you favor background checks, this bill is fatally flawed. Maine can do better.”

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Original comment by Todd Tolhurst

Question 4: Do you want to raise the minimum hourly wage of \$7.50 to \$9 in 2017, with annual \$1 increases up to \$12 in 2020, and annual cost-of-living increases thereafter; and do you want to raise the direct wage for service workers who receive tips from half the minimum wage to \$5 in 2017, with annual \$1 increases until it reaches the adjusted minimum wage?

Exerpt of public statement in support

“The costs of groceries, housing and other basic necessities keep going up, but wages haven’t. With passage of Question 4, Maine’s minimum wage will increase from \$7.50 an hour to \$9 in 2017 and then by one dollar each year until it reaches \$12 an hour in 2020. After that it will keep pace with the cost of living....”

“This initiative is particularly important for women, who make up 6 in 10 of the 181,000 Mainers who will see a raise. For single moms struggling to provide for their families on a salary of \$300 a week for full-time work, even a small raise is a lifeline....”

“This initiative will create stronger communities by putting money into the pockets of workers who will spend it locally. It’s been endorsed by more than 600 local businesses and by the Maine Small Business Coalition.

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Original comment by Amy Halsted

Exerpt of public statement in opposition

The Maine Secretary of State’s guide included no public statement in opposition. These are offered to have both sides represented.

“It is going to increase the cost of doing business on an ongoing basis year after year and is going to be particularly detrimental to small businesses in rural areas, to restaurants and to innkeepers who have restaurants attached.”

Peter Gore
Portland Press Herald, Jan. 14, 2016

“Raising the minimum wage, the way they are planning to do it, would put us back 25 years, it would be devastating.

It’s going to bring us up to \$12 in four years, highest in the nation. You can’t attract people if you are the highest minimum wage.”

Gov. Paul LePage
Portland Press Herald, Jan. 14, 2016

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CEMS students study invasive plants at Fort Williams Park



The 7th graders from Cape Elizabeth Middle School went to Fort Williams Park this month to continue their study on invasive plants. They collected Asian bittersweet berries and black swallow wort pods in an effort to help reduce the seed bank.

Asian bittersweet berries typically wraps around tree trunks as it grows upwards where it eventually constricts the host plant's vascular system. The invasive inhibits carbohydrate flow from the leaves to the roots, and water and nutrient flow from the roots to the leaves and other above-ground growing points.

State parks get updated sign and gate



photos by Martha Agan

Top photo: A new entrance sign was hung at Crescent Beach State Park recently. Bottom photo: A new wooden gate was recently built at Two Lights State Park to receive visitors at 9 a.m. daily.

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Applicants may apply online at www.capeelizabeth.com. Questions should be directed to Debra Lane, Town Clerk at 799-7665 or debra.lane@capeelizabeth.org.

Applications must be submitted to Debra Lane no later than Friday, November 4, 2016.

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Scooter found, animal complaints, and domestic assault arrest

Reported By Debbie Butterworth

COMPLAINTS

- 9-20 A resident came to the Police Department and turned in an electric scooter found on the roadside in the Broad Cove area.
- 9-20 Two officers responded to a residence in the Oakhurst Road area for a domestic disturbance.
- 9-21 An officer met with a resident of the Stonybrook area regarding a residential burglary complaint. Some jewelry is missing from the residence.
- 9-26 Two officers responded to a residence in the Mitchell Road area for a well-being check.
- 9-27 An officer met with a resident of the Cross Hill area regarding a loose dog complaint.
- 10-1 An officer responded to the transfer station for a disorderly conduct complaint.
- 10-2 Two officers responded to a residence in the Ocean House Road area for a well-being check.
- 10-3 An officer met with a resident of the Mitchell Road area regarding a dog at large complaint. The report has been forwarded to the Animal Control Officer.

ACCIDENTS

- 9-24 Brian Dorsk, Kevin St. Jarre, accident on Ocean House Road
- 9-28 David Chromik, Sharon Gadarowski, accident on Humphrey's Drive

SUMMONSES

- 9-20 Gray resident, uninspected vehicle, Route 77, \$133
- 9-20 Cape Elizabeth resident, possession of scheduled drug, Oakhurst Road
- 9-23 Portland resident, unregistered vehicle, Route 77, \$70
- 9-26 Freeport resident, operating after license suspension. Route 77, \$310.
- 9-27 Scarborough resident, burglary, criminal trespass, domestic assault, violation of conditions of release, operating after license suspension, obstructing report of a crime, criminal restraint, Cove View Road.
- 9-27 Portland resident, speeding (53/35 zone), Spurwink Avenue, \$185
- 9-27 Cape Elizabeth resident, speeding (52/30 zone), Shore Road
- 9-28 Lisbon Falls resident, uninspected vehicle, Mitchell Road, \$133
- 9-30 Cape Elizabeth resident, uninspected vehicle, Scott Dyer Road, \$133
- 9-30 Cape Elizabeth resident, uninspected

- vehicle, Shore Road, \$133
- 10-1 Scarborough resident, failure to dim headlights, Ocean House Road, \$137
- 10-1 Cape Elizabeth resident, failure to produce insurance, Mitchell Road, \$171
- 10-2 Harpswell resident, uninspected vehicle, Route 77, \$133

JUVENILE SUMMONS

- 10-3 Violation of learner's permit, Greeley Road, South Portland

ARRESTS

- 9-27 Scarborough resident, burglary, criminal trespass, domestic assault, violation of conditions of release, criminal restraint, Cove View Road

FIRE CALLS

- 9-20 South Portland Mutual Aid
- 9-21 Scott Dyer Road, fire alarm
- 9-21 Westfield Road, investigation
- 9-22 Scott Dyer Road, fire alarm
- 9-22 Campion Road, fire alarm
- 9-22 South Portland Mutual Aid
- 9-23 South Portland Mutual Aid
- 9-25 Tanager Lane, fire alarm
- 9-25 South Portland Mutual Aid
- 9-25 South Portland Mutual Aid

- 9-27 Jewett Road, investigation
- 9-28 South Portland Mutual Aid
- 9-30 Sea View Avenue, carbon monoxide alarm
- 9-30 McKenney Point Road, unpermitted burn
- 10-2 Woodcrest Road, carbon monoxide alarm

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Three candidates running for two seats on Cape Elizabeth Town Council, two seats on School Board uncontested



Penny Jordan has served previously on the Town Council. She owns Jordan's Farm on Wells Road with her siblings and she leads the Cape Farm Alliance.

Shannon Auritt has served as president of the Pond Cove Parents Association. She is a stay-at-home mom.

Caitlin Jordan is seeking a third term on the Town Council. She runs her family's Alewife's Brook Farm on Old Ocean House Road.

By Kevin St. Jarre

Penny Jordan is a lifelong resident of Cape Elizabeth. She said, "While growing up I watched and listened as my father, Bill Jordan, volunteered his time to help create the town people love and are drawn to today. Over the past several years, I have watched and listened as Cape Elizabeth continues to evolve and I see places where I feel the voice of a business owner, farmer and long-time resident need to be heard."

When asked what she would like to see preserved in Cape Elizabeth, Penny Jordan said, "Agriculture and fisheries play a significant role in our town and we need to continue to recognize the role town government and the community play in helping ensure they can be viable and successful businesses."

Penny Jordan said she knows the importance of planning. "Comprehensive planning helps establish priorities and goals for a town based on the input of the citizens. Over the past several years the 2007 Comprehensive Plan has served as a blueprint for committees, departments and others as decisions are made regarding services, ordinances, growth and infrastructure. I am excited that Cape Elizabeth will be entering into the process of assessing and updating this work and targeting 2019 for completion," she said.

As a product of the Cape Elizabeth School

System, Penny Jordan said she struggled and she knows now what could have helped her. She said, "I know there are students like me in our schools today. When I look at the budget for our schools I will look to see if it is serving all students. I fear that there are students that fall through the cracks – the average student, the one that needs a little help."

She said she would work to ensure the voice of the citizen is heard, acknowledged and considered in the decision making process. "I feel that this doesn't happen and that we need to find a way to change this. I have seen over and over again when one attends a Town Council public hearing that what the person says is acknowledged with a polite thank you and then doesn't even seem to enter the deliberation on the topic. I will bring this to other members of the council and work to change protocol for public hearings and other meetings where we seek citizen input. In addition, I will work with the Town Council to find other ways to really hear what people are thinking."

Shannon Auritt said she is seeking elected office because she feels that she has a lot to contribute to the community.

Auritt said, "I have been a resident of Cape Elizabeth since 2013 and I am someone who can bring a fresh perspective to the council. I have twins that are in Pond Cove and I have been actively volunteering in our

community over the last three years."

When asked what must be protected about Cape Elizabeth, Auritt said, "Our town is one of the most beautiful places that I have ever seen. I am originally from Connecticut and I chose to live and raise my sons in Cape Elizabeth. What I was attracted to was the natural beauty and character that this town has along with the school system. I am hoping that I can foster communication and involvement to better the initiatives and plans that are already in progress. I hope that since I am not a native Mainer or part of the founding families of Cape that I will be elected to town council so I can contribute a fresh new perspective."

When asked what might be changed in Cape Elizabeth, Auritt said, "I feel that it is always the same people that are running for office or stepping up to the plate to contribute. While I am thankful for them, I am hoping to pave the way in that new people to the town, like myself, will step up to the plate to contribute their ideas and perspectives."

Caitlin Jordan seeking reelection, this would be her third term. She said, "I am running for Town Council because I feel it is important to ensure that the way of life of Cape Elizabeth continues as it has for so many generations, that the protection of open space, the heritage of farming and fishing be remembered and continued. That we live where we are not over regulated by un-

necessary ordinances and regulations."

Caitlin Jordan the pending departure of long-serving Town Manager Michael McGovern, experience will matter.

She said, "With the resigning of our long standing town manager, many changes are before us, to ensure that our, the Cape Elizabeth, way of life is protected and preserved, I feel we need an experienced, invested and active member of our community, to ensure the direction our town is moving. And I feel I can bring those qualities to the council."

Caitlin Jordan said she is not looking to be a change agent, but instead to manage changes that are bound to come.

She said, "I am not a big advocate of many things changing, but change is inevitable and every evolving. I don't have any specific changes in mind, but want to be a part of the mechanism that shapes the changes that are bound to occur regardless."

She added, "I have enjoyed learning about my community and town over the past six years and hope I have represented the way of life, and mind set of those that call Cape Elizabeth their forever home, as it is mine. I hope to continue to preserve our unique way of life, that is slowly disappearing from many communities all around us."

In addition to the Town Council seats, two School Board seats are up for election but uncontested. Running are incumbent Susana Measelle Hubbs and Kimberly Carr.

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Library offers Halloween kids concert, and lectures on the Beatles and Maine's raptors



Ann Sparling, a.k.a. "The Music Lady," will be performing on Thursday, Oct 27 at 10:30 a.m. in the Thomas Memorial Library's Community Room. All are welcome.

Halloween concert for little ones to feature Ann Sparling

Folk musician and children's performer Ann Sparling, a.k.a. "The Music Lady," will bring her fun, interactive music to the library in a special concert for Halloween. Families with toddlers and preschoolers are invited to dance, sing, and move along to fun not-so-spooky Halloween songs and activities. The concert will take place on Thursday, Oct. 27 at 10:30 a.m. in the library's Community Room. All are welcome.

Beatles scholar to discuss the Fab Four in two talks

Despite being born 15 years after the band broke up, Aaron Krerowicz is the United States of America's only full-time professional Beatles music scholar. He will be presenting two talks at the library as part of his East Coast Tour. First, on Saturday, Oct. 22 at 2:00 p.m., Krerowicz will discuss, "The Influence of American Rock 'n' Roll on the Beatles."

Before the Beatles ever wrote their own songs or performed on stage, they were inspired to do so by American rock 'n' roll records. This 90-minute multimedia program illustrates the influence of Carl Perkins, Elvis Presley, Chuck Berry, Little Richard, and other American recording artists from the 1950's on the Beatles through side-by-side comparisons and musical analysis of Beatles covers and original recordings.

That same evening, in a special after-hours event from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m, Krerowicz will present "The Beatles: Band of the 60s." In this 60-minute multimedia presenta-

tion (part history and part musical analysis,) Krerowicz will take the audience on tour of 1960s with the Beatles: beginning with the band's seminal visits to Hamburg, continuing through Beatlemania, and concluding with Abbey Road.

The program will be supplemented with audio clips of music and excerpts from interviews with the band members. Both presentations are free.

Learn about Maine's raptors

In the second in a monthly Maine Wildlife Lecture Series, Wildlife Research Scientist Rick Gray will discuss raptors, such as eagles, ospreys, and kestrels. Gray, a Cape Elizabeth resident, is a raptor specialist at the Biodiversity Research Institute in Portland. His work includes surveying, capturing, banding, sampling, and deployment of transmitters to a wide variety of raptors and occasionally some loon species. He has traveled across the U.S., Canada and the Caribbean collaborating with the U.S. Geological Survey, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and many state agencies including closely working with researchers from Environment Canada, Parks Canada and the Bahamas National Trust. He has conducted numerous independent hawk watches, spent the better part of three summers monitoring the Casco Bay osprey population, and is starting a nest box program for American kestrels. His talk will take place on Thursday, Nov. 3 at 6:30 p.m. in the library's Community Room.

Library Closed for Veterans Day

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Isabel Robertson, Cape Elizabeth artist and mask-maker



Masks designed and built by Isabel Robertson, a visual artist living in Cape Elizabeth. More of her art can be seen at her Instagram account, "goblin_beast".

By Kevin St. Jarre

Isabel Robertson is a young visual artist and mask-maker living in Cape Elizabeth.

More recently, she's been able to broaden the scope of her art while contributing to The Ghoullog at in North Conway, New Hampshire.

Robertson said, "This October I've been working at an amazing haunted attraction. This has always been a dream of mine and has given me the opportunity to start doing more things within the genre. I got to sculpt faces using clay to cast into proper latex masks, like what you could buy at a Halloween store. The masks I make on my own are made with paper mâché and are not extremely durable. I make them as gross and detailed as I can with what I have, and this is the time of the year when that is celebrated."

When asked why her artistic style tends to be dark, and why masks, she said, "I like to draw things that make people uncomfortable, or evoke some kind of strong emotional response. An easy way to do this is through fear, so I like drawing things that frighten people. The same idea applies to the masks I make. I wanted to change my appearance so I could pretend to be someone who is truly scary, and it ended up working very well."

Asked if she had always been drawn to the same types of subjects, she responded, "As a child I loved drawing dinosaurs, sharks, tigers or anything with sharp teeth. I'm still very fond of all animals to this day, but creatures that were commonly seen as dangerous or ugly drew me in the most. Teeth were, and still are, in all of my drawings and masks. Now my monsters just look a little

more human."

When asked if she would ever sell her masks, she said, "I've actually received quite a few requests for masks after I posted pictures of them online. I don't think I can part with the ones I've made for myself because we're a little too attached to each other."

Asked if she'd make masks to order, she said, "As far as custom masks go, I'm not opposed to selling or trading those. One woman has offered me a taxidermy rat in exchange for a mask, and I may still take her up on the offer."

Her influences harken back to a time before computer-generated-images (CGI) were the primary tool for movie special effects. Robertson said she admires "Rick Baker, for his iconic werewolf designs, and H.R Giger for his work on alien and other intense paintings he's done."

Like many of her generation, her art museum is often a digital one. She said, "The app, Instagram, is a great place to find the work of other artists. People post really fantastic special effects makeup on there, and it's a popular place for mask collectors and makers alike."

She also seeks out old masks from decades before she was born. She said, "Lately I've been looking at a lot of the old commercially sold rubber Halloween masks that were in stores during the 70s and 80s. The creativity in the sculpts of these cheap looking masks really intrigue me."

Still, she knows she has much to learn and is keeping an eye out for a "mentor who could help me improve my skills in mask-making."

She has a guiding principle, she said, "It's important to have humility no matter how good you feel you are at anything. It's good to love your work, but always respect the hard work of others even if you feel like what you can do is more advanced."

Perhaps not entirely surprisingly, Robertson would find a "barn in the middle of some deep woods in Maine" the perfect getaway

for focusing on her craft.

She invites those interested in seeing more of her work to check out her postings. She said, "My Instagram is goblin_beast and I post all sorts of drawings and mask pictures there. If you're brave enough to see one of my masks in action, Halloween night my family and I set up a yard display and scare our neighborhood trick or treaters at the end of State Avenue." People also interested in The Ghoullog can go online to www.cranmore.com/ghoullog/



Isabel Robertson, visual artist living in Cape Elizabeth.

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CEHS cross-country team having another strong year led by Kennedy and Huffard

By Kevin St. Jarre

Cape Elizabeth High School cross-country running coach Andrew Lupien and his runners have much to be proud of this season.

Lupien said, "The season has been extremely successful so far. We have had 52 athletes compete this year, with almost all of them improving their personal best time for a 5km [race]. On Friday we competed at the WMC championships at St. Joe's. Out of 19 teams, the boys finished 5th and the girls finished 2nd. We had four girls finish in the top 10." Lupien said the team looks strong heading into their return to the regional championships.

There several individuals having strong seasons and among these are Mac Huffard for the boys, and Kelsey Kennedy for the girls.

Lupien said, "Mac Huffard has been a constant leader on our team, motivating a very young team to reach their potential. He has battled through some injury and illness over the last month, but I expect him to run extremely well at Regionals on Saturday."

Runners are ranked on cross-country teams, with the #1 runner the fastest.

Lupien said, "Kelsey Kennedy has been



Contributed photo

Mac Huffard has been a leader on the CEHS cross-country team this season, according to Coach Andrew Lupien.

the story of the season. Kelsey was a distant #5 runner for us for most of last season, but this year has been our #1 since day 1. She has shown that hard work and dedication

can make all the difference. She should be an all-conference first team member this fall and has a good chance to be all region. She has been amazing."



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Coach Andrew Lupien said Kelsey Kennedy, left, has been "the story of the season."

CEHS girls soccer scoring goals and ringing up wins as the look toward the post-season



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At left, Prezli Piscopo (10) and, right, Mariah Deschino (21) are two of many key players looking forward to the post-season once again. The Cape Elizabeth girls varsity soccer team has scored 25 goals this season, not a few of them from this dynamic pair. The girls played their last regular season game at Gray-New Gloucester High School on Oct. 8. Their first post-season game appearance is yet to be announced.

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Gorgeous gourds are true sign of autumn's arrival



Photos by Martha Agan

Squash and pumpkins of every variety, shape and size are a sign that the fall harvest is well underway. Whether for decoration or part of a recipe, these colorful pickings always catch the eye. These were spotted at Jordan Farms.

New state park manager Kurt Shoener completes first summer in Cape



Photo by Martha Agan

Kurt Shoener, the new state park manager has just completed his first summer in the Cape Elizabeth State Parks. He has worked in the Maine State Parks for many years. Before Cape Elizabeth he spent 15 years working at Damariscotta Lake State Park. Kurt studied Recreation Management at University of Maine at Machais and got his Masters in Public Administration at University of Maine. His hometown is Gardner. Anyone wanting to meet Kurt, he is often found on his bicycle in the 3 parks or in the office at Two Lights.



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Tuesday, October 25

School Board Workshop, 6:30 p.m., High School Library and Learning Commons

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

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

Thursday, October 27

Candidates Night, 7-9 p.m., Town Hall chamber

Friday, October 28

Bottle Shed Committee, 9-11 a.m., Public Safety Building

Tuesday, November 1

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

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

Wednesday, November 2

Town Council Appointments Committee, 5 p.m., Wm H. Jordan Confr. Rm, Town Hall

Thursday, November 3

Town Council Ordinance Committee, 1:15-2:45 p.m.,

Town Council Appointments Committee, 5 p.m., Wm H. Jordan Confr. Rm, Town Hall

Recycling Committee, 7 p.m., Public Works

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

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

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

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

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

Cape Elizabeth chef offers new weekly event

Cape Elizabeth resident Chef David Turin of David's Opus Ten announced today the beginning of Saturday Suppers in his Monument Square restaurant. The multi-course evening will feature an ever-changing menu that uses the freshest seasonal ingredients. Opus Ten Saturday Suppers will be held each weekend with one seating beginning Oct. 22.

"I wanted to develop a concept for my guests that would give them the opportunity to experience Opus Ten and the incredible abundance of the seasonal harvest," said Chef Turin. "This gives us the opportunity to create dishes like chanterelle mushroom

agnolotti with prosciutto, pig cheek, and Madeira mushroom cream that allow us to stretch our culinary creativity.

"We'll start service at 6:45 p.m. with surprise hors d'oeuvres and a craft cocktail cart and then really get things moving at 7:15 p.m. when we start serving supper," Turin added.

Located at 22 Monument Square in Portland, David's Opus Ten is restaurant within a restaurant at the back of David's eponymous restaurant. Reservations for Saturday Suppers are greatly encouraged and can be made by calling 207-773-4340 or online at davidstopus10.com.

Rotarian Michael McGovern speaks before Lion's Club on polio eradication efforts

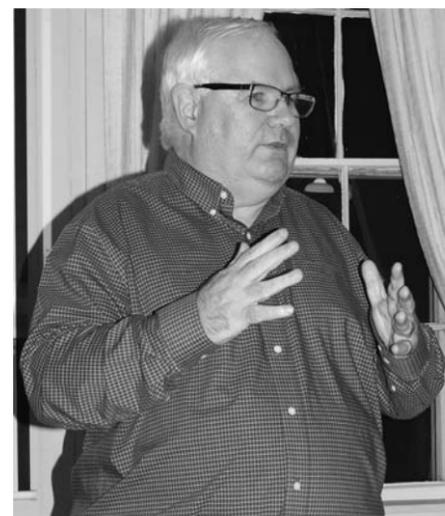
Michael McGovern, Cape Elizabeth Town Manager, spoke about polio eradication at the Lion's Club's meeting on Oct. 4.

McGovern is chairman of The Rotary Foundation's International PolioPlus Committee and has traveled extensively in that position.

Since 1985 Rotary and its partners have helped reduce the number of cases from 350,000 annually to fewer than 50 in 2016, and they remain committed until the disease is eradicated.

Rotary has contributed more than \$1.3 billion and countless volunteer hours to protect more than 2 billion children worldwide.

Following McGovern's talk, a release from the Lion's Club read, "Rotary and Cape Elizabeth are fortunate to have such a dedicated and capable individual in service to the community and to the world. Thank you for your service."



Michael McGovern, chairman of the The Rotary Foundation's International Polio-Plus Committee spoke to the Lion's Club recently.

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Maine CDC investigating a case of pertussis in Cape Elizabeth school system

The Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention (Maine CDC) is investigating a case of pertussis, also known as whooping cough, in the Cape Elizabeth school system.

Pertussis is an illness that is spread from person to person through coughing and sneezing. Pertussis usually begins with the same symptoms of a common cold (sore throat, and runny nose) and often develops into a severe cough after a few weeks. The cough can last for several weeks or more. Most children are vaccinated against pertussis, however, it is still possible for vaccinated children to become ill. Babies are most at risk of serious illness.

To prevent the spread of pertussis in your community, we are making the following recommendations:

1. If you or your child has a severe cough (which may include coughing to the point of gagging, vomiting after coughing, or difficulty breathing) or a prolonged cough lasting 2 weeks or longer, please take your child

home and contact your health care provider. If your provider suspects pertussis, they will obtain a specimen to be sent for pertussis testing.

2. Children/Adults with severe cough, prolonged cough or confirmed pertussis will be started on antibiotics and will need to remain at home for 5 days while taking these antibiotics.

3. Please check with your medical provider to be sure you and your child are up-to-date on your pertussis vaccine. Most children have had the vaccine before age 7 years, but their immunity to the disease may gradually wane over time. Booster shots (Tdap) are now recommended for children 11 to 18 years old. A single Tdap shot is also recommended for adults, especially adults who have contact with infants and young children.

If the public have further questions, they should contact their school nurse or the Maine CDC at 1-800-821-5821.

Efficient use of resources goal of new school special-services director

In-house behavior services and training for regular-education teachers and for special-education technicians are among the goals for Jessica Clark, Cape Elizabeth's new director of special services.

Clark gave members of the School Board an overview of her first weeks in Cape Elizabeth and her thoughts for the future at the board's meeting Oct. 11, 2016. Clark replaces Steve Floyd, who served as interim director last year after the retirement of Jane Golding.

Clark comes to Cape Elizabeth from the New England Center for Children, where she was a consulting specialist and coordinator for teacher training and professional development. A board-certified behavior analyst herself, Clark said she believes the \$30,000 the School Department spent last year for behavior consultation one day a week could be better spent on in-house services five days a week.

"I've been looking at what were getting for the money we are spending," Clark said. "I kind of know what to expect out of behavior consults, and it's hard to manage consultants versus having an internal person where we could access those resources a lot better," she said.

One of the indicators of success of the School Department's mission and vision is closing the academic gap for under performing students, some of whom receive special-education services.

To that end, two curriculum tools - "Read-

ing Plus" and the "Autism Curriculum Encyclopedia" - have been introduced this year with positive results, Clark said. In the central office, an assistant was hired to take over special education clerical and scheduling responsibilities, freeing educators to concentrate on teaching.

Clark said she will continue to monitor staff schedules to be sure resources are being used efficiently. For example, "we have speech-and-language pathologists that are trained in social skills; well, if we have time we can be using them in the classroom to teach teachers how to teach social skills or executive functioning skills so we're not always relying on a referral to special ed."

"I want these things to happen in the classroom, and then we're there to support it," Clark said.

Clark said she will be overseeing training this year of ed techs, especially those working one-on-one with students, "making sure that their training that they're given is relevant to what they're doing."

"A lot of the staff that we have as ed techs are close to certification or certified teachers, so they're really interested in their own professional development, and I think if we invest in that population our students are just going to continue to grow," Clark said.

She concluded her report by saying she has also met regularly with a group of parents of children with special needs, arranging presenters from organizations that will support their students after they graduate.

CEHS freshman is blue-ribbon baker



Benjamin Payson recently won first place in all three baking contests he entered at the Cumberland Fair. He entered the youth divisions for the Maine Wild Blueberry Commission (blueberry muffins), King Arthur Flour (apple muffins) and the Southern Maine Maple Sugar Makers Association (Maine maple oatmeal cookies).

CEHS class of 2017 pizza fundraiser

On Oct. 25, the senior class of Cape Elizabeth High School will be hosting a fundraiser at Otto Pizza at 159 Cottage Road. The class of 2017 will receive eight percent of the profits from sales between 5 p.m. and 9 p.m. Delivery is included.

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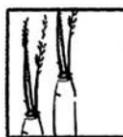
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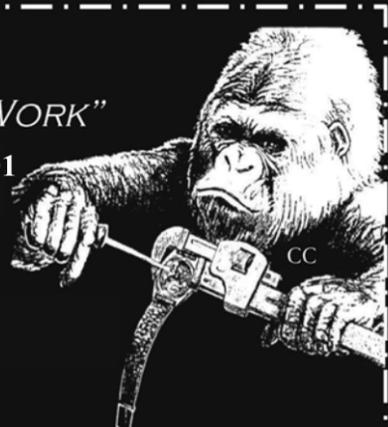
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Jodi Paloni and Kevin Sweeney to read in Cape Elizabeth

On Saturday, Oct. 22, 2016 from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m., Local Writers at The Local Buzz will continue its new season of monthly readings featuring Maine writers of prose and poetry.

The Local Buzz café and wine bar will host fiction author Jodi Paloni and poet Kevin Sweeney.

Located at 327 Ocean House Road in Cape Elizabeth,

The Local Buzz events for the 2016-2017 season will be co-hosted by poets Marcia F. Brown and Linda Aldrich.

School Board is expected to enact a transgender-student policy

The Cape Elizabeth School Board is expected to enact a transgender-student policy at its next meeting, Nov. 8, 2016.

Policy Committee Chair Barbara Powers presented a draft transgender-students policy to the board for first reading on Oct. 11. The policy, drafted by Drummond Woodsum attorneys, provides a definition of transgender, as well as a process for meeting the needs of individual transgender students in school. "This was one that the superintendent felt we should give immediate attention to ... it deals with legally what we need to be doing and ethically what we need to be doing," Powers said.

"Essentially [the student] would be scheduled to discuss the student's particular circumstances with the parents ... either with the principal or with the guidance counselor," Powers said. "An individual plan would be developed depending on the desires of the student in particular, and their privacy," Powers said.

The policy as drafted allows students to

use the bathrooms/locker rooms assigned to the gender the student consistently asserts at school, Powers said.

Interim Superintendent Howard Colter said that in his experience, the needs of transgender students are basic: to feel safe at school, to be called by the name the student desires and to wear clothing deemed appropriate by the school for the gender the student consistently identifies with. Bathroom issues can be more complicated, but "I think that can be worked out, and I think it will be worked out here," Colter said. "I think the larger issue is feeling safe, being treated equally and fairly - those can be complicated in certain communities, more so than others, but I don't expect this to be a major challenge for us," he said.

For participation in interscholastic sports, the policy defers to policies of the Maine Principal's Association. Participation in intramural sports however would be guided by the individual student's plan.

School Board policy on grants, gifts and donations poised for revision

The board on Nov. 8 is also expected to reapprove a policy governing acceptance of gifts. "Public Gifts and Donations to the Schools" was approved as a new policy in May, but board members learned later that the language did not comply with state law.

The draft revision incorporates suggestions from counsel, and creates a set of internal staff procedures, also slated for approval Nov. 8.

Powers said the policy committee is sug-

gesting procedures for staff to review potential impacts that grants or gifts may have on educational policies or the budget.

Powers said the revisions not only bring the policy into compliance, but balance the needs of granting organizations with those of the School Department. "First of all we want to celebrate the high value of our granting organizations," she said. "We want to respect their internal processes, while we also need to respect and anticipate our need to have a sense of things that are coming our way. And I think perhaps this accomplishes it gracefully," Powers said.

The revised draft also increases the limit that can be accepted by administration from \$5,000 to \$10,000. Gifts of more than \$10,000 would need School Board approval.

The policy committee is scheduled to meet at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 1, at Town Hall to review feedback on the policy proposals, and to review proposed updates to bullying policies.

'Senior to Senior' program offering election day ride service to senior citizens

Community Services is taking reservations from senior citizens who would like a ride to the polls on election day, Nov. 8, from a Cape Elizabeth High School senior.

The program is part of the school's 'Senior to Senior' initiative, which offers Cape High School seniors the opportunity to assist senior citizens in town.

Seniors need only leave their name and phone number with Community Services, 207-799-2868. Kathy Raftice, adult programs coordinator, will work with high school senior-to-senior coordinator Tom Kohan to schedule the rides, and students will confirm them directly.

Volunteers wanted for new and existing boards and committees

The Town Council Appointments Committee is accepting applications from residents to fill vacancies on these standing boards and committees:

- Conservation Committee
- Firing Range
- Fort Williams Park Committee
- Planning Board
- Recycling Committee
- Thomas Memorial Library Committee

Applications are also being accepted for the ad hoc Comprehensive Plan Committee and Harbors Committee.

Terms will begin January 1, 2017.

If you are interested in applying, you may fill out an application online at www.capeelizabeth.com/government/rules_regs/forms/form.htm.

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Events at Cape Elizabeth Church of the Nazarene, Spurwink Church and Cape Elizabeth United Methodist Church

Pastor Cheryl Curlew to speak

The Cape Elizabeth Church of the Nazarene is pleased to announce that Pastor Cheryl Curlew will be the speaker for their annual Faith Promise Convention on Sunday, Oct. 30. Pastor Curlew is the director of Life Essentials, a 501c(3) non-profit whose mission is to support families with children in South Portland.

Convention session and dinner

There will be one convention session at 10:45 a.m. followed by a fellowship roast pork and chicken dinner at noon. All in the community are welcome to join the congregation to celebrate the mission work Nazarenes are doing locally and around the world. For those interested but unable to attend, the session will be streamed live at watch.capenazarene.org. The church is located at 499 Ocean House Road. For more information please contact office@capenazarene.org or 799-3692.

Musical event and talk

A musical event for the community will be held at the historic Spurwink Church

in Cape Elizabeth on Sunday, Oct. 30 at 2 p.m.

The gathering, hosted by the Cape Elizabeth United Methodist Church, will include a traditional hymn sing, vocal and instrumental performances, and a talk about the history of the Spurwink Church, at which time everyone will have the opportunity to share their own memories.

The event is open to the public, but seating is limited, so please plan to arrive early. A goodwill offering will be taken for Judy's Pantry. The Spurwink Church is located at 533 Spurwink Ave. (Route 77) in Cape Elizabeth.

Public supper

The Cape Elizabeth United Methodist Church will host a Public Supper on Saturday, Nov. 5 from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m., featuring casseroles, beans, salads, breads and pies.

Prices will be \$8 for adults, \$5 for children and \$20 for families. Take-out will be available. The church is located at 280 Ocean House Road (Route 77) in Cape Elizabeth.

Final blessing of the animals for Rev. Ruth Morrison

The Rev. Ruth Morrison performed her final Blessing of the Animals on Oct. 2, honoring the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. Ruth will be retiring in June.

Ruth started her annual blessing of the animals in 2005 for the Cape Elizabeth United Methodist Church but her animal blessings date back to the 1980's when she combined

the blessing with Rogation Sunday at the Goodwins Mills United Methodist Church. Rogation Sunday was an annual blessing of farm fields and crops.

Photos of the blessing of the animals, including Sugar the goat, can be found online at: <http://www.ceumc.org/>

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Excerpt of public statement in support

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Page 53 of the “Guide”

Original comment by Richard Woodbury

Excerpt of public statement in opposition

The Maine Secretary of State’s guide included no public statement in opposition. This is offered to have both sides represented.

“Ranked-choice proponents dislike primaries, because fringe candidates can win, producing an unhappy choice in the general election. That sounds like the position of philosopher-kings who really don’t trust democracy and certainly want to see the end of political parties.

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Gordon L. Weil
centralmaine.com, Dec. 17, 2015

Tourist season winding down as fall sets in



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Buses filled with cruise ship passengers visit Fort Williams Park and the Portland Head Light as the tourist season winds down and locals look forward to snow and a little more elbow room at the park.

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Owner Jeffrey Hobbs says, "We're more than just a funeral home, we're neighbors and also a community resource. We have always been local, independent, and family-owned and operated. We take pride in providing highly personalized, caring service for all faiths. Our central philosophy is a "Family Caring for Families."



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Tyler Van Fleet, Jedediah Gallagher wed



After earning her master's degree in Natural Resources Conservation at the University of Massachusetts, and a year teaching environmental education in New Orleans's Ninth Ward, Ty became the Watershed Educator for the Watershed Agricultural Council. She educates teachers, school children and land owners about the importance of protecting New York City's water supply.

Jed has a master's degree in construction management from Columbia University and works for AECOM, an engineering design firm, where he is working on a 1.5 acre mixed-use development in Flushing, New York.

Tyler and Jed will reside in Astoria, Queens and plan to honeymoon in southern France this fall.

The bride is the daughter of Ellen and Jeff Van Fleet of Cape Elizabeth and the groom is the son of Carolyn Gallagher of Long Island City, New York and James Gallagher of Weehawken, New Jersey.

Ty's brother, Peter Van Fleet (CEHS 1997) of Cincinnati, Ohio was the best man and the groom's sister, Amy Cumming of Den-ville, New Jersey was the matron of honor. Isabel and Michaela Cumming were flower girls. Music was performed by the bride's uncle, Mark Van Fleet and her cousin, Brad Zerwick. The ceremony was performed by the bride's cousin Paul Van Fleet.

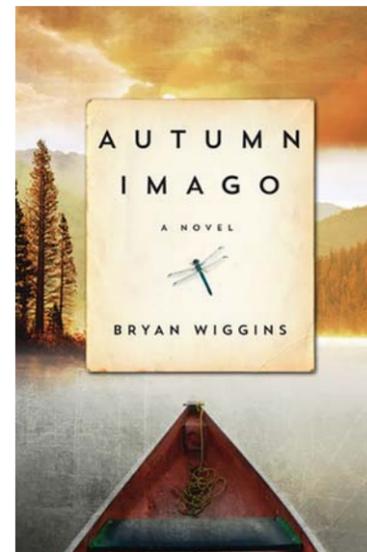
Tyler Elizabeth Van Fleet, a member of Cape Elizabeth High School Class of 2000, and Jedediah Gallagher of Astoria, Queens, New York were married on Aug. 13 at the Queens County Farm Museum, the longest continuously farmed site (since 1697) in New York State.

Cape novelist selected to help launch new imprint

Longtime Cape Elizabeth resident Bryan Wiggins recently had his novel "Autumn Imago" selected as one of only three books to be published to launch Harper Legend, a new imprint of HarperCollins.

This story of family and natural drama set within Maine's Baxter State Park has been lauded by reviewers, including both the Bangor Daily News and 2016 Maine Literary Award winner Jim Nichols, who characterized the work as "elegantly told with a fully-developed cast of characters and wonderful sense of place."

Those interested can visit Wiggins' homepage at wigginscreative.com for direct links to purchase the book and to read blog posts about its creation.



The cover of "Autumn Imago," a novel of familial redemption set within Maine's Baxter State Park written by Cape Elizabeth resident Bryan Wiggins and to be published by an imprint of HarperCollins.

Reminder: Cape Elizabeth ordinance regarding political signs

Article II Permitted Signs.

Sec. 21-2-1 Signs Allowed in All Zones Without a Permit. The following signs shall be allowed in all Zoning Districts without a permit:

(c) Political signs announcing candidates seeking public office, political parties, and/or political and public issues contained on a ballot may, within the public right-of-way, be erected no earlier than six weeks before an election and must be removed within one

week after the election.

Political signs as contemplated in this subsection shall be limited to eight (8) square feet per exposed face, or 16 square feet in total area, per sign, with the maximum horizontal measurement being four (4) feet. The maximum sign height shall not exceed three and one-half (3 1/2) feet.

Signs authorized by the Town Clerk of Cape Elizabeth indicating the date, time and place of polling are allowed. [Amended Eff. 04/08/2015.]

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My service experiences, whether in the Peace Corps, the Cape Elizabeth School Board, or the State Senate, have taught me how to find common ground to protect Maine's priorities. I'm proud to have made a real difference where it counts most for Maine families:

- increasing funding for our local schools
- making college more affordable
- winning tax credits for Maine's small businesses
- creating higher-paying jobs
- protecting Maine's environment

I believe we live in the greatest state in the greatest nation on earth. My calling to help my fellow Mainers and protect our way of life has never been stronger. Together, I know we can get the job done. I would appreciate your vote on November 8.

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