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## Students organize walkouts at high school and middle school



Photo by Kevin St. Jarre

CEHS students organized and ran a walkout on March 15, where they remembered those killed in the Parkland, Florida school shooting and demanded changes to gun laws

By Kevin St. Jarre

Students at Cape Elizabeth High School walked out to demand changes to gun laws and to insist on safer schools. At least 250 students participated, leaving classrooms at 10 a.m. on March 15, delayed a day from the national walkout due to the recent storm. Police, Superintendent Howard Colter, CEHS Principal Jeff Shedd, and other admin and some staff were present, but it was a student-organized and run event.

Assembling in a parking lot near the snow-filled stadium, and standing in a cold wind, students first silently listened to student Kim Knauff's rendition of Andra Day's "Rise Up."

Next, 17 students approached the podium, one at a time, to read a few sentences naming and describing each of the 17 people killed in Parkland, Florida at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, where a gunman carrying an assault rifle opened fire on February 14.

The walkout was organized by three CEHS students- Tony Inhorn, Christie Gillies and Tory McGrath. Each of the organizers gave a short statement making clear that their gen-

eration would be heard and that they would not stop until change was achieved.

Reached for comment after the walkout, Inhorn said, "I helped to organize the event because I felt like something needed to be done. I was so inspired by the kids in Parkland who stood up and said that they wouldn't take the status quo anymore. It inspired me to feel like I could actually do something. When I heard about the National School Walkout, I knew this was my chance. I teamed up with Christie and Tory, and the three of us planned it. I think it went very well. We had a great turnout, with a lot of kids feeling really positive and reacting really well to the event. To see this huge crowd coming, missing out on class and standing in the cold, to stand for something, was truly a beautiful thing. This gives me hope that we can change something."

Gillies agreed, "The tipping point for me was seeing the heartache, fear and anger on the faces and in the words of kids who sur-

-see HIGH SCHOOL page 5



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Aela Mansmann addressing seventh and eighth grade students who walked out to remember victims of the recent school shooting in Parkland, Florida

By Emily Supple and Aela Mansmann

On Friday, March 16th, Cape Elizabeth seventh and eighth grade students, as well as staff members, walked out of class to remember both those who lost their lives, as well as those who survived the tragic events in Parkland, Florida. Students who decided to join the walkout gathered in front of the middle school entrance. Many students held signs and wore orange to show their support.

Aela Mansmann, organizer of the walkout, and Eben Harrison welcomed the young activists and spoke briefly about the importance of recognizing all of those who have lost their lives in the many school shootings around the U.S. "Civil disobedience is not only our right, but our responsibility as citizens. We are privileged to be supported by our school when

walking out," explained Mansmann.

A group of students were then introduced to recognize each individual who lost their life in the Parkland, Florida. Seventh and eighth graders, Claire McDonald, Mieke Buterbaugh, Eben Harrison, Filip Reck, Colin Campbell, Hannah Mosher, Darby Kline, Faraz Kazmi, Maggie Cochran, Owen McAnuff, Antoinette Hinit, Mia Ramsden, Annaliese Rudberg, Jack Hagan, Emma Halter, and Cora Johnson each read one of the names and a short biography about each victim. Seventh grade teacher, Aaron Filieo, joined the students by reading the bio of the lost football coach.

Emma McCarley then read an original

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## Proposed 2018-19 municipal budget would lower tax rate for town, Community Services

Town Manager Matthew Sturgis is proposing a \$12.25 million town budget for 2018-19, up 0.9 percent over this year's budget for municipal and Community Services.

The proposal would decrease the town portion of the tax rate 0.4 percent, or 2 cents below this year's rate of \$4.47.

In presenting the proposal to the Town Council March 12, Sturgis credited the reduction in taxes to an increase in revenue other than property tax of \$98,337, up 2 percent over this year. "Residents have been buying newer motor vehicles and thus monthly collections have been improving," he wrote in his budget message. The budget projects a \$2.15 million in excise tax revenue, an increase of 2.6 percent and the largest in a single revenue line.

Here are highlights Sturgis' outlined in his budget message:

- A 2-percent average wage increase.
- Increase from one to two per-diem fire personnel, increasing the town's coverage.
- Increased personnel costs adjusting to recent updates and the Recycling Center.
- Increased legal budget anticipating upcoming lawsuits.
- Significant capital purchases in line with the capital improvement plan, with larger purchases through lease-purchase agreement.

- Replacement of Fire Department's ladder truck (\$1.25 million) and 15-year-old ambulance (\$250,000).

- Phase II of the Hill Way/Scott Dyer Road reconstruction.

- Replacement of a dump/plow truck and larger pickup truck.

- Anticipated expenditure of \$50,000 for purchase of pay/display units for Fort Williams.

The pay/display parking units for Fort Williams Park are budgeted as a "marker" in case the Town Council decides to go forward with the system, Sturgis said. Councilors discussed the idea at workshops Sept. 18 and Feb. 5, and are expected to consider it at their regular meeting April 9.

Offsetting these increases, Sturgis said, is the use of \$500,000 from unassigned fund balance toward capital improvements and continues the use of \$375,000 against annual operating expenses. "This will lower the current amount of unassigned funds, but keep the overall level of unassigned funds properly in line with the current policy that the town has," he said.

A review of the budget proposal in workshop sessions was scheduled to take place March 20 and 21.

## New proposed use for town's vacant lots



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A dog park is being proposed for vacant space in town center and residents are being encouraged to attend a town hall meeting to provide input to the committee. Above is a dog park in Portland which is serving as a model for the one proposed in Cape.

Having vacant lots in the center of town is providing a unique opportunity for the development of a long-needed recreational spot for dogs and their owners.

"Many towns have built a dog park, where dogs can exercise and play off-leash, and dogs and their owners can socialize" explained Bob Grover, the chairman of the Bark Park committee, which is a subcommittee of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission, "and the opportunity just presented itself with the availability of open land in a convenient spot for dog owners of Cape Elizabeth."

Drawing on research, the first step was to hire a planning consultant. "Most parks are built without consulting experts in park design and dog behavior" explained Patricia

Holbrook, another committee member, "and one town in Connecticut was actually sued because their park was built without any discussion or notification to nearby homeowners. We tracked down a well-known author of several publications about dog parks, and despite her pricey consultant fee, feel that her advice can and will save the town money in the long run."

There are three major aspects to be considered when developing a dog park, those being: location (convenient for owners and the community), safety for dogs and humans (including security and adequate lighting for night time use), and appropriate size for the

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## Proud of students who joined walkout

I was extremely proud of the Cape Elizabeth High School students who joined the walkout to protest gun violence on March 15, as shown in the Portland Press Herald. While politicians have sat on their hands in thrall of the gun lobby, these students are starting the needed change in the guns, weapons and violence culture that dominates American society and politics, including the misinterpretation of the Second Amendment that some courts have used to dodge the tough issues around legitimate use of the state's police power to control, not eliminate, dangerous gun ownership.

True, as some critics of the protests have said, meaningful change in not yet possible, but the student protesters show change may be on the horizon. Maybe they aren't experts at knowing all of what is needed to move in the right direction, like enforcing existing laws, mental health treatment, governmental agencies acting on warnings from the public of potentially dangerous people who have made threats, and limiting the spread of guns that create the risk of mass shootings.

True, guns themselves don't commit crimes, people do. But the protesters are right in calling attention to the truth that people would do a lot less harm if they weren't strapped to the gills. People with the power to make appropriate change should now be looking in the mirror rather than cowering from the gun lobby and disparaging our students, who at least have the guts to say publicly, "Enough!"

David Plimpton

## Support for Anne Carney

Now, more than ever, government needs people who will thoughtfully represent our concerns and collaboratively--but tenaciously--work for the common good. That is why we support Anne Carney for State Representative.

Through our work with Anne on various community-based efforts, we have seen that nobody works harder than Anne to get the job done. For example, as CELT's president the past three years, Anne consistently put in the extra effort to fully understand every aspect of complex land transactions, explore alternatives, and listen thoughtfully to all perspectives before she facilitated a collaborative decision. She then worked tirelessly to put plans into action.

We also appreciate that as the parent of three young adults who all attended the Cape school system, Anne recognizes that significant structural change and educational innovation are necessary to position our state for the economic challenges of the 21st century. Anne will thoughtfully and strategically promote state-wide investments in education, technological infrastructure and social services that in the long-run will benefit all of Maine's community members, including current and future Cape residents.

Anne's 27 years of experience working on diverse community issues, combined with her intelligence, compassion, work ethic, and collaborative style make her an exceptional candidate for the state legislature. We can't think of anyone better for this job and hope you will join us in voting for Anne Carney for State Representative in the June primary.

Wyman and Laura Briggs

## Support for Mary Ann Lynch

I am writing to support Mary Ann Lynch to be the Democratic nominee to the Maine Legislature from Cape Elizabeth.

Our town is fortunate to have two good candidates for this nomination. Mary Ann, however, is a candidate with enormous experience. She has served locally on the Cape Elizabeth Town Council and has served in Augusta, first on the Governor's Office staff and, most recently, as the representative of the Maine Court System handling legislative matters.

Mary Ann stands where most Cape voters stand on gun issues. She supports bans on assault weapons, high capacity magazines, and bump stocks. She supports closing the loop-hole on private sale of guns without background checks.

Mary Ann realizes that it is likely that Washington will do nothing, or very little, to address these gun related issues. The battle will be fought in the state houses. Mary Ann has the experience to hit the ground running and to work on a bi-partisan basis to address this and other crucial issues facing our State.

I had the good fortune of working in Augusta with Mary Ann on legislative matters when I was Director of the Maine Office of Energy Resources. She served the State well then with her ability to work cooperatively and be respected by legislators. I know she will serve us all well in the future.

Tony Armstrong

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It's going to be an expensive, complex project but there's no doubt that it's time to get creative and move this much-beloved institution into the digital age! Can you help us?

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# Then and Now: Clang clang clang went the trolley

By Jim Rowe



Photo courtesy of Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society



Photo by Jim Rowe

Back in the day, two trolley lines entered Cape Elizabeth from South Portland. One followed Shore Road and went as far as Cape Cottage/Fort Williams. The other (pictured in this 1939 photo) paralleled Ocean House Road (today's Rte. 77) and went as far as Town Hall. The intersection with Mitchell Road is hidden behind the trolley.

## Cape Elizabeth School Board continues work on 2018-2019 budget

Over the past several weeks the School Board has continued to work on the 2018-2019 school budget. To date each building principal and department head have presented and explained his or her section of the budget. Common threads throughout each presentation have been a focus on improving student achievement, improving the emotional and physical environment of the schools, and flat year to year budgeting. The board has begun asking questions about necessity, efficacy, best practices, and efficiency. Given the dramatic decrease in state funds, the board also invited State Senator Rebecca Millett to explain what happened and what Cape Elizabeth can expect.

On March 8 Senator Rebecca Millett joined the board's budget workshop to talk about the dramatic cut in state aid to Cape Schools. She explained that there were many changes to the state education budget in committee, including a further move toward elimination of system administration and a further push toward consolidation. And while the overall amount of money allocated for education was increased, the state then increased the mill rate for education, thereby increasing the amount cities and towns were expected to raise locally for their schools. The state also increased Cape Elizabeth's property valuation. The net effect for Cape Schools, and many other school districts, was a big loss. Although she continues to fight for

more money for education and a fairer way to distribute those funds, Senator Millett was not optimistic that additional funds would be added to education.

Following the March 15 business meeting, the board continued work on the budget. Discussion focused on the how the state allocates funds to Cape Elizabeth in each area of the schools and what we have done to maximize that revenue. The board then reviewed priority initiatives that are not currently in the budget:

- Learning Strategist at Pond Cove School to run Student Support Teams, coordinate Ed Techs, lead interventions and teaching strategies for struggling students.
- Lunch / Recess Support Aids at Pond Cove School to make sure there is adequate coverage to safely supervise students.
- A second social worker for the Middle School to help meet the social and emotional needs of those students.
- A part-time Ed Tech at the High School to support Student Driven Learning.
- A part-time computer programming teacher for the High School.
- A part-time literacy teacher and a part time French 1 / Spanish 1 teacher for the High School.
- Part-time clerical support in the business office (shared duties for town and school).
- Two custodians to provide the necessary higher level of cleaning needed in

both school and town buildings.

- A School Resource Officer to help support the security of the entire school campus.
- Architect and engineering fees for the study and design for resolution of major facility problem areas in all three buildings.

With such a wide gap in funding, difficult choices will have to be made. The School Board invites the community to attend and participate in budget discussions. All workshops are open to the public and taped for future viewing.

### Upcoming Budget Meetings:

- Tuesday March 20**, 6:30 pm in the HS Library – Budget Workshop
- Tuesday March 27**, 6:30 pm in the HS Library – Budget Workshop
- Tuesday April 3**, 6:30 pm in the HS Library – Budget Workshop
- Tuesday April 10**, 7:00 pm in Town Hall Chambers – Vote to set budget, send to Town Council
- Tuesday April 24**, 7:00 pm in Town Hall Chambers – Presentation of School Budget to Town Council

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## Paper streets- accept, maintain or vacate

By Kevin St. Jarre

When the town laid out its subdivision plan several decades ago, potential streets were indicated on maps and the town maintained the right to develop them at a future date. Any street laid out on the plan, but not actually built, came to be known as a paper street. Several of those streets are still undeveloped and cross over private property today. Periodically, the town's rights to those streets need to be reviewed.

Each time the town developed a street, the Town Council voted to officially "accept" it. If the town opted to not build a street, but chose to keep the right to develop it someday, the Town Council voted to "maintain" its right. The third option is for the town to give up the right to ever develop a paper street, and in that case the council would vote to "vacate" its right.

Some paper streets exist as paths, while some have had private improvements built on top of them, such as lawns, hedges and gazebos.

As one might imagine, there are differing opinions on the future of each paper street.

In November 2017, the council voted to maintain the rights to paper streets on Light-

house Point Road, Surfside Avenue and Atlantic Place, and to set a review date for October 2036.

In response to that decision, however, residents of Pilot Point Road filed two lawsuits saying the town's option to someday accept the paper streets at Surfside Avenue and Atlantic Place, or even to maintain the right, had expired.

Two public hearings were held, one on February 1 and the other on February 3, facilitated by Craig Freshley of Good Group Decisions. The forums were prompted by the council's direction to Town Manager Matt Sturgis to see to it that facilitated forums be held, and a draft report be produced for the council to consider.

While the majority of residents who attended the forums seemed to be in favor of accepting the paper streets, and perhaps developing them into paths for public use, it is possible that those opposed have chosen to do their talking via the lawsuits and felt no reason to attend the forums.

The draft report, accepted by the Town Council at their March 12 meeting, explained the agendas of the forums, and the ideas and comments of those who attended.

## Request to help buy 52-acre expansion of RW referred to committee

The Conservation Committee will make a recommendation before the Town Council decides whether it will help the Cape Elizabeth Land Trust purchase 52 acres next to Robinson Woods. The council on March 12 referred the land trust's request to the Conservation Committee, which was slated to meet with representatives of the land trust on March 20.

The land trust is requesting a \$281,666 contribution toward the purchase of what would become Robinson Woods III, a 51.9-acre parcel next to the existing 145-acre Robinson Woods preserves, also owned by the Land Trust. The request represents a third of the \$845,000 sale price.

## CEHPS meeting on April 2

The Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society will meet Monday April 2, at 7 p.m. in the Community Services building, 345 Ocean House Rd. This evening is going to be all about your memories, your pictures, and anything else that pertains to Cottage Farms School and Pond Cove Elementary. Treat yourself to a fun trip down memory lane with friends, family and former classmates. A scanner will be available so your items may be forever included in our archives. Historical donations are also welcome. For more information and to become a member, type in CEHPS on the web and go to our google site, then click on, ABOUT US. Or, call us at: 207-619-6793, e-mail: cehps@capeelizabeth.org. All meetings and programs are free and open to the public.

## Recycling Committee honored with 2018 eco-Excellence award



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From left to right: Robert Malley, Aubrey Miller, Nicole Boucher, Chelsea Torrey, Kara Lavender Law - Chair, Tim Trachimowicz, Troy Moon (City of Portland and Chair, ecomaine Board of Directors) Matt and Kevin Roche (General Manager of ecomaine)

Cape Elizabeth's Recycling Committee has been honored by ecomaine, the regional recycling and trash-to-energy organization, with a 2018 eco-Excellence award.

The committee was nominated for the award by Matthew Sturgis, Cape Elizabeth town manager, and Robert Malley, director of Public Works, for leading the effort to enact a townwide ban on polystyrene foam packaging and fee for single-use plastic bags.

The eco-Excellence Awards is an annual program organized by ecomaine, a nonprofit, municipally owned single-sort recycling and waste-to-energy operation, to recognize businesses, schools or individuals in any of ecomaine's 73 member communities. Winners are selected based on the effectiveness, increased awareness, community impact, and ease of replication of their sustainability programs or initiatives.

## Conservation Committee to review rules for dogs on municipal property

Councilors on March 12 authorized the Conservation Committee to review the section of the dog ordinance that governs dog restraint on municipal property. The committee is expected to recommend updates to the council, which will then likely send them to their ordinance subcommittee for further review and drafting before holding a public hearing and adoption.

The move comes after the council's Jan. 8 decision to prohibit unleashed dogs on the multipurpose playing field at Fort Williams Park between April 1 and Nov. 1. There was also consensus at the time to clarify how leash laws apply to municipal properties be-

yond Fort Williams Park.

Since the dog ordinance was last revised in 1990, the town has acquired several parcels popular with dog owners, said Town Manager Matthew Sturgis. There have also been questions about whether leashes are required for dogs on municipally owned beach areas. "There was confusion for staff, and the public, so I thought it might be a time to get a review of that section of the ordinance, to update it to take into account current assets that the town has," Sturgis said. He recommended, and the council agreed, that the Conservation Committee look at the ordinance and come back with a recommendation.

The management policy on pets in the 2012 Open Space Management Plan restates the ordinance requirement that all dogs on groomed town properties be on a leash. Dogs may be off-leash in ungroomed open-space areas, the policy says, as long as they do not bother wildlife or other users. "The Town Dog Ordinance, Sec. 7-1-7, may need to be amended for clarification and consistency with this policy," the plan says.



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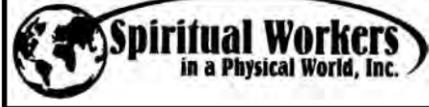
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## High School

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vived in Parkland. We had such emotional discussions about it at school, and we all felt so powerless about our own lives in school. I knew I needed to do something, so Tory, Tony, and I joined forces to plan a school-wide walkout that would not just honor the victims, but foster student empowerment and show that everyone has the potential to use their voice to create change in our society.

I was incredibly proud of everyone that went to and participated in the walkout. I thought it went so smoothly and had an impact on everyone there. Our goal was to raise awareness and engage our peers. Now we will turn our attention to keeping the momentum alive. I also respect the students who chose not to walk out too because they were exercising their rights too."

McGrath added, "I decided to get involved in the movement because I realized that people my age, in schools just like mine and my sister's, were dying and lawmakers haven't done much to fix that. It's not about politics, money or elections. It's about emotion and losing people who are the same age as you; it makes it real. It's about increasing awareness and fighting against lax gun safety laws. It is really important, as the next generation, that these ideas of gun safety and pragmatic politics are on all of high school students' minds. Our walkout was more than just a walkout; it was also an informative opportunity. I think our walkout went very well. It was powerful. I saw several students crying and I think that shows the emotion in the movement to say the least. Tony, Christie and I put a lot of work into it and it was exciting when it all came together especially with the weather setback. This conversation needs to be continued."

The only speaker older than age 18 was Nick Wilson of the Maine Gun Safety Coalition. He told students that the coalition would follow their lead and offer support and expertise in crafting and pushing for new legislation regulating guns.

All three of the organizers pointed to the March for Our Lives event in Portland on March 24 as a next step for those who want to continue their involvement, in addition to the opportunity for free training on gun policy and activism at University of Southern Maine and sponsored by the Maine Gun Safety Coalition on April 20.

McGrath said of Wilson, "I also hope to continue working with Nick, he is so supportive of us as students. My next steps are to stay even more informed and make my voice heard. I hope it sparks change in Washington when our senators realize that high school students are calling for gun law reform. We are hoping to bring about long needed policy change."

Gillies said they also plan to meet with other students, "We will also be meeting with kids from other schools to talk about how we can work together. One thing that is for sure, this movement will not die down. My genera-

tion is informed, powerful and we know how to get things done."

Of his next steps, Inhorn said people need "to stay informed on gun-related bills and to write to legislators urging them to vote the way you want them to, and most importantly of all, to register to vote and vote in every election. There's too much at stake not to be involved, and the time to do something is now."

## Middle School

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poem to her peers in support of ending school violence. Mansmann closed by thanking the students for recognizing those in Parkland who lost their lives and for supporting school safety in our country. She presented everyone with the challenge of doing 17 acts of kindness in their lives, and to not stop there. When finishing her closing, Mansmann reminded the students, "Always remember to never live in fear. Be brilliant. Be bold. And most importantly be kind."

### "Never Again"

By Emma McCarley

Red, white, and blue the colors of a flag  
Colors that stand for rebellion and pride  
A flag that stands tall when all is well  
But at half mast it recently fell  
To remember, to grieve, to honor the lost  
To try and give something, though we can never repay the cost

A flag at half mast at a school just like theirs

With students seated, in desks and chairs  
We remember those who won't again take a seat

Send love to families and friends who weep

And try to change the world where we live

By giving all we have to give  
For here are our voices, clear and loud  
Like our flag rebellious and proud  
For we are not afraid

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## Physical altercation between two tenants, ornamental lawn statue stolen

Reported by Debbie Butterworth

It looks like granite but is actually made of a plastic material.

### COMPLAINTS

- 2-26 An officer responded to a residence in the Mitchell Road area for a well-being check
- 3-1 An officer responded to a residence in the Oakhurst area for a well-being check
- 3-2 An officer met with a resident in the Ocean House Road area regarding a harassment complaint.
- 3-2 An officer spoke with a subject regarding an assault complaint.
- 3-3 An officer met with a resident of New York regarding an assault complaint.
- 3-3 An officer met with a resident of the Starboard Drive area regarding a harassment complaint
- 3-3 An officer met with a resident of the Shore Road area regarding unauthorized charges on a checking account.
- 3-4 An officer met with a resident of Shore Road regarding a residential burglary. At this time, only alcohol appears to be missing.
- 3-5 Two officers responded to a residence in the Sawyer Road area for a domestic disturbance.
- 3-6 An officer responded to a residence in the Mitchell Road area for a well-being check.
- 3-6 An officer met with a resident of the Spurwink Avenue area regarding unauthorized charges on his credit card. He was also contacted by UPS who informed him that someone had opened a forwarding account in his name that would allow the suspect to reroute packages while enroute.
- 3-6 An officer responded to a residence in the Woodland Road area for a well-being check.
- 3-9 Two officers responded to a residence in the Spurwink Avenue area for a domestic disturbance.
- 3-9 Two officers responded to a residence in the Bowery Beach area for a reported physical altercation between two tenants.
- 3-10 An officer met with a resident in the Shore Road area who reported the theft of an ornamental lawn statue from his yard. It is described as a two foot high statue of St. Francis with several birds.

### SUMMONSES

- 3-5 Portland resident, uninspected vehicle, \$148
- 3-5 Cape Elizabeth resident, violation of conditions of release, Carriage Hill Road
- 3-7 Cape Elizabeth resident, violation of conditions of release, Ocean House Road
- 3-9 Cape Elizabeth resident, uninspected vehicle, Sawyer Road, \$148

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- 3-11 Cape Elizabeth resident, speeding (41/25 zone), Woodland Road, \$200

### ACCIDENTS

- 3-1 William Drake, accident on Ocean House Road
- 3-3 Chelsey Johnson, accident on Shore Road

### FIRE CALLS

- 2-27 South Portland mutual aid
- 3-1 South Portland mutual aid
- 3-3 Pine Point Road, tree fell on house
- 3-3 South Portland, mutual aid
- 3-4 Kettle Cove, water rescue
- 3-5 Chimney Rock Road, investigation
- 3-5 Chimney Rock Road, assist US Coast Guard
- 3-7 South Portland mutual aid
- 3-8 Little John Road, Sweet Fern Road, Sea Star Lane, Stonybrook Road, Chambers Road, power lines down
- 3-8 South Portland mutual aid
- 3-10 South Portland mutual aid
- 3-11 South Portland mutual aid

### RESCUE CALLS

There were 14 runs to Maine Medical Center. There were 2 runs to Mercy Hospital. There were 6 patients treated by rescue personnel but not transported.



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## What to do with all the snow? Build an igloo!



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The Bayberry Lane neighborhood in Cape Elizabeth is celebrating the completion of their first igloo. The project was a neighborhood effort masterminded and overseen by Matt Welch on Bayberry Lane. Fiona and Henry Welch are pictured testing the durability of the igloo.

## Mark your calendars: Family Fun Day to be held on June 16

Family Fun Day will take place this year on Saturday, June 16. New elements are being planned for the parade down Shore Road, which will begin at 10am. The day will once again include great music from the Don Campbell Band and Sea Grass, games from the Lions' Club, the annual Dog Show, an all day free Petting Zoo, a free Mad Science Show for the kids, and of course, great food, with everything benefitting local non-profits right here in Cape Elizabeth.

The Class of 2019 will run the giant inflatable obstacle course. So challenge your friend, your dad or your sister, and make plans to start summer by celebrating together at Family Fun Day.

Then come on back to the Fort in the evening for a Food Truck Fiesta and enjoy the free concert by the Casco Bay Wind Ensemble, leading up to the fireworks finale at 9 p.m.

Want to join the fun? There are a lot of ways to get involved. Do you have a classic or vintage car? You can be in the parade! Would your local group like to run a game, and earn money at Family Fun Day? Local artists and craftspeople are invited to have a free booth. To reserve your space, please contact Rose Kennealy, [kennearo@spsd.org](mailto:kennearo@spsd.org).

The next planning meeting will be held April 12, so contact Frank Butterworth ([fbutterw@gmail.com](mailto:fbutterw@gmail.com)) and get your group added to the list of those who have already committed to making this the best Family Fun Day yet! For more information, call Karen Pride at 232-2579 or email at [kpride@maine.rr.com](mailto:kpride@maine.rr.com). Look for updates and more info as the date approaches on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/CapeElizabethFamilyFunDay](http://www.facebook.com/CapeElizabethFamilyFunDay) or [www.facebook.com/FamilyFunDay-DogShow](http://www.facebook.com/FamilyFunDay-DogShow)).

## More food choices coming this season to Fort Williams

The Town Council on March 12 voted to move one of the four seasonal food-vendor sites in the park from the south side to the north side of Capt. Strout Circle, near the entrance to Cliff Walk and next to a site usually occupied by Gorgeous Gelato. The move will accommodate a larger vending space, and appease vendors who found the original 50 square feet on the other side of the circle too small.

In an effort to attract more bids for vending sites, the council last December approved a recommendation from the Fort Williams Park Committee to reduce the size of two of the sites in the park. The reduction also meant a cut in the minimum required bid from \$4,000 to \$2,000 per season.

The size reduction, from 90 square feet down to 50, was also meant to improve aesthetics at the park, but Town Manager Matthew Sturgis said every successful bidder for the southern Capt. Strout Circle site, also known as "Site A," said it was too small to accommodate a wagon.

"The original premise of going to 50 square feet was to hopefully attract a smaller cart, maybe like a small pretzel wagon or a hot-dog cart, (but) there just didn't seem

to be the interest from bidders for that site," added Public Works Director Robert Malley. The high bidder even tried to construct a wagon to fit the smaller dimensions but couldn't make it work, Malley said.

Sturgis said the winning bid for Site A was well above minimum and justifies the move and increase in size. He and Malley walked the new location and found it could accommodate side-by-side vendors.

The move means there will be no food vendor site on the south side of Capt. Strout Circle, something Council Chair Jessica Sullivan said she liked.

Having all four sites occupied will also mean more diverse food offerings for the coming season, Sturgis said. Besides the usual gelato and lobster-roll trucks, a second lobster-roll vendor and a hot-dog/hamburger truck also submitted successful bids. Last season only two vendors submitted bids to sell food at the park.

A third reason for initially decreasing the size of the vendor sites was traffic. Sturgis, however, said a subcommittee of the Fort Williams Park Committee will soon be making recommendations to alleviate commercial traffic near the lighthouse.

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# Troop 24 hosts special guest



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20 kindergarteners and first graders that make up the Troop 24 Daisy Girl Scouts of Cape Elizabeth, recently hosted a very special guest, Officer Kim Therault, of the South Portland Police Department. Officer Kim was a former Brownie Girl Scout and she helped the Troop learn about being friendly and helpful, and considerate and caring, which earned the Daisy's 2 patches. This is one of the very exciting meetings and activities that Troop 24 is participating in, as they get involved in the Girl Scout Daisy experience and Adventure.

# Thin Mints, anyone?



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Troop 31, a Girl Scout Brownie Troop of second graders, will hold a last chance drive thru cookie sale on State Ave., off Route 77 on Saturday March 31 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Customers don't even have to get out of their cars to get that last box of Thin Mints...before they're gone until next year. At a recent trip to the Boston Museum of Science are girl scouts (left to right) Willa Morton, Kayleigh Hanson, Ella Doyon, Evelyn Maher, Birdie McAnuff, Edie Wood, Ella Fick and Esme Conover. Girls not pictured, but in the Troop are Jillian Tasker, Willa Moore, Olivia Ryder and Anna Colello.

# Cape Elizabeth Fisherman's Alliance increasing outreach

By Marta Girouard

Residents may be familiar with the Cape Farm Alliance, but have you heard of the Cape Elizabeth Fisherman's Alliance (CEFA)? The group was established a number of years ago with a handful of lobstermen meeting as needed to discuss fishery and local access related issues. Over the last year or so, CEFA has begun to meet more regularly to clearly define the group's common goals.

Nate Perry, a fisherman and owner of Pine Point Oyster Company, serves as the liaison for CEFA. He stated that the mission of CEFA consists of two main objectives: education and outreach, and to represent the interests of those who work on the water in Cape Elizabeth. Although the original group was comprised of lobsterman, CEFA currently consists of twenty members who represent several facets across the industry, from seafood marketing to aquaculture. Some of the group's members are the fifth or sixth (or greater) generation in their family to work on the water in Cape. Two members serve the community of the Fire/Rescue Team and another two on the Water Extraction Team (WETeam). "Folks may come from many differing backgrounds, but we all share a sense of responsibility to this heritage and to the resource. In a way, it could be said that this is an embodiment of Cape's town spirit, as a whole. We're all drawn to the sea," said Perry.

Cape Elizabeth is a community with deep fishing and farming roots. Its natural geography allows for direct access out into the middle of several fishing grounds. At the turn of the last century, there was a collapse in traditional ground fisheries in many coastal communities. Cape's larger boats either moved to Portland to utilize the commercial infrastructure or captains eventually retired, not to be replaced. The focus of the industry was reduced to lobster and over the last 30 years, Cape's fishing fleet has been made up of about a dozen vessels that haul the premium lobster from the Portland Head Light to the Spurwink River, and offshore. According to Perry, a considerable portion of the fleet ties up in Portland, although the

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## CEMS musicians selected for Honors Festival

Each year musicians from across southern Maine are selected by audition to participate in the annual Southern Maine Middle School Honors Festival (SMMSHF). This year, 40 CEMS musicians and singers achieved this honor.

The SMMSHF includes both choral and

band performances. The first event, for seventh and eighth graders, was held on March 2 and 3 at South Portland High School. Sixth grade performers participated in the District I 6th Grade Honors Festival on March 10 at Bonny Eagle High School.



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CEMS musicians recently participated in the Southern Maine Middle School Honors Festival. Band members include: Back row L-R: Heath Kennedy, Philip Coupe, Kathrynne Clay, Helena Rieger, Cora Johnson, Matthew Zimmerman, Heike Kuhrt, Alex Ecker; Front row L-R: Sawyer Richard, Sam Foote, Sally McCoy, Eva Morris, Carmen Erickson, Clara Parker. Chorus members include: back row L-R: Darby Kline, Aela Mansmann, Jack Hagan, Abigail Scifries, Nora Lane Bratman; Front row L-R: Emma King, Analise Gordon, Lydia Branson, Elowen Brunton, Julia Olsen



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Sixth grade participants in the honors festival include band members Back row L-R: Bella Ferriter, Zoe Burgard, Tilsley Kelly, Tess Straw, Trevor Oakley, Hadley Johnson, Luc Francis, Simon Shyka-Brown; Front row L-R: Josh Mullen, Philip Nelson, Ava Corbin, Charlotte Miller, Cookie Mahoney, Weston Lowe, Aidan Mansmann and chorus members L-R: Eliza Green, Abbie Woolls, Piper Rickman, Brooke Giroux, Astrid Akerman, Saga Hart, Bella Carver, Alex Buterbaugh

## Aucocisco School transitions to nonprofit; announces new resources

“Aucocisco” isn’t a word that many Mainers may know, outside of Cape Elizabeth, or even select history buffs. “Aucocisco School” may be known by even fewer still, but with a host of exciting changes, that’s all about to change for Executive Director, Barbara Melnick, and her dedicated staff. The purpose of Aucocisco is to create a safe educational environment for students with alternative learning styles.

Originating from the Abenaki name for Casco Bay, also known as the “place of herons,” it is an appropriate name for this intimate, special-purpose school. As one student put it so eloquently, “Aucocisco is a place for us to rest our wings.” While the goal is a safe, responsible, and respectful learning environment for students with different learning styles to recuperate, Aucocisco is anything but in a state of rest itself.

As of January 26, Aucocisco completed its long-awaited transition to a nonprofit 501c3 entity, and it is far from the end of Aucocisco’s plans for 2018. Aucocisco is excited to be teaming up with Understood.org and the Learning Disabilities Association of Maine as a resource to empower parents and high school/middle school students. Check out [www.aucociscoschool.org](http://www.aucociscoschool.org) to learn more about “Story of Self: A tool for promoting advocacy and acceptance.” In workshops, nationally recognized education writer for Understood.org, Amanda Morin, will give parents and students the tools to transform their personal narratives into powerful tools to cre-

ate a more inclusive learning environment.

Starting March 21st, Aucocisco will also be holding after school enrichment classes on the Wednesday early release days for Cape Elizabeth. The series will begin with an introduction to fiber arts. Afternoon enrichment classes will continue with a music workshop on April 4th, hosted by local musician and teacher, Anna Pearlman. The remaining enrichment classes will be an afternoon of math games led by Executive Director Barbara Melnick and math teacher, Ted Dalton, on May 2nd, and an outdoors education class on May 16th, orchestrated by Broadturn Farm camp counselor and part-time Aucocisco instructor, Megan Dunn. These enrichment classes are an exciting extension of Aucocisco’s unique learning environment and a shining example of their commitment to the Cape Elizabeth community.

While most schools slow down in the summer, Aucocisco continues their commitment to excellence. For students who would benefit from more one-to-one intensive reading instruction, reading specialist Lisa Murphy uses her extensive Lindamood-Bell reading instruction to create individualized programs to help students meet their goals. Ted Dalton works with students on their math needs throughout the summer as well. In addition to academic pursuits, Aucocisco also hosts summer enrichment classes, and our well known Backstage program, which uses theater games and other fun activities to work on social thinking skills.

## Middle school to present production of “Bye Bye Birdie”



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Cape Elizabeth Middle School is proud to present the musical Bye Bye Birdie on April 6th, 7th and 8. Show times are Friday the 6th at 7 p.m., Saturday the 7th at 2 and 7 p.m. and Sunday the 8th at 2 p.m. Tickets are available at the door: \$10 adults and \$5 for children/students. The show runs approximately one hour with no intermission. Come support Cape Elizabeth Middle School theater and enjoy the show!



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## CEHS students and teachers visit the nation's capital



Photo by Bridget Brett

More than 50 AP Government students from Cape Elizabeth High School went to Washington D.C. last week. Among the many venues they visited, they went to the Newseum, where Cape Elizabeth resident Bridget Brett's cousins Luke Mullins of *The Washingtonian* and Brody Mullins of *the Wall Street Journal* spoke to the students about the media. In the photo are chaperones with the Capitol in the background. From left: Ted Jordan, Carolyn Young, Joan Moriarity and Ginger Raspiller. Not pictured are Principal Jeff Shedd and Bridget Brett.

## Congrats to the CEMS and CEHS chess teams



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The Cape Elizabeth middle school chess team (pictured: Eli Beber, Maddy Hansen, Clark and Henry Abrahamsen, Ben Gordon, Noah Abbott, all sixth graders except Clark, a fourth grader) are the 2018 K-6 runner up Maine chess state champions. The chess scholastic state championship took place on March 10 at the University of Maine in Orono. All the kids played admirably, demonstrating impressive sportsmanship, motivation and much chess talent. In addition, Clara Parker and Ander Erickson (not pictured) played admirably in the K-8 section (a 2 player team against teams of 5) winning most games.



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The Cape Elizabeth High School chess team (senior Andrew Brenneman, freshmen Tyler Rodenberger, Isaac Dinnerstein, Luke O'Kelly and Marco Hansel) are the co-runner up chess state champions (second place tied with 4 other teams out of 14 schools). The chess scholastic state championship took place on March 10 at the University of Maine in Orono. Brenneman led the team with four wins out of four games.

## Cape Robotics headed to the Worlds Tournament



Photo by Shawn Weinstein Zenner

Back row: Caleb Weinstein-Zenner, Nate Labrie, Cully Richard, Lauren Abrahamsen, Joe Jacobson, Joey Labrie, Carter Merriam, Matthew Leighton. Front Row: Matthew Yim, Matthew Zimmerman, Evan Gebhart, and Ethan Coronite

Cape Robotics Team is attending the 2018 Worlds Tournament in Kentucky. The Middle School team 56G won the middle school Excellence Award and the High School team 56C won the Design Award. Both awards qualify these students for the World Tournament. Please view our website for more details about our team <http://capersrobotics.wixsite.com/caperobotics>. Each year the Robotics team asks the community for financial assistance to represent Cape Elizabeth at this international event and Cape residents always

respond. Thank you for your past support. We hope you will consider a 2018 donation to: "Cape Elizabeth High School" with a designation "for the Robotics Team". Checks can be mailed to Evan Thayer at CEHS, 345 Ocean House Road. Alternatively, we opened a GoFundMe account at <https://www.gofundme.com/help-cape-robotics-go-to-worlds>. We will also have various fundraising opportunities around town over the next month. Thank you for your support!

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## CEHS hockey players receive All-Star awards



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At the Maine Class B South Hockey Awards Banquet on March 18, All-Star award recipients from the Cape Elizabeth High School hockey team All-Star award included: (left to right) Philip Tarling (Junior), Alex Glidden (Senior), Derek Allen (Senior) and Gavin Simopoulos (Freshman).

## Girls' ice hockey team receives Sportsmanship Award



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The combined Cape Elizabeth, South Portland and Waynflete girls High School Ice Hockey team celebrated at their banquet after being awarded the Sportsmanship Award for the 2017/18 season on March 12 at CEHS. Standing, left to right: Emi Logue, Coach Kevin Joy, Lily Tower, Grace Steady, Riley Knupp, Laura Baginski, Sophie Miller, Abby Joy, Izabella Rodrigues, Erika Miller, Toni Berg, Sophia Venditti, Annie Guimond, Abby Ekedahl, Coach Deb Baginski, Koto Yamada, and Coach Bob Mills. Kneeling, left to right: Lydia Murray, Abbey Agrodnia, and Josie Boeschstein. Missing from photo: Nicoletta Coupe

## CEHS boys' basketball players recognized at banquet



Photo by Joanne Lee

Val Murphy, Robel Hagos, Andrew Lockwood, Finn Bowe, Liam Jacobson, and David Hare.

The Cape Elizabeth High School boys basketball awards banquet took place at the high school on March 14. The Var-

sity season record was 11-7 going into the tournament where they played three more games. At the banquet, Senior Captain Finn Bowe received the Most Valuable Player Award, Senior Captain David Hare received the Kevin Brady Award, and Senior Captain Val Murphy received the Coaches Award. Senior Liam Jacobson received the Most Improved Player Award, and Seniors Andrew Lockwood and Robel Hagos received the Jim Spaulding Scholarship Award. The Bill Hogan Contributor Award went to community members Donna and Erik Peterson for their many years of dedication to the Cape Boys Basketball Boosters from producing the yearly program, marketing and team swag to the renovation of the snack shop next to the gym.

There were other regional and state awards announced as well. Finn Bowe was the recipient of the Butler Award, which is the award for the Western Maine Conference (WMC) Player of the Year. Finn Bowe and David Hare were both named to the McDonald's all-state academic team and Finn Bowe was named a McDonald's all-state player. Finn Bowe, David Hare, and Liam Jacobson were selected for the WMC senior all-star team.

The Boosters thank their many super fans in Cape for enthusiastically supporting the teams throughout the winter this year at home and away games.

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## Interested in gardening? Check out the Cape Elizabeth Garden Club

By Marta Girouard

With spring on our doorstep, gardeners are eager to break out their tools and get the growing season going. Whether you have a green thumb or a brown thumb, and are interested in learning more about gardening, look no further than the Cape Elizabeth Garden Club. Started in 1948, the club holds monthly meetings and organizes a scholarship fundraiser in addition to spearheading other community projects.

Cape Elizabeth resident and current president Nancy Atwell comes from a family of gardeners. Atwell's grandmother and several of her friends were charter members of the club and Atwell's mother was also a member. "Obviously, I was born into the garden club," said Atwell. "I attended my first club meeting, at my grandmother's, when I was five. I also got involved in gardening at her house, outside in the flower gardens and vegetable garden and the compost pile behind the barn."

In the past, CEGC had neighborhood groups, around twelve or so, and they would meet separately in private homes. This totaled to over 200 members in the club. As time went on, membership dropped in the neighborhood groups and they combined. The group currently meets monthly in the Community Services meeting room at Thomas Memorial Library. They are held on a Tuesday or Thursday evening and a guest speaker provides an educational program on topics relevant to Cape Elizabeth gardeners.

The purpose of the club is to "to promote interest and education in horticulture and flower arranging and to sponsor and aid in community projects." In addition to their regular meetings with guest speakers, CEGC also holds a yearly fundraiser in order to award a scholarship to a graduating CEHS senior who will study horticulture or a related field in college. The club maintains the garden at the lighthouse keeper's home at Fort Williams, which they are hoping to expand during the coming growing season. They also supply the wreaths around town that are displayed during the holiday season.

When asked if she has a gardening tip to share, Atwell said there are a zillion, but an important one would be not to buy cheap tools as they break while digging and pruning. Atwell still has hoes from her great-grandfather and shovels from her father and advises to spend the money and buy the best you can.

The Cape Elizabeth Garden Club encourages anyone interested in getting involved in gardening to come to one of their meetings. "We are gardeners looking for gardening friends. Our members are interested in everything from asparagus growing to dahlias to blueberries and strawberries. Many of our members do not have large gardens, they live in condos and have small gardens and planted pots but they want to learn about gardening and talk with other gardeners," said Atwell. "Gardeners always like to talk with other gardeners, either about how well their gardens are doing or how terrible the most recent pest is!"

For residents with any questions, please contact Nancy Atwell at: [atwelln@aol.com](mailto:atwelln@aol.com) or membership chairman Betty Montpelier at 799-0229.

### Upcoming Cape Elizabeth Garden Club Meetings

**April 17** – Harriet Robinson, PhD in archeology, former Stroudwater District Director, with PowerPoint presentation on "Mediterranean Plants in Maine Gardens." Coffee and other beverages will be served at 6 p.m. The program begins at 6:30 p.m.

**May 1** – Ilya Fleishman, landscape archi-

tect, Cape Elizabeth resident and member of the Fort Williams Foundation Board, with a PowerPoint presentation on his garden, the Arboretum at Fort Williams and the Fort Williams Foundation Garden Tour 2018. Coffee and other beverages will be served at 6 p.m., program begins at 6:30 p.m.

## Cape Birding Report: mid-March 2018

By E. Brooks Bornhoff

Bird sightings for the last couple of weeks have not in particular pointed toward springtime. As for noteworthy birding observations from across Cape Elizabeth and slightly beyond, there was a Snowy Owl spotted within Two Lights State Park. If left undisturbed this Artic gem would prefer to sleep during the day - hunting (sea ducks) along the coastline and well out into the ocean, starting just past dusk.

Speaking of ducks, fair numbers of Black and White-winged Scoters, Long-tailed, aka "Oldsquaw's", Common Loons and Eiders can still be seen without too much effort off Crescent Beach and rocky bluffs along Fort Williams State Park. Northbound Canada Geese can be heard on many of these frigid mid-March nights. Eastern Bluebirds have begun to court from one end of Shore Road to the other - noticeably chatty this time of year. Turkey vultures have also arrived, spotted in pairs or individually along the Rachel Carson National Wildlife Preserve, Pond Cove and Delano Park.

Alas, this cold and snowy March has very likely slowed down any migration movements. However, heading into the last two weeks of the month Purple Finches seemed to have made a rather noteworthy return to our beloved Cape woodlands. When trying to determine whether the finch in question is a "Purple" or a "House" I have found it helpful to envision the female Purple finch as a miniature version of a female Rose-breasted grosbeak. The strong facial markings (white eyebrow in particular) of the female Purple finch is always a clear give away - and with closer inspection you might just find a raspberry red male nearby.

## Cape artist Rebecca Hawkes Connors to have April show at library

By Kevin St. Jarre



Contributed photo

"Surfs up," by Rebecca Jane Hawkes Connors, one of the artist's paintings that will be up for display at Thomas Memorial Library for the month of April

Throughout the month of April, paintings by Cape Elizabeth resident and artist Rebecca Jane Hawkes Connors will be on display at Thomas Memorial Library. Her preferred medium is oil painting.

"I taught art for 22 years for the cities of Westbrook and Portland. Retirement allowed time to work with my favorite medium- oils," Hawkes Connors said.

Painting isn't her only avocation. She said, "I'm a 4,000 foot hiker, alpine and cross-country skier and my love for nature has become my subject matter." Although she said her hiking days are behind her, she walks and takes weekend trips in Maine.

She said, "To go to a place like Haystack. Immerse myself ...no meals to get, housework to do etc. just me and my oils, brushes, canvas and, yes, the smell of turpentine.... Nature provides all the subject matter anyone needs. It is then the artist's knowledge to interpret and let creativity take over."

Nature is her inspiration, and she was influenced by some of the greats. "Impressionism has influenced my palette. Impressionists- Monet due to [his] choice

of everyday subject matter and use of color. I enjoyed being in his garden and home. Cezanne a bit, Post Impressionism, but like how he simplified and used color to build.... I have been using smaller brushes so my work has strength but not vigorous."

She is currently working on smaller canvases, for pragmatic reasons, saying, "I love working on large canvasses because I can become immersed in the space of my subject matter, but large work is hard to sell. I like to pay for my materials out of sales." She sold her first artwork while she was still in high school.

When it comes to seeing the work of others, Hawkes Connors said she has enjoyed "special museum shows in the U.S. and several trips to Europe which gave me the opportunity to see more than I could comprehend. So much, so much!"

Her art is in private collections throughout the United States, and can be seen at the April showing at Thomas Memorial Library in Cape Elizabeth.

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# TML hosts Maine author Monica Wood, Town Manager Matt Sturgis, and join Cape resident Sandy Shapiro-Hurt for a reading of her first children's book

## PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

### Songwriting Workshop

Thursday, March 29: 6:15 - 8:15 p.m.  
Our new songwriting workshop continues in March with local songwriter and performer Jud Caswell. Jud will begin each session with a short discussion of some of the elements of songwriting craft, and move on to sharing songs. Feedback will be focused on questions or concerns raised by the songwriter, with discussion focused on issues of craft and technique.

### Now What? A Talk by Author Monica Wood

Tuesday, April 3: 6:30 - 7:30 pm  
We are over-the-top excited to have Maine author Monica Wood join us at TML!. Monica will talk about the role of failure in any creative life, and how failure can both crush and reinvigorate an artist's dreams. Monica is the author of many popular and critically acclaimed books. Her most recent novel, "The One-in-a-Million Boy," won a 2017 Nautilus Award (Gold), and the 2017 fiction prize from the New England Society in the City of New York.

### Rooftop Gulls, with Noah Perlut

Thursday, April 5: 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.  
In this month's entry in the Maine Wildlife Lecture Series, Noah Perlut, Associate Professor of Biology at the University of New England, will discuss the research he and his students are doing on Portland's

roof-top gulls. Several years ago, Perlut noticed that Herring Gulls were nesting on building ledges and roofs in downtown Portland, rather than on islands—their traditional nesting-grounds. What are the benefits for gulls in using this human-created habitat? Perlut and his students have been monitoring a number of gull colonies in Portland, and he is excited to share their fascinating findings with us.

### Democracy Café, featuring special guest Town Manager Matt Sturgis

Tuesday, April 10: 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.  
The Democracy Café rolls into April with a look at the government that affects us in the most personal way – that of the town of Cape Elizabeth. Our guest co-facilitator is Town Manager Matt Sturgis. Matt will talk to us about how our local government functions with a Town Manager, Town Council, and Town Committees. And we'll talk about how Cape government is affected by state and national government rules and regulations. This will be a terrific opportunity to get to know Matt a little better, to understand how our town functions, to ask questions, and perhaps to brainstorm ways we can help make our town and the world a better place.

### Morning Book Group – April

Wednesday, April 11: 9:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Our morning book group meets at a new time: On the second Wednesday of the

month. We hope you'll join us in April for our storm-postponed discussion of Orphan Train by Christina Baker Kline.

### Senior Tech Time – April

Wednesday, April 11: 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Senior Tech Time meets the second Wednesday of each month from 10:30-noon.

If you have tech questions, we're here to help you in any way we can – working together as a group, and moving the discussion to our library computer terminals if that helps.

Bring your questions. Bring your devices. And let's dig in!

### Altered Book Club, for adults and older teens

Thursday, April 12: 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.  
Join Kiah every second Thursday of the month to turn discarded books into works of art! We will provide the books and craft supplies, but please feel free to bring in your own to use and share. This month, participants will be making mini-dioramas using Altoid boxes and pages from illustrated children's books (this project was originally scheduled in March, but was postponed due to a snowstorm.) No registration necessary.

### The New Tax Bill: Highlights, Implications, and Tax Saving Tips

Thursday, April 12: 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.  
We are pleased to have Cape resident Tak Suppasettawat join us in April to tell us what's in store with the new tax laws. This will be an informal and conversational presentation with lots of time for questions and answers.

## PROGRAMS FOR TEENS AND TWEENS

### Mondays - Book Talks

A weekly after school group for teens to chat about books they're reading, books they love, and highly anticipated new releases. 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. Fangirling required.

Open to ages 13 and up.

### Tuesdays- Tabletop Gaming Club

Meets on Tuesdays from 2:30-5:00 p.m. We will have games like Dungeons and Dragons, Pandemic, Betrayal at House on the Hill, and more! Bring some friends and try one or more of these games! No registration required. Open to ages 11 and up.

### Wednesdays - Creativity Lab

Drop in to Creativity Lab after school any time between 2:30-4:00 p.m. to challenge your imaginations and test your skills with a different set of materials each week! No registration is necessary. For elementary and middle school students.

### Teen Beats Poetry Club

Join our monthly poetry club just for teens! We will be sharing, discussing, and writing poetry. Our first meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 4 from 3:00-4:00 p.m. in the Poetry Room. Teens ages 13 and up are welcome. No registration required.

### Thursdays - Crafternoons

Join Kiah and Alyssa after school to create a new craft each week. Crafternoons meets weekly at the Thomas Memorial Library on Thursdays from 2:30-3:30 p.m. No registration required. Open to ages 10 and up.

### Dungeons and Dragons

Our D&D Club meets every Thursday at the library from 4-7 p.m. Open to ages 11 and up.

### Animal Advocates Club

March 29 from 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. Kids in middle school can join Felicia Mazzone from the Animal Refuge League of Greater Portland for a monthly meeting of the Animal Advocates Club. This month, Felicia will discuss the work of Marine Mammals of Maine, and teach club members what to do if you find a baby seal, and how to educate others. Club member will also learn ways to reduce pollution from plastic products.

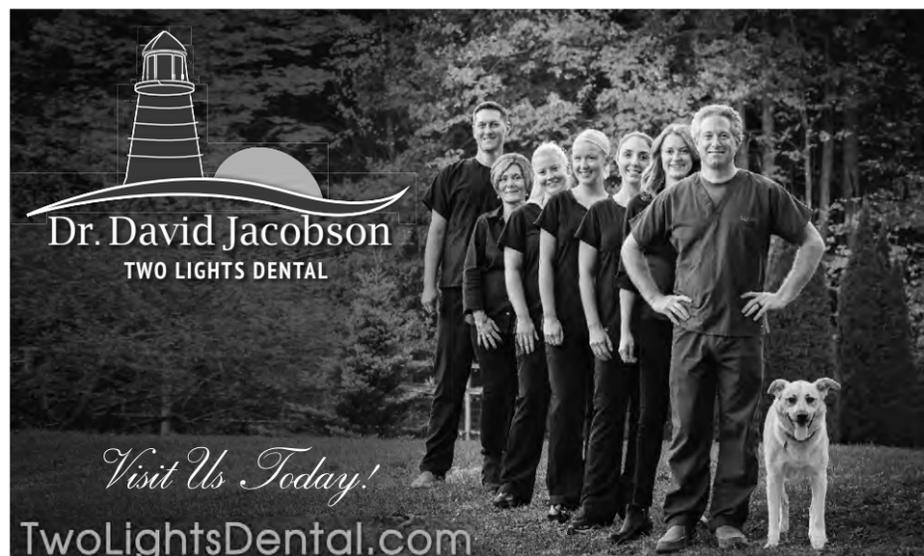
Please register in advance on the library's website.

## PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

In addition to our regular weekly story times, we have the following upcoming special events for children and families:

### Special Author Event: Sandy Shapiro-Hurt

-see LIBRARY page 13



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## Library

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Saturday, March 31  
3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Meet Cape resident Sandy Shapiro-Hurt for a reading of her new picture book, "Sylvia Rose and the Cherry Tree" (Tilbury House, 2018.) When bold, adventurous Sylvia Rose comes dancing through the forest, the woodland creatures just have to dance too. Enchanted, they beg her to come back every day. But the lovely, heart-broken cherry tree is too deeply rooted to dance, much less to fulfill her dream of seeing the wide world beyond the forest. Determined to help, Sylvia Rose enlists the animals to uproot the glorious tree, and the girl and the tree set off globetrotting together, seeing the wonders of the world from the Eiffel Tower to the Sydney Opera House. Back home in the forest, however, the animals suffer without the food and shelter of their life-sustaining tree. Will the tree give up her newfound freedom and return to her place in the forest ecosystem? Come find out! There will be book sales and a signing after this special story time with Sandy. For families with children 3 and up!

### Families Discover Great Artists: Dahlov Ipcar

Saturday, April 7 from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Families with children ages 4 and up are invited to join Kiah on the first Saturday of each month for an exploration great artists and their work. This month, learn about the beautiful paintings of Maine artist and children's book illustrator Dahlov Ipcar, and make your own artwork inspired by her style. No registration necessary!

### The Farm: A Child's Invitation to Art, with Marie Ahearn

Saturdays, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., with a special activity at 11:00 a.m.

Experience a child's eye view of art, for ages 2 - 6. Our interactive exhibit continues on Saturdays through March 31. No registration necessary!



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A family has fun matching colors on the farm at Marie Ahearn's interactive exhibit for children, which is ongoing on Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. through March 31.

## Dog Park

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numbers of dogs allowed at any given time. While this number has not been determined by the committee, the standard formula allows for one dog/owner for every five square feet, which would, in this case, allow for a maximum of 45-50 dogs in the park at one time.

Important components to a successful park include a double gated entrance and exit, 6' chain link fence, adequate drainage, benches, adequate shade for hot days, tools to pick up animal waste and disposal (covered containers), access to water, and a small pond/wading pool for cooling off on summer days.

There are, of course, significant responsibilities for dog owners. In addition to the obvious need to monitor their dogs at all times, owners will be expected to be able to recognize signs of aggression, inappropriate behavior during mating season for unneutered dogs, and training their dogs to come immediately when called.

"Unexpected aggressive behavior resulting in dog fights is probably our biggest concern" stated Grover. "Sometimes parks have separate areas for smaller dogs, but I'm not sure we will have the space for that. Keeping aggressive dogs on leashes is not the solution, as that would result in a dog becoming very territorial, as explained by our consultant. We will just have to rely on owner's best judgement in safely bringing their dogs to the park. Another thing we have thought of is the possible noise factor if a number of dogs get barking. We've conducted sound tests and that level of noise really doesn't carry that far."

The committee continues to tackle logistical considerations as well, such as parking. While some residents living nearby applaud the location because it can be a destination after a walk, others will have to drive to the area. "The consultant highly recommended including a parking lot" explained committee member Jack Stockwell, "but we just don't want to take up valuable animal space for cars, thus reducing the number of dogs we can allow at one time." The alternative solution will be to allow on street parking during the park open hours. "Some neighbors have voiced concerns about the increase in traffic and the possibility of some parking on side residential streets, but we just don't see that as such a big deal when

we compare it to the obvious advantages to many residents and their pets in our town" Stockwell went on to explain.

Funding and budgeting is another big consideration. As this project would be considered town property improvement, especially with the very desirable location, funding for planning and building the park can be allocated from the Parks and Recreation annual budget. "This might deplete resources for other town improvement projects" explained a town official, "but that would only affect their budget for a few years, then we'd be back on track."

The funding for ongoing expenses is another matter. Obviously, there will have to be allowances for regular maintenance and cleaning, water bills, and snow removal in the winter. "The cost of employing a full time staff would be prohibitive" explained Grover. "We've already taken that idea right off the table. We also recognize the need for constant monitoring animal behaviors, numbers of dogs at one time, and supervision of owners following the posted rules." This could lead to an increased responsibility of the Animal Control Officer, but ultimately, it's not his responsibility.

"The ideal solution for this problem" explained Holbrook "would be to establish a core group of volunteers who will take on those responsibilities as well as being available to intervene before inappropriate behaviors get out of hand."

Aside from the problematic concerns, the Bark Park committee is already enthusiastically planning special events at the park, including local dog shows, group Frisbee/fetching games for teams of dogs, obedience lessons, dog sitting, and breed-specific meet up groups.

"Giving dogs the opportunity to burn off pent up energy, socialize, and run around unrestricted, playing with their dog pals is the best gift we can give our four legged friends" said Holbrook with a big smile, "By the time they get home, they'll be ready for a long nap on the couch!"

The Bark Park committee, as well as town officials, are looking to residents for input. They have arranged for a public meeting with the consultant on April 1 at Town Hall, and are hoping a large number of interested people and their dogs will attend, unless of course, they recognize that this is just an April Fool's trick!

Article and photo by Debbie Butterworth

## Courier travels to Switzerland



Photo by Jack Flanagan

CEHS seniors Liam Flanagan (left) and Andrew Herrera (right) are pictured holding *The Courier* in front of the Matterhorn in Zermatt, Switzerland, where they traveled for a ski trip over winter break.

## Daphne te Boekhorst runner up in statewide competition



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Daphne te Boekhorst was runner up in the state-wide Bangor Symphony Orchestra (BSO) Concerto Competition for high school musicians where she competed against another flutist, two violinists, and a pianist. She also has been recently announced as the recipient of the Kotschmar Memorial Trust Scholarship for flute. Alexander Ecker, another Caper, received the Kotschmar Memorial Trust Scholarship for piano.



Mary Ann and her husband, Gregg Ginn, have lived in Cape Elizabeth over 34 years, where they have raised their 3 sons, Matt, Doug and Liam Ginn, who attended Cape Elizabeth schools.

Mary Ann served on the Town Council and the High School Renovation and Kindergarten Wing Committee. She worked as a lawyer and executive in the private sector for 17 years, and has also worked in the Governor's Office and the Courts.

**Education.** Education is my highest priority. As the first in my family to graduate high school, I understand the value of education. A well educated work force will attract the kinds of employers that will help Maine prosper.

**Environment.** We must protect our natural beauty and clean environment. They are the envy of the nation.

**Guns.** I will work hard to enact common sense laws to ban assault weapons, high capacity magazines and bump stocks, and eliminate loopholes in background checks.

**Experience.** There will be no learning curve for me in Augusta. I have the experience necessary to be a strong voice for Cape Elizabeth on day one, working to make Maine a more prosperous state for all Maine people.

**Money and Politics.** Money has a corrosive influence on politics, that's why I chose to run as a Clean Election candidate. I have one goal: to put the well-being of the citizens of Cape Elizabeth and Maine first.

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# CAPE CALENDAR

By Wendy Derzawiec

## Thursday, March 29

School Board Budget Workshop, 6:30-8:30 pm, High School Library and Learning Commons

## Tuesday, April 3

School Board Budget Workshop, 6:30 pm, High School Library and Learning Commons  
 Planning Board Workshop, 7 pm, William H. Jordan Conference Room, Town Hall

## Wednesday, April 4

Harbors Committee, 6:30 pm, Town Hall Lower Level Conference Room  
 Comprehensive Plan 2019 Committee, 7 pm, Town Hall

## Thursday, April 5

Recycling Committee, 7 pm, Public Works

## Sunday, April 8

Lions Club Pancake Breakfast, 7:30-11 am, Bowery Beach Schoolhouse, Two Lights and Wheeler roads

## Monday, April 9

Town Council, 7 pm, Town Hall chamber

## Tuesday, April 10

School Board Executive Session, 6-7 pm, William H. Jordan Conference Room, Town Hall  
 School Board, 7 pm, Town Hall chamber

Conservation Committee, 7 pm, Town Hall Lower Level Conference Room

## Ongoing each week

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

# SERVICES

**Cape Elizabeth Church of the Nazarene**  
 499 Ocean House Road (Route 77)  
 799-3692

www.capenazarene.org  
 Sunday School for all ages: 9:30 a.m.  
 Sunday Worship Celebration: 10:45 a.m.  
 Services streamed live or on demand:  
 watch.capenazarene.org

**Cape Elizabeth United Methodist Church**  
 280 Ocean House Road  
 799-8396

www.ceumc.org  
 Chapel Service: 8 a.m.  
 Sanctuary Service: 10 a.m.  
 Child care & Sunday School: 10 a.m.  
 Adult Sunday School: 9 a.m.

**The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints**  
 29 Ocean House Road  
 799-4321

Sacrament Meeting:  
 Sunday, 10-11:10 a.m.  
 Sunday School: 11:15-12 p.m.  
 Primary: 11:15 a.m.-1:00 p.m.  
 Relief Society, Priesthood:  
 12:00 -1:00 p.m.

**The Church of the Second Chance**  
 Greater Portland Christian School  
 1338 Broadway, South Portland  
 641-3253

Sunday: 10:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

**Congregation Bet Ha'am**  
 81 Westbrook St., South Portland  
 879-0028

www.bethaam.org  
 Worship: Friday, 7:30 p.m.  
 Saturday, 10 a.m.  
 Family Shabbat Services:  
 Second Friday, 6:30 p.m.

**First Baptist Church of South Portland**

879 Sawyer St., South Portland  
 799-4565

www.spfbc.com  
 Sunday Morning Worship: 9:30 a.m.  
 Awana Clubs (Grades 3-8): Tuesday,  
 6:20 p.m.

**Promised Land World Reach Center**  
 536 Cottage Road, South Portland  
 799-3152

Sunday Prayer & Intercession: 9:30 a.m.  
 Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.  
 Family Bible Studies: Wednesday, 7 p.m.  
 Sermon recordings available to download

**Saint Alban's Episcopal Church**  
 885 Shore Road  
 799-4014

www.stalbansmaine.org  
 Sundays: 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m.  
 Celtic Service: Sunday, 5:30 p.m.  
 Nursery: Sundays, 9:30 a.m.

**Saint Bartholomew Roman Catholic Church**  
 8 Two Lights Road  
 799-5528

www.saintbarts.com  
 Sunday Mass: 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.  
 Monday & Tuesday Masses: 8 a.m.

**First Congregational Church United Church of Christ**  
 301 Cottage Road, South Portland  
 799-3361

www.fccucc.org  
 Worship: 8:30 a.m., 10 a.m.  
 Sunday School: 10 a.m.  
 Preschool Child Care: 10 a.m.

**First Congregational Church of Scarborough**  
 167 Black Point Road, Scarborough  
 883-2342

www.fccscarborough.com  
 Sunday Morning Worship: 9:30 a.m.  
 Sunday School & Nursery Care

## CABLE GUIDE

**Board of Zoning Appeals replay**  
 March 28 & 29 - 2 pm & 8 pm  
 March 31 - 10:30 am  
**Cape Elizabeth Church of the Nazarene**  
 March 31, April 1, 7 & 8 - 9:00 am

## CHANNEL 3

**Town Council (live)**  
 April 9 - 7 pm  
**School Board (live)**  
 April 10 - 7 pm  
**Town Council replay**  
 April 11 & 12 - 2 pm & 8 pm

## Scam Alert Bulletin Board

Reported by Jessica D. Simpson

### FTC scam

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) is experiencing a big uptick in complaints that scammers pretending to be the FTC are calling, emailing, texting and faxing, and are either claiming the targets have won a big prize or that they are in trouble and have to pay delinquent accounts. Know that the FTC does not contact consumers to ask for payment, and it does not run sweepstakes or lotteries. If you experience this scam, report it at www.ftccomplaintassistant.gov.

### Social Security alert

Scammers are now going to the federal Social Security website and setting up a "my Social Security" account of citizens that are of retirement age. They hijack their accounts by setting up the accounts before the Social Security number owner does, and then they apply for funds. The scammers get a lump sum money of back pay out and the money is transferred to an account the scammers set up and then they take that money and immediately put it on gift cards. Beat scammers to the punch by setting up your own "my Social Security" account today. at www.ssa.gov/myaccount.



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## February 2018 Cape real estate transfer transactions

NEW OWNER	LOCATION	SALE PRICE	USE
505 SPURWINK LLC	505 SPURWINK AVENUE	\$1,700,000	SINGLE FAMILY
MITCHELL HILARY L	6 ROCKY HILL ROAD	\$580,000	SINGLE FAMILY
POMAKIS NICHOLAS J	8 LONGFELLOW DRIVE	\$243,000	SINGLE FAMILY
SMITH-BROCK JENNIFER	7 TALL PINE ROAD	\$241,700	SINGLE FAMILY
NOVAK JOSEPH H	22 WILDWOOD DRIVE	\$285,000	CONDOMINIUM
BYSTROM KARLA K	7 OAKVIEW DRIVE	\$220,000	CONDOMINIUM
KIRNER THOMAS C	18 CANTERBURY WAY	\$390,000	CONDOMINIUM
MALCOMSON KAREN	61 HUNTER PLACE	\$242,500	CONDOMINIUM
GARDINER DAVID	388 MITCHELL ROAD	\$275,000	SINGLE FAMILY
BUSS KATHRYN	10 HUNTS POINT ROAD	\$680,000	SINGLE FAMILY

## CEUMC to host Public Supper

The Cape Elizabeth United Methodist Church will host a Public Supper on Saturday, April 7 from 4:30-6 p.m. featuring casseroles, beans, salads, breads and pie. Prices will be \$8 for adults, \$5 for

children and \$20 for families. The church is located at 280 Ocean House Road and take-out will be available.

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operators live in and fish off Cape.

Perry stated that in the last decade there have been several other trends affecting Cape's fleet. "While the winter northern shrimp fishery has been closed since 2014, there are encouraging trends in the recovery of sea scallop stocks. It's worth noting that one of the architects of the management plan that lent itself to the recovery is Caper (class of '88) and owner of Maine Day Boat Scallops, Kristin 'Togue' Brawn. Brawn is the daughter of a Cape fisherman, the late

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Peter Brawn and is also a CEFA member," Perry said. Another trend in the industry is an increased interest in commercial shellfish and seaweed aquaculture. This practice will hopefully provide a new path forward for traditional harvesters, as well as future business opportunities in the emerging sustainable slow seafood movement.

Keep an eye out for CEFA's outreach on social media, which is coming soon, as well as an increased presence at local events.

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**CEHS Class of 1998 Planning 20-Year Reunion**

The Cape Elizabeth High School Class of 1998 is planning a summer reunion for all members of the class.

On Saturday, July 21, 2018, the Class of '98 will host two events: a daytime event from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Two Lights State Park for members of the class and their families, followed by an adults-only evening event.

More details are available on the class reunion Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/CEHS98/> Please help spread the word and if you have any questions, please email: Amanda (Gramse) Swiatocha: amandaswi@yahoo.com

**Annual "Thanks For the Memories" Jazz Concert to be held March 29**

The Cape Elizabeth High School Senior-to-Senior Program will present the 4th Annual "Thanks For the Memories" Jazz Concert on Thursday afternoon, March 29 from 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the CEHS Cafeteria. Admission is FREE, but please register with Community Services (799-2868). Coffee, tea and snacks will be served by CEHS seniors.

**CEHS to host Independent candidates for Governor**

Independent candidates for Governor will be appearing at a debate at 7 p.m. April 3 in the Cape Elizabeth High School auditorium. Government students will be organizing and putting on this debate. The event is open to the public. Candidates appearing will be Alan Caron, John Jenkins, Terry Hayes, Ken Capron and Ethan Alcorn. Two more debates featuring the Republican and Democratic candidates will take place at the high school later this spring.

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## Dean's List announcements

Rachel Marie Garrity of Cape Elizabeth has been named to the Dean's List at Clemson University, in Clemson, SC for the fall 2017 semester. Garrity is majoring in Graphic Communications.

Hannah V. Bosworth of Cape Elizabeth has been named to the Fall 2017 semester Dean's List at St. Lawrence University in Canton, NY. Bosworth is a member of the Class of 2021.

Nolan Chase of Cape Elizabeth, has been named to the Dean's List for the fall semester at Rochester Institute of Technology in Rochester, NY. Chase is a student in the chemical engineering program.

## Caper earns NCAA Division III All-Academic Recognition

Cape Elizabeth native Rhoen Fiutak was one of six members of the Wesleyan University women's cross country team to earn 2017 NCAA Division III All-Academic Recognition. To receive this prestigious accolade, student-athletes must have recorded a GPA of 3.30 or higher during the fall semester, and placed in the top-25 percent at their respective regional championship meet.

## Cape residents reach summits of Mount Aconagua and Mount Katahdin



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*Skyler Parkhurst, a 2005 graduate of Cape Elizabeth High, summited Mount Aconagua in Argentina (22,838 feet) on January 6, 2018 after an 18-day climb. A graduate of Skidmore College, he works for XEROX in Albany, NY and resides in Saratoga Springs, NY with his partner Matt and dog Murphy. He is the son of Ann and Steve Parkhurst of Cape Elizabeth.*



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*Cape resident Zeb Welton made his first ascent up Katahdin, starting from Roaring Brook, this past fall with his stepdad Kirk Cratty. From Chimney Pond the pair took the Saddle Trail up. Afterwards, they explored some nearby ice caves near Abol bridge which still had ice from the season before. Welton and Cratty plan to make another trip up this summer.*

## Brogan becomes a Fellow of the Americal College of Trial Lawyers



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Jonathan W. Brogan, a member of the law firm of Norman Hanson DeTroy, LLC, has become a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, one of the premier legal associations in America. Brogan, who concentrates his practice in litigation, was recently inducted into the College during the association's 2018 annual meeting. Fellowship in the College is extended by invitation only-and only after careful investigation-to those experienced trial lawyers who have mastered the art of advocacy and whose professional careers have been marked by the highest standards of ethical conduct, professionalism, civility and collegiality.

Brogan has more than 30 years of experience representing businesses and individuals in complex civil litigation matters. He has received numerous honors for his legal work, including recognition by Martindale-Hubbell, New England Super Lawyers, Best Lawyers in America and Chambers USA. Best Lawyers named Mr. Brogan "Lawyer of the Year" for medical malpractice-defense (2017) and personal injury-defense (2015, 2018).

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