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'100 percent shot containment' key to firing range restart, says council

By Bob Dodd

At its Sept. 14 meeting, the Town Council indicated it is likely to approve the Spurwink Rod and Gun Club's licensing application.

But any action has been tabled to its Wednesday, Oct. 14 meeting.

Councilors indicated, however, that the re-opening of the gun club's 25-yard firing range is likely as long as certain safety conditions are met as expected.

The 50- and 100-yard ranges will continue to remain closed until the 100 percent shot containment and other safety standards recommended in an independent safety evaluation report can be met at these ranges as well.

The gun club's ranges have been in "stop fire" mode since operations were suspended in July by Cape police. The action resulted from independent evaluator Rick LaRosa's report revealing serious safety-related issues at the range.

In tabling further action, councilors asked that the "findings of fact" upon which they

were making their decision be updated by the town attorney to reflect the discussions at the Sept. 14 meeting.

Committee recommends conditional approval of license

The Firing Range Committee, formed by the council, recommended the conditional approval of the gun club's license.

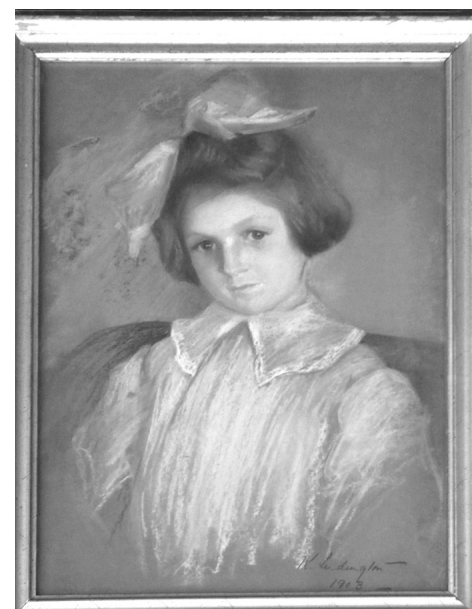
Counselor Caitlin Jordan, committee chair, explained that the recommendation was made based on the 25-yard range likely being in compliance with the recommendations of the safety report. A key to this assessment was the work being done at the 25-yard range to comply with the 100 percent shot containment and other safety standards.

Counselors were in agreement that the town's Code Enforcement Officer, Ben McDougal, should be the one to determine compliance with the safety conditions.

McDougal will also determine when the 50- and 100-yard ranges come into compli-

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Swap shop drop poses history mystery



Photos by Nick Ludington.

A pair of pastel paintings left at the swap shop in August, signed K. Ludington and dated 1902 (at left) and 1903, are destined for the Florence Griswold Museum in Old Lyme, Ct.

Planning Board OKs village green setbacks

By Wendy Derzawiec

The Planning Board is recommending that the Town Council adopt a zoning-ordinance amendment that would allow a village green in the Town Center anywhere along Ocean House Road.

The board voted unanimously for the amendment, which would remove maximum setbacks for the area when a village green is proposed, at their meeting Sept. 15.

Currently the ordinance encourages a New England village feel for the Town Center by allowing front setbacks of no more than 35 feet. The maximum brings buildings in the Town Center close to the street, said Town Planner Maureen O'Meara. A developer who wanted to do a village green, however, would have to put the green behind the buildings, "which is inconsistent with traditional village design," she said.

The amendment would remove the maximum setback requirement for projects that include a village green. It also requires a village green to have at least 100 continuous

feet of frontage on Ocean House Road and at least 10,000 square feet in area.

Missing from the recommendation is a clause requiring the green to be accepted by the town as a public space and requiring additional approval by the Town Council. However, the town's attorney characterized that clause as a "back-door contract zoning effort," and not allowed in the ordinance, O'Meara said.

Instead, the amendment says that the town will be the owner of the green and that the green will include public access.

The amendment is meant to apply to any development proposal that includes a town green, but one speaker at a public hearing spoke against a specific development proposed for 326 Ocean House Road. The board has reviewed the project in workshop, but no formal application has been submitted.

Paul Seidman, a resident of Oakview Road, directed a question to board member Victoria Volent, asking if she believed

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By Elizabeth Brogan

It was a busy early-August day at the swap shop when a blond woman walked in, deposited two gold-framed portraits, each a pastel rendering of a young brown-haired girl with a large old-fashioned bow in her hair, one bow black and one light blue, and left without a word.

"I could tell the frames were old," said swap shop volunteer, Beth Cary, of her decision to put the items aside for a closer look.

Closer inspection revealed dates of 1902 and 1903, and signatures of "K. Ludington" on both portraits. Labels on the frames indicated the framing had been done in Bryn Mawr, Pa., just outside of Philadelphia.

"Part of the fun of working at the swap shop is matching up items with people," said Cary, who knew just who to call about these paintings. "This was my *pièce de résistance* of matching up."

Cary's sister-in-law is Jennifer Ludington, who, along with former husband Nick Ludington and their children, lives in Cape Elizabeth. Beth reached out to Jennifer, who knew that Nick's family tree included a Philadelphia branch and a noted artist named Katharine Ludington. Could these paintings be the work of this same Katharine Ludington? Could she have abbreviated her femi-

nine first name – a practice common among women artists of that time – to K. Ludington?

As luck would have it, Nick's parents would be visiting from New York the following weekend.

Jennifer's former father-in-law, also Nick Ludington, whose grandfather's sister was Katharine Ludington, confirmed her suspicions. "There's no question about it; she is the painter," the senior Ludington said. "The style is so similar to other portraits in the family." Returning to New York with the portraits, Nick contacted the Florence Griswold Museum in Old Lyme, Ct., which is eager to obtain the items for its collection.

A remarkable woman

Katharine "Kitty" Ludington, a featured subject of a book published earlier this year by The History Press, "Remarkable Women of Old Lyme," by Jim Lampos and Michaelle Pearson, was known not primarily for her art, accomplished though she was, but as an important political figure of the 20th century.

Ludington, 1869-1953, was the president of the Connecticut Women's Suffrage League, and a lifelong fighter for progressive causes. According to Lampos and

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Seven candidates vie for three seats on Town Council

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Leighton Farm Road



James M. Garvin
Oakhurst Road



Sara W. Lennon
Cranbrook Drive



Ralph "Alex" Miller
Beach Bluff Terrace



Jessica L. Sullivan
Mitchell Road



Victoria A. Volent
Cottage Farms Road



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Village green would be welcoming 'centerpiece'

On Oct. 14, the Town Council will be discussing an amendment to allow the creation of a village green. This amendment change would take advantage of any opportunity to convert private property to open space along Ocean House Road within the Town Center.

A public, town-owned village green would be a welcoming, visually appealing prominent park-like area that promotes both relaxed and contemplative activities as well as social and community involvement. A village green would be the centerpiece to our

greenbelt network and show we prioritize green space and walkable places.

If a private property owner wants to make a donation to the town, the town should be prepared to take advantage of the opportunity. The town needs to clearly indicate its desire for this approach. Please contact the town council to indicate your support of the creation of a village green through passage of this amendment.

Victoria Volent

Ranked choice voting would be 'mistake'

Ranked choice voting (RCV) advocates have undertaken a statewide letter-writing campaign, ostensibly to supplant voting equipment tailored to their flawed election gimmick before the next election. One of these letters appeared in the Courier's most recent issue, Sept. 16.

It behooves me to point out why this would be a mistake and why Portland's mayoral election RCV experiment was a travesty. In Portland, RCV "wasted the votes" of citizens who failed to rank all 15 contestants on their ballot, even though voters were told they could vote for as many or few candidates as they wished, without worry. What actually happened is voters who did not vote for Mike Brennan anywhere on their ballot, ultimately had their ballots "thrown out" by the RCV computer before

determining the percentage basis of remaining votes that weren't thrown out, that then (supposedly) exceeded 50% of a downward revised total. Mayor Brennan achieved the 50 percent by discarding the ballots of those who didn't vote for him! Is this the kind of election system that should be instituted for future elections? I would think not! RCV may have been conceived by those who still fantasize about a different outcome from Maine's most recent gubernatorial elections. But throwing out valid ballots is hardly an "improving election process." Frankly, I'm surprised that few have managed to point out the sorry truth about RCV anywhere in Maine's media. RCV was a mistake for Maine, and would be a mistake if repeated elsewhere.

Greg Jordan

Is safety the real issue at gun club?

I'm a member of Spurwink Rod and Gun Club for 10 years. I'm a retired Marine Officer, fighter pilot.

In one of my former USMC jobs, I was an Aviation Safety and Standardization Officer. In that post, we learned to evaluate hazards using statistical data in order to prioritize solutions. This methodology eliminates much of the emotion from the problem. As far as I know, there has never been a Cross Hill resident struck by any rounds fired from the Club premises in its 60-year history. I've heard anecdotal claims of bullets striking houses, but have not seen any confirmed evidence such as police reports. I may be wrong, but as far as I know, the probability of getting hit by a stray round is far less than a household accident or car crash. Which leads me to believe the argument against the club by Cross Hill residents is not a safety issue, but noise nuisance.

I am quite familiar with noise issues. Almost every takeoff, from large domestic and international airports require strict noise avoidance. These procedures require power reduction, large maneuvers when the aircraft is most vulnerable to an engine loss; heavy, slow and close to the ground. All because residential areas were built next to an existing, noisy airport. Any resemblance?

Ultimately, safety is a result of procedures by club members, responsible gun owners, heavily vetted by the club leadership. Is safety the real issue or something else?

Anthony M. Alves
Major, USMC ret.

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Sullivan is ‘tireless, steady advocate’ for all

During my years on the Town Council with Jessica Sullivan, I found her to be a tireless, steady advocate who works hard for everyone in Cape Elizabeth. In her work with the conservation and recycling committees and her service as chairman of the Greater Portland Metro Coalition, Jessica spends many hours studying issues and budgets so she can make well-informed decisions.

Her expertise is wide-ranging and deep. Jessica initiated Cape’s Senior Citizens Advisory Commission. She has contributed significantly to the open space/greenbelt management plan and served on the Thomas Memorial Library Planning and the Solid Waste and Recycling Long Range Planning Committees. One clear example of Jessica’s work ethic and advocacy has been her steady support for our new town library. As library trustee and liaison to the TML Foundation,

Jessica carefully investigated the numerous deficiencies of the old structure and the needs of its many users. She balanced support for an up-to-date building with her efforts to shrink the original building proposal to its current more reasonable budget in order to minimize financial impacts on citizens – allowing the new library to be built without an increase in property taxes.

Jessica always keeps in mind the concerns of ALL Cape citizens as she works to examine the facts and balance the many important competing needs within our community. She is a respectful and careful listener to all points of view, a most important quality for a good councilor.

On Nov. 3, please vote for Jessica Sullivan – she deserves another term as your Cape Elizabeth town councilor.

Anne E. Swift-Kayatta

Gross: ‘exceptionally qualified’ for School Board

I am supporting William (Bill) Gross for School Board because he understands what a school board can do to make a great school, as well as what it can not do, and he knows how to balance the cost of educational excellence with the cost of the taxes that residents are required to pay for this excellence.

Bill is a graduate engineer from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, with a degree in engineering sciences. Science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) are Bill’s specialties. He does not just talk about them; he “lives” them. For the last seven years, Bill has volunteered as a physics tutor,

with the 9th grade Honors Physics program in the high school. He has done this tutoring enthusiastically and has enjoyed the positive responses from the students.

Bill is exceptionally qualified for our School Board with his STEM background and experiences, his success in tutoring our Honors Physics students, his ability to work with others to find optimum solutions to complex problems, and his steady enthusiasm. I think Bill would be a huge asset, serving on our School Board and I encourage everyone to consider voting for him.

Robert Barton

Gross will be ‘strong and enthusiastic advocate’

We are writing this letter of endorsement for Bill Gross for School Board. Bill is a dedicated volunteer who spends over 150+ days a school year helping our Cape Elizabeth High School math teachers with students who aspire to improve their math skills.

As a retiree Bill has the time to give back to his community. Bill has “the pulse” on what is going on in our schools and has a

strong desire to help Cape stay as one of the finest school systems in the state. He is well informed as to our budget process and is always trying to think of ways to help the “bottom line.” We need Bill Gross on the School Board as a strong and enthusiastic advocate for our teachers and students.

We urge you to get out and vote for Bill Gross for School Board on Tuesday, Nov. 3!

Tim & Nancy Thompson

Miller: ‘intelligence, empathy and insight’

I am writing to encourage citizens in Cape Elizabeth to support Ralph “Alex” Miller for Town Council this November. I have come to know Alex during the past 13 years in a personal and professional capacity and can vouch for the fact that he would serve Cape citizens with a blend of intelligence, empathy and insight. Alex and his wife Holly have three daughters, all of whom attend Cape schools. I know that he supports education and believes that our school system is one of the town’s most valuable assets. In our business interactions I have found him to be passionate, creative and driven to find the

best solution to any given problem. I think he would apply these skills to the challenges that come before our community.

Lastly, while Alex and I aren’t always on the same political side, I know him to be a good listener and someone who is interested in learning as much about a situation as he can before coming up with a solution. I think Alex’s levelheaded approach, combined with his desire to give back to the community, would make him an excellent addition to the Town Council.

Bowen T. Depke

Sullivan appreciated by senior citizens

We [senior citizens] appreciate Jessica Sullivan.

When we were rallying for recognition at Community Services, she guided us through the process, and the senior citizen discount was reinstated.

She went on to propose the formation of

a Senior Citizens Advisory Council, which continues to meet, listen to and implement suggestions of senior citizens.

As we go to the polls on Nov. 2, I will vote to reelect Jessica Sullivan to the Town Council.

Elizabeth Carroll

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It would be a great honor to serve our community for another term and I need your help to get the word out. Please vote for me on November 3rd.

Thank you,
Jessica Sullivan

Seven Town Council candidates in Nov. 3 election introduce themselves

By Elizabeth Brogan

Each of our seven candidates, vying for three seats on the Town Council, were asked to summarize their candidacy: their experience, reasons for running, and stances on what they view as the most important issues. The following is a brief summary of each candidate's response in alphabetical order.

Imogene Altnauer is a longtime school volunteer for organizations including school-parent associations, boosters, and sports programs. She is the owner of Flavors Festivals, LLC, and a freelance special event and meeting producer.

"The citizens of this community are not being heard or their voices represented in our Town Council meetings," Altnauer said, noting that this was echoed at the Sept. 17 Citizen's Roundtable. "My first and foremost position is that my opinion is irrelevant on any of the issues facing the Town Council. I would make it my top priority to listen to the townspeople and put their voices into motion. Whether or not I agree is secondary."

Roger Bishop, retired from Fairchild Semiconductor as Vice President of Human Resources for Global Operations, currently runs a human resource consulting business in Cape Elizabeth. He has been an adjunct faculty member for several universities, a 2012 candidate for the Maine House of Representatives, a committee member of the Cape Elizabeth Personnel Appeals Board, and a long-term volunteer for Little League, the Community Garden, the Beach to Beacon, Cape Elizabeth Garden Tours and Judy's Food Pantry.

Bishop believes in active participation in town government and that his skill sets will be needed on the council. He identifies the top issues for the town as: maintaining a high level of educational opportunities for

all ages, within reasonable budget limits; "protecting the community character" while expanding services, such as those provided by cell towers; and protecting "individual freedoms while assuring safety and security for the community." He believes the Spurwink Rod and Gun Club should be allowed to operate so long as shot containment is in place and validated.

James Garvin is a senior marketing executive and consultant with past employment at TD Bank and IDEXX. He is currently finishing his second term on the Recycling Committee, serving now as secretary and previously as chair. He also served on the Town Council-appointed Solid Waste & Recycling Long Range Planning Committee. Additional volunteer work has been given to Little League, the schools, and the Cape Cottage Beach Association, where he was a board member.

He wants to bring a fresh voice and new ideas to the council, listening and working collaboratively, to face challenges and seize opportunities.

Garvin identifies key issues as managing development in town to balance growth with preservation of town "qualities and characteristics"; investment in infrastructure, "in a way that minimizes the municipal tax burden" while being "equitable to all taxpayers"; increasing sustainability and green practices to both lower costs and benefit the environment; and "maintaining and increasing transparency, access and communication between the Town Council and constituents."

Sara Lennon, who previously served on the council from 2007-2012, says that she is "deeply committed" to the town, noting its "proud history and current gifts – a gorgeous town, myriad parks and beaches, protected open space, working farms, outstanding

schools, and a close-knit community."

If elected, Lennon says she will strive to: "protect Cape's treasured rural character; invite citizen involvement in every way possible; strengthen the role of volunteers in the work of local government; support the schools in delivering a first-rate education for all students; [and] seek out efficiencies in both time and money."

Ralph "Alex" Miller currently leads sales and business development for the precision machining company Tubes Hollows International, after working for IDEXX for 12 years in various commercial leadership roles, including European business marketing, which took him to Amsterdam for three years. He says he will bring a fresh perspective and is attracted to the opportunity to apply ideas learned from his mother, who served as mayor of Lexington, Ky. for ten years.

Miller is enthusiastic about education, noting that "putting money toward our schools benefits *everyone* in the community" with an "extremely high rate of return." He would like to see a new comprehensive plan for the town and recognizes the challenges involving land use and development of the Town Center. He favors increased access and transparency, a common theme at the Citizen's Roundtable. "I saw that evening as a highly successful event that deserves repeating."

Jessica Sullivan has served on the Town Council for two terms, serving as chair in 2014. She has served on committees including appointments, ordinance, open space and greenbelt management, future open space, library planning, and the solid waste and recycling long-range planning.

Sullivan, who says she enjoys serving and getting to know people, believes she

provides "an important element of balance" on the council, basing her decisions upon "facts, logic, reason and common sense."

Sullivan says the town faces "constant budget challenges" of supporting both our outstanding public schools and providing high levels of municipal services, but says she is "especially sensitive to the impact of higher property taxes on struggling young families and seniors on fixed incomes."

Sullivan sees newer issues involving Cape's growing elderly population and notes increased rescue calls for this group. "We are going to look at funding a paramedic on duty 24/7 in order to meet that growing need. I will be supporting that proposal."

Sullivan supports the proposed new design for the transfer station as safer and more efficient.

Victoria Volent is serving her second term on the Planning Board, where she served two years as chair. She has also served a term on the Community Services Advisory Committee and has been an active volunteer in the schools. She has worked for 16 years as a registered financial associate specializing in retirement planning.

"The current reasons motivating my candidacy are to support public access to green space, work with the recommendations of the Senior Citizen Advisory Commission, maintain our high quality school system, and encourage agriculture and its related uses," Volent said.

She supports a "welcoming and visually appealing Town Center."

"Along with our school system, we need to navigate into the future while incorporating Cape's historic small town feel and agricultural heritage," Volent said, identifying this as the most important issue facing the town now.

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New boardwalk built at Winnick Woods

The Cape Elizabeth Conservation Commission, assisted by volunteers from the New England Mountain Biking Association and local dog owners, constructed a new boardwalk in Winnick Woods on Aug. 15.

The boardwalk is part of a new trail connecting Winnick Woods to a pedestrian easement donated to the town as part of the open space system in the Eastman Meadows Condominiums. This connector trail is the logical next step in the Winnick Woods trail network and has been discussed by the Conservation Commission several times over the last few years. The boardwalk formalizes an ad hoc trail that is getting more use. The Aug. 15 work added a boardwalk over a

water crossing and muddy areas. Approval from the Town Council and permits from the Planning Board and the Maine Department of Environmental Protection were obtained to make the trail improvements.

Winnick Woods is a 71-acre parcel donated to the town by Alice Larrea in memory of her family, the Winnicks, and is preserved as open space. The master plan promotes managing a variety of landscapes, including a meadow and shrubland habitat, as well as woodlands.

Materials for the boardwalk construction were carried in from Eastman Meadows with permission provided by developer Joel FitzPatrick.



Photo by James Tasse

Conservation Commission Chair Mitch Wacksman working on Winnick Woods boardwalk.

NATURAL HAPPENINGS

Look to the skies in October!

By Erika Carlson Rhile,
CELT Education Committee chair

Oct. 1: Newly discovered comet C/2013 US10 Catalina may reach naked eye visibility. The comet will continue to brighten through early November.

Oct. 21-22: The Orionid meteor shower will produce up to 20 meteors per hour at its peak. Produced by dust grains left behind by Halley's comet, it has been known and observed since ancient times. The shower runs annually from Oct. 2 to Nov. 7. It peaks this year on the night of Oct. 21 and the morning of Oct. 22. The first quarter moon will set shortly after midnight leaving fairly dark skies for what should be a good show. Meteors will radiate from the constellation Orion, but can appear anywhere in the sky.

Oct. 26: A conjunction of Venus and

Jupiter will take place. The two bright planets will be visible within 1 degree of each other in the early morning sky. Look to the east just before sunrise for this impressive planetary pair.

Oct. 27: Full "supermoon." This full moon was known by early Native American tribes as the full hunter's moon because at this time of year the leaves are falling and the game is fat and ready to hunt. This is the last of three supermoons for 2015. The moon will be at its closest approach to the Earth and may look slightly larger and brighter than usual.

Oct. 28: A rare, 3-planet conjunction will occur. The planets Venus, Mars, and Jupiter will all form a tight 1-degree triangle in the early morning sky. Look to the east just before sunrise for this spectacular event.

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Cape Elizabeth School Board



I want to serve on the school board in order to balance the requirements of our quest for educational excellence with the needs of our teachers and the burden on our taxpayers. Cape schools are great today because we have good teachers and our students come from stable families with parents who care deeply about the quality of our schools.

I believe the two most important factors that our school board can control which affect the quality of our children's education are: the skill of our teachers and the amount of time students spend in class.

I believe that our school board should develop a 10-year plan that concentrates on these two factors. We should start planning now for the \$1 million annual budget surplus we will begin to enjoy when the current capital improvement program ends in 2024.

My wife and I moved to Cape Elizabeth in 1980, and raised our family here. Our 2 children were both K-12 Cape students, graduating in 1999 and 2002.

I have a BS degree in Engineering Science from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and have worked in telecommunications engineering in the US, Turkey, and Nigeria. I had been manager of a small group of software developers for a mutual fund for the last 10 years prior to my retirement in 2010.

I served as a lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1968 to 1971 - including a tour in Vietnam.

**VOTE William Gross for School Board
November 3rd!**

For the past 7 years I have been volunteering in Dr. Efron's 9th grade Honors Physics class. I witness our outstanding school system and tremendously talented teachers up close every day. Still, I see many areas where small changes could make our schools even better.

From Gail Schmader's (Volunteer Coordinator) Annual Report 2014 - 2015 quoting Physics teacher, Dr Michael Efron:

"I have had one amazing volunteer all year - Bill Gross. As in previous years, Bill comes in three days out the high school's four-day rotation. He is presently tutoring twenty-one students from physics classes. I have come to depend on his assistance. There is one student who he has tutored all year -- who has gone from one of the neediest in the class to the highest grade on the last test. Bill is terrific!"

Transfer station make-over recommended

By Bob Dodd

Keep traffic moving forward. Eliminate the need for vehicles to backup to unload trash.

Those were the underlying principals behind recommended changes at the transfer station.

At its Sept. 14 meeting, the Town Council received the recommendations in a very comprehensive 158-page report submitted by the Solid Waste and Recycling Long Range Planning Committee.

No action was taken by the council, though councilors were enthusiastic in their praise for the committee's work. The report's findings and recommendations will be discussed at a future workshop.

Committee members included Councilor Jessica Sullivan, chair; Bill Brownell; Jamie Garvin; Anne Swift-Kayatta; Charles Wilson; Public Works Director Bob Malley; and consultants Randy Tome and Megan McDevitt.

A fatal accident at the 37-year old transfer station in 2014 prompted the council to form the committee with the directive of recommending safer traffic patterns at the town's Recycling Center. Former Public Works Director Herbert Dennison was struck and killed by a vehicle backing into the large hopper/compactor building.

The committee's proposed "Recommend-

ed Design" would create several drive-forward-only lanes, each with its own recycling and outdoor trash compactor stations.

A bypass lane would also route vehicles directly to the other services provided at the station, such as the Swap Shop and Bottle Shed and other service areas, for people just using those stopping points.

Unsafe congestion at the Swap Shop and Bottle Shed would be relieved by traffic islands separating those buildings from the vehicle exit lane.

The report recommends repurposing the existing hopper/compactor building into a facility for holding electronic waste and for housing office space, electrical panels and the town's radio communications system.

Costs addressed in the report

The engineering firm contracted by the town, Woodard & Curran, estimated that to continue to use the existing 37-year old building and equipment would cost the town about \$470,000 in repairs and replacements, and no safety improvements would result.

The committee concluded that maintaining the status quo would cost the town in total about \$554,519 in annual operating costs. Under the proposed redesign, the cost would be \$568,318. This includes eliminating about \$50,000 in annual hauling fees under the current operations.

The additional cost of \$13,800 was justified, the committee decided, by increased safety and improved services at the Recycling Center.

The committee met 20 times over the course of the year and received input from about 800 residents via a survey to the town.

The full report includes a review and cost-analysis of several other options for handling the town's trash disposal and recycling. It is available on the town's website.

Roundtable puts focus on residents

By Elizabeth Brogan

Nearly 50 Cape residents packed the middle school cafeteria for the Citizen's Roundtable on Sept. 17 to share their views on important issues. Residents were randomly assigned to one of eight groups to come up with a list of town priorities, which were then shared with the whole group and compiled for review by the current Town Council and the new council which will be seated in 2016.

Repeated goals heard from the small groups included better cell coverage, a fix for traffic problems in the Town Center, and walkability, with praise for the Shore Road path and a desire to see sidewalks throughout town. Participants wanted a revitalized Town Center and public transportation options. Some favored a village green in the Town Center and others wanted to preserve existing open space. Several groups wanted full funding for schools and a better school budget process.

A common theme was transparency and the desire for deeper and broader citizen engagement opportunities, including "more of these" [roundtable] type events.

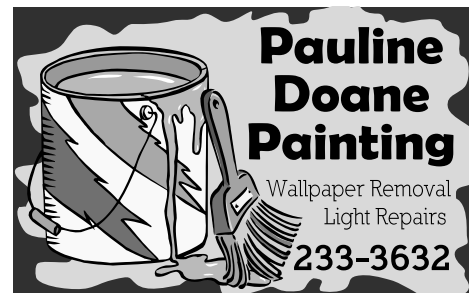
Results were pointedly mixed in other areas, such as what to do with the Goddard mansion. Multiunit housing was desired by some, but only in select locations, while another goal was preserving the "small home nature" of Cape Elizabeth.

The event, hosted by the Town Council and spearheaded by the Appointments Committee, was attended by councilors Jim Walsh, Molly MacAuslan and Caitlin Jordan, as well as Town Manager Michael McGovern and Assistant Town Manager Debra Lane, who helped put the event together.

"I thought the event went very well," said Appointments Committee Chair Molly MacAuslan. "We had a wide range of ideas and input ... The feedback I heard from folks who attended was pretty positive ... Having said that, some of the issues raised also reflect the fact that the council needs to do a better job on an ongoing basis of communicating roles, responsibilities and status updates on important issues in town."

MacAuslan reminded citizens that the Appointments Committee would be interviewing candidates for upcoming openings on boards and commissions in November. "We strive for diversity of opinion in town so we welcome greater participation," she said.

The results of the roundtable are expected to be posted on the town website in October. Results of the survey to be included with the most recent tax bill are still being compiled. More than 400 surveys had been returned to the town as of the Sept. 17 roundtable. Results of both the roundtable and the survey will be used by the 2016 council in developing goals for the new year and citizens are encouraged to continue to provide their input.



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Fall cleanup: waived fees and open Sundays

Disposal fees at the Recycling Center will be waived for residents transporting their own material and/or items for two weeks in October – from Saturday, Oct. 10 through Monday, Oct. 26. Commercial haulers will still be assessed fees in accordance with current regulations.

In addition to the above dates, the Recycling Center will also be open on four Sun-

days – Oct. 18, Oct. 25, Nov. 1 and Nov. 8 – for the disposal of recyclables, leaf, yard wastes, wood waste, bulky waste and brush only. Fees will be assessed on applicable items on Nov. 1 and Nov. 8 and no household refuse will be accepted at the Transfer Station on any of the open Sundays.

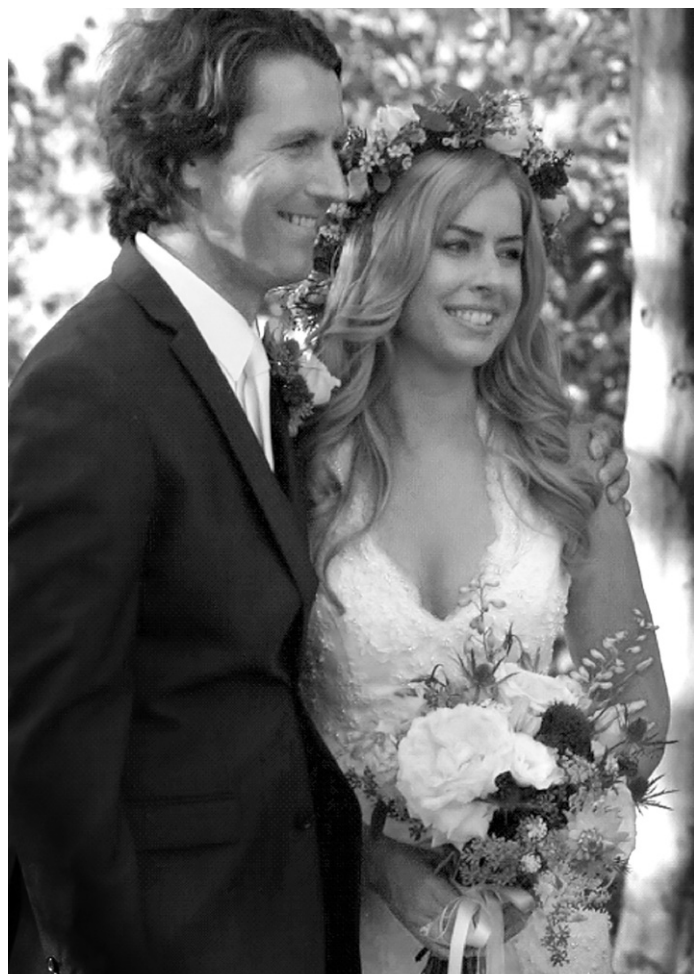
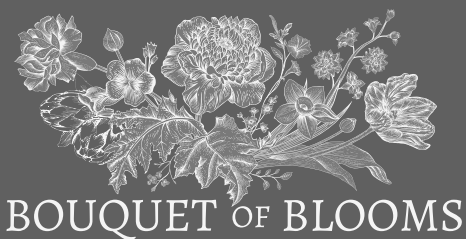
Open Sunday hours will be from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Search begins for a new library director; Scherma plans to retire as new library opens

The town is searching for a new library director to replace Jay Scherma, who announced his retirement after 20 years of service. A committee to assist in the search will include

one library staff member, one head of a town department, two nominees from the library board of trustees and two citizens-at-large, said Town Manager Michael McGovern.

The new library is scheduled to be completed and open by the end of January and it is hoped that the new director will be on board by then, with some overlap with Scherma.

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- Elizabeth Meyers

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More residential and motor vehicle burglaries reported in September

Reported by Debbie Butterworth

COMPLAINTS

- 8-29 An officer met with a resident of the Mitchell Road area about the theft of a bike from the garage. The bike was described as a men's, black Rossignol.
- 8-31 An officer met with a resident of the Shore Road area who turned over a wallet and backpack found while jogging along Shore Road. The owner was contacted and property returned. Items had been stolen from the owner's car during the night.
- 8-31 An officer met with a resident of the Sawyer Road area about a residential burglary complaint. Nothing was missing from the residence and the victim provided the name of a suspect who was contacted by this officer. Victim requested no further action.
- 9-1 An officer followed up on a child pornography case after receiving a referral from another agency.
- 9-5 An officer met with a resident of the Mitchell Road area about a residential burglary complaint. An Apple MacBook Air was missing from the residence.
- 9-5 An officer came upon a vehicle parked behind a local business. The vehicle contained two occupants and a search produced various pieces of drug paraphernalia which were confiscated.
- 9-5 Two officers responded to a residence in the Ocean House Road area for a well-being check of a crying female. Subject was located and reported having been assaulted but refused to file charges and requested no further action.
- 9-6 An officer met with a resident of Portland to report that while at Crescent Beach State Park, his wallet was stolen. It contained several credit cards, personal ID, and some cash. The wallet was later found with only the money missing.
- 9-7 Two officers responded to a residence in the Fowler Road area for a well-being check.
- 9-8 An officer met with a resident of the

- Oakhurst area about a motor vehicle burglary complaint. Missing from the vehicle was a black and grey backpack containing books, clothing and medication.
- 9-8 An officer met with a resident of the Spurwink Avenue area about a domestic situation.
- 9-9 An officer met with a resident of the Mitchell Road area about the theft of a silver Trek 21-speed bicycle.
- 9-10 Two officers responded to a residence in the Spurwink Avenue area for a domestic disturbance.
- 9-10 An officer met with a resident of the Shore Road area about possible home-repair fraud.
- 9-10 An officer met with a resident about a phone harassment complaint.
- 9-11 An officer met with a resident of the Shore Road area about a burglary complaint. Someone entered the residence during the night through an unlocked door and stole money from a wallet and a purse left in the kitchen area.
- 9-11 An officer met with a resident of the Fowler Road area about an ID theft complaint.
- 9-12 An officer met with a resident of the Ocean House Road area who reported that a roommate had recently moved out and in the process stole several items that belonged to the complainant.
- 9-13 An officer met with a resident of the Scott Dyer Road area who reported the theft of a bicycle. The bike was described as a black and red Specialized Hard Rocks mountain bike.
- 9-14 An officer met with a resident of the Stonybrook Road area about an abandoned bicycle. The bike was described as a men's, dark red Raleigh 21-speed mountain bike.

SUMMONSES

- 9-5 Portland resident, speeding (58/35 zone), Route 77, \$215
- 9-5 Gorham resident, operating after license

- 9-6 Cape Elizabeth resident, operating under the influence of alcohol, Route 77
- 9-8 South Portland resident, parking in handicap space, Scott Dyer Road, \$165
- 9-9 Cape Elizabeth resident, speeding (55/35 zone), Route 77, \$215
- 9-9 Cape Elizabeth resident, failure to stop at red light, Route 77, \$131
- 9-9 Windham resident, unregistered vehicle, Sawyer Road, \$70
- 9-10 Westbrook resident, receiving stolen property
- 9-12 Portland resident, operating after license suspension, falsifying physical evidence, possession of dangerous knives, Shore Road
- 9-12 Westbrook resident, failure to produce insurance, Shore Road, \$171

ACCIDENTS

- 9-2 Adara Grassle, accident on Broad Cove Road
- 9-8 Nicolette Silvia, accident on Spurwink Avenue
- 9-12 Heather Cole, accident on Route 77

ARRESTS

- 9-6 Cape Elizabeth resident, operating under the influence of alcohol, Route 77

- 9-12 Portland resident, operating after license suspension (habitual offender), falsifying physical evidence, trafficking of dangerous knives, Route 77

JUVENILE ARRESTS

- 9-10 Probation violation, Shore Road


FIRE CALLS

- 8-29 Phoebe Way, fire alarm
- 8-29 Ram Island Farm, investigation
- 8-31 Kettle Cove, water rescue
- 902 Aster Lane, fire alarm
- 902 Broad Cove Road, motor vehicle accident
- 9-4 Scott Dyer Road, car fire
- 904 Manor Way, carbon monoxide alarm
- 9-8 Spurwink Avenue, car accident
- 9-9 Tanager Lane, carbon monoxide alarm
- 9-10 Rocky Hill Road, fire alarm
- 9-10 Sunny Bank Terrace, fire alarm
- 9012 Ocean House Road, car accident
- 9-14 Sawyer Road, power line down
- 9-14 South Portland Mutual Aid

RESCUE CALLS

There were 35 runs to Maine Medical Center. There were 3 patients treated by rescue personnel but not transported.

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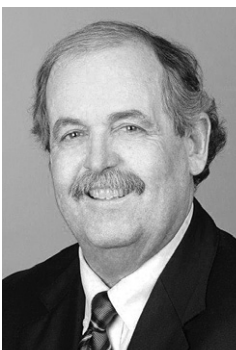
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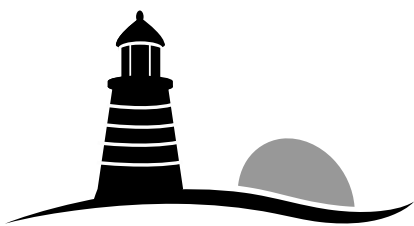


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'It's Just a Walk in the Park' historical tour through Fort Williams Park on Oct. 16



Photo courtesy of Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society

This photograph of an operator on duty at the Fort Williams battery switchboard was taken around 1917. "Note that the blackout curtains are drawn and that the room's wall hangings reflect the occupancy of young men everywhere, including flags, pendants, and the ubiquitous pinup," said longtime Cape Elizabeth resident and Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society member Jim Rowe, who will lead a free walk through Fort Williams focused on the history of the fort, Portland Head Light and Goddard Mansion from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 16. Registration is required at capecommunityservices.org, at Community Services' office at 343 Ocean House Road, or by calling 799-2868.

Twenty-year diary to be topic of Oct. 3 meeting

North Yarmouth resident Dixie Hayes will talk about and read from the diary of her paternal grandmother at the Saturday, Oct. 3, meeting of the Greater Portland Chapter of the Maine Genealogical Society at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 29 Ocean House Road.

Hayes, a member of the executive board of the North Yarmouth Historical Society, will speak at 1 p.m., and a social time with refreshments is planned at 12:30 p.m.

Isabel Hayes wrote in the diary daily from the early 1940s to the mid-1960s, her granddaughter said.

"She wrote about the weather, family news, local news, town politics, her gardens,

berry picking, what was blooming, fiddle-heading, berry picking, and she wrote a lot about cooking and baking. There would be a record of what she made just about every day," Hayes said.

In addition to talking about the subjects her grandmother wrote about, Hayes will discuss her grandmother's writing style, language and descriptions. She also will discuss "how genealogists and historians can glean so much information from diaries," she said.

The free meetings, which are open to all, are held on the first Saturday of every month. Go to www.gpcmgs.org for more information.

What's the news in your neighborhood?

New baby? Engaged or married? Have you or a family member received a promotion, award or recognition, or gone on a trip? Please send your news to The Cape Courier, P.O. Box 6242, Cape Elizabeth 04107; use the drop box across from the tax office at Town Hall, 320 Ocean House Road; or, e-mail us at communityeditor@capecourier.com. Photos are welcome but will not be returned.

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Historical society members to be at town spots during Oct. 4 tour; maps available



Photos courtesy of Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society

Armstrong's Store, pictured in the early 1900s, was located in the building that later became the Cape Cottage Post Office. The Cape Cottage Theater, which was dismantled in 1921, was right across Shore Road from the store. Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society members Joe and Dorothy Higgins, who donated this photograph to the society, will be at the former store location on Oct. 4.

Cape Elizabeth's 250th Anniversary Committee, the Cape Elizabeth Lions Club and the Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society plan a doubleheader Sunday, Oct. 4, in the continuing celebration of the 250th anniversary of the town's incorporation.

Pancake breakfast

The day will start with a Lions Club pancake breakfast, set for 8-11 a.m. at the clubhouse, located at the intersection of Two Lights and Wheeler roads. Fare will include pancakes, French toast, eggs, sausage, coffee, tea and juice. Adults pay \$7; children 12 and younger pay \$5.

Tours of 10 historic spots

From 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., people will be able to drive to 10 historic areas in town where photos and information will be available and historical society members will be present to answer questions.

The locations include Dyer Hutchinson house, the Spurwink Church, the Spurwink Grange and Pomeroy Jordan home, Kettle Cove and Richmond Island, the Two Lights Life Saving Station, the Tristram Jordan farm and Journey's End, the Town Center,

Fort Williams and the Goddard Mansion, the Cape Casino and the Cape Cottage Theater, the Armstrong Store, and the Shore Road Trolley shelter. A map of the sites is available at the "250th Anniversary" link at capeelizabeth.com., at Thomas Memorial Library, the Town Hall and the Cape Elizabeth Community Center.

Finale

As a finale for the town's anniversary celebration, CEHPS will present an "I Remember Cape Elizabeth" retrospective from 4 to 6 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 2, in the Cape Elizabeth Community Center's Community Room.

The evening will include Cape Elizabeth resident Jan Reale's "I Remember Cape Elizabeth" collection, which includes photos of residents at their special town places, and their memories; a "Senior Memories" project; a photo series featuring Cape Elizabeth resident Norman Jordan's flower stand; and a showing of "Time's Flowing Tide," a documentary about the town commissioned by the 250th committee.

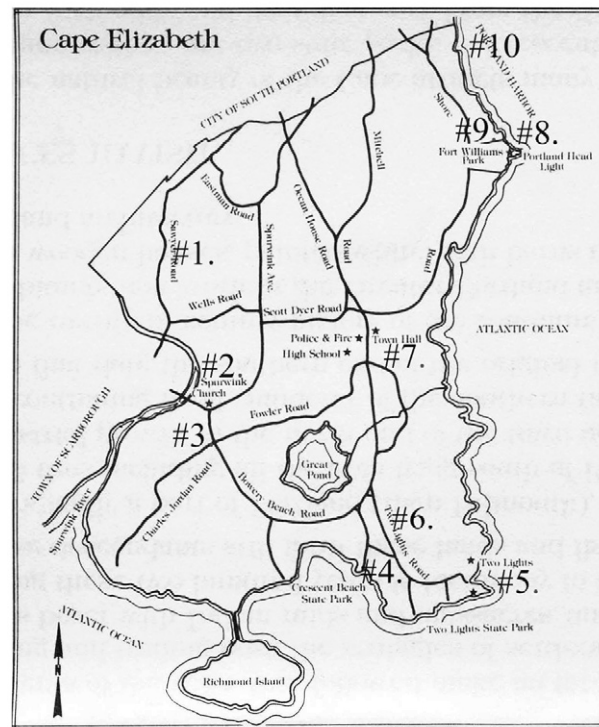
The event will include nonalcoholic drinks and light hors d'oeuvres.



From the late 1800s until 1964, a keeper managed the Life-Saving Station at Two Lights, one of 250 around the country built by the U.S. government to help victims of shipwrecks. In addition to a manager, the station had six surf men. Looking out to sea from the station in the early 1890s is Cape Elizabeth resident Wayne Brooking's grandfather, keeper, Sumner Dyer, seated, left, on a bench next to surf man Maurice "Maude" Jordan. Wayne Brooking will be at the site on Oct. 4 to answer visitors' questions.

Cape Elizabeth Self-driving Tour of Historic Sites Sunday, October 4, 11:30 AM to 3:30 PM

A docent will be at each stop with historic photographs and history to share.



- #1. Dyer Hutchinson House 1148 Sawyer Road
- #2. Spurwink Church at corner of Spurwink Ave. and Bowery Beach Road.
- #3. Spurwink Grange / Pomeroy Jordan home, 226 Bowery Beach Road
- #4. Kettle Cove and Richmond Island, at Kettle Cove parking lot, off Bowery Beach Road, turn at Kettle Cove Ice Cream

- #5. Two Lights, beyond Two Lights State Park to end of Two Lights Road
- #6. Tristram Jordan Farm/Journey's End, 72 Two Lights Road
- #7. Town Center, in front of Town Hall, 320 Ocean House Road
- #8. Fort Williams/Goddard Mansion, at Ships Cove parking lot, first left inside the fort
- #9. Cape Casino and Theater/Armstrong Store in front of old Cape Cottage Post Office, 973 Shore Road
- #10. Shore Road Trolley Stop, at Trolley shelter at 618 Shore Road

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CAPE CALENDAR | By Wendy Derzawiec

Wednesday, September 30

Town Council Appointments Committee, 6 p.m., William H. Jordan Conference Room, Town Hall

Tuesday, October 6

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

Monday, October 12

Columbus Day Holiday, Town Hall,

Thomas Memorial Library closed. Recycling Center open

Tuesday, October 13

School Board Executive Session, 5-7 p.m., William H. Jordan Conference Room, Town Hall

Conservation Commission, 7 p.m., Town Hall Lower Level Conference Room

School Board, 7 p.m., Town Hall chamber

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Girl Scouts informational meeting on Oct. 1

A meeting about Girl Scouts opportunities for Cape Elizabeth girls in kindergarten through grade 12 is set for 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 1, in the Community Room of the Cape Elizabeth Community Center.

The Girl Scouts program seeks to em-

power girls through activities and events designed to build leadership skills and to allow them to try new adventures.

Call 888-922-4763 or go to girlscoutsofmaine.org for information about the meeting or the Girl Scouts program.

‘Fiddler on Roof’ musical at Portland Players

“Fiddler on the Roof” is at the Portland Players Theater, 420 Cottage Road in South Portland through Sunday, Oct. 11.

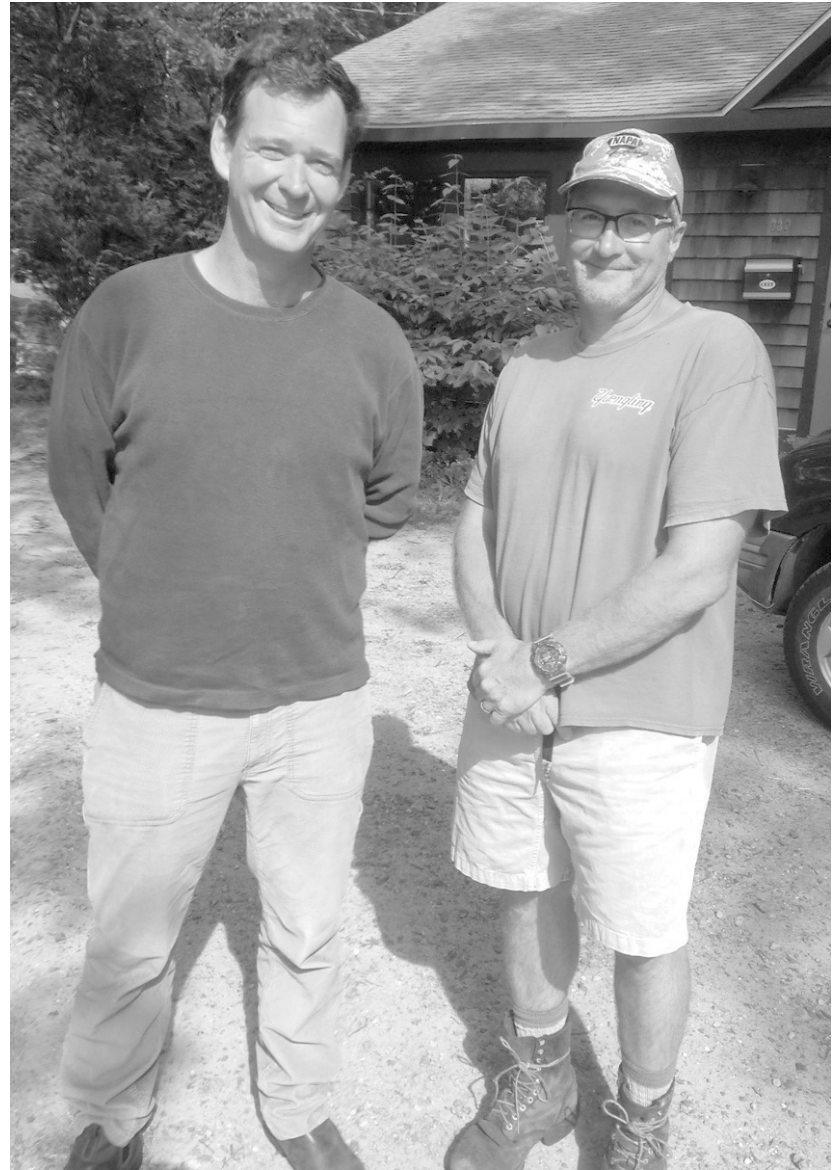
Set in the little village of Anatevka, the musical centers on Tevye, a poor dairyman, and his five daughters. With the help of his colorful, tight-knit Jewish community, Tevye tries to protect his daughters and instill in them traditional values in the face of

changing social mores and the growing anti-Semitism of Czarist Russia.

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

Go to portlandplayers.org or call 799-7337 to buy tickets. Email info@portlandplayers.org for more information.

Naturalist to present Cape wildlife images; CELT’s departing director to speak on Nov. 1



Chris Franklin and John Greene

A Cape Elizabeth naturalist will share images of Cape Elizabeth wildlife, and the Cape Elizabeth Land Trust’s departing executive director will provide a retrospective of his time at the organization on Sunday, Nov. 1, at CELT’s 30th annual meeting. The event is planned from 3 to 5:30 p.m. at the Cape Elizabeth Middle School/Pond Cove School cafetorium.


In a presentation titled “Wild Cape,” John Greene, property manager for the Sprague Corporation, which owns Ram Island Farm, will present wildlife photographs and videos that he has taken with remote cameras and long-range telephoto lenses at Ram Island Farm and surrounding

areas over the past 33 years.

CELT Executive Director Chris Franklin, who recently announced that he will step down in November after 12 years at the helm, will talk about his experiences as director of the Land Trust, which conserves and provides stewardship for Cape Elizabeth land. At the meeting, Franklin also will discuss the importance of community involvement in creating lasting legacies.

“During his years of loyal and productive service, Chris Franklin worked to conserve Robinson Woods I and II, Jordan Farm, Trundy Point and Turkey Hill Farm, as well as to help secure national land trust accreditation for CELT,” CELT President Anne Carney said.

Coffee, cider and desserts will be served at the event, where admission will be free for members. When registering, people who aren’t members will be asked to provide a modest donation to the Land Trust. Reservations are requested by calling 767-6054 or emailing info@capelandtrust.org.



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Field hockey team's pumpkin sale on Oct. 3



Cape Elizabeth High School field hockey players will hold their annual pumpkin sale Saturday, Oct. 3, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. near the concessions stand at Hannaford Field. The field is located behind the school.

Baked goods and apple cider will be for sale at the event, and field hockey players will offer free face painting.

All proceeds will benefit CEHS field hockey teams and will help cover costs not covered by the Cape Elizabeth school budget.

Contact Judi Logue at jmlogue@maine.rr.com or 541-9236 for more information.

Community flu clinic at fire station on Oct. 13

A community flu clinic is planned from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 13, in the Cape Elizabeth Fire Station's Community Room, 2 Jordan Way. Flu shots will be given to people six years and older. Flu mist will not be available at the clinic.

The cost of one flu shot is \$30, if not covered by insurance. Medicare, Medicare

Advantage Plans, AETNA, Martin's Point, Harvard Pilgrim, Champus Tricare and Anthem Blue Cross/ Blue Shield will be accepted. People should bring insurance cards to the clinic.

Contact Pond Cove School nurse Erin Taylor at etaylor@capeelizabethschools.org or 799-7339 for more information.

Fall festival for families planned on Oct. 17

The Pond Cove Parents Association will hold its annual Harvest Festival from 4 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 17, at the school.

The family event will include indoor and outdoor games, a haunted hallway, crafts, a meal featuring locally-raised produce, a bake

sale, a cake walk and more.

Costumes are encouraged, and children are invited to walk in a costume parade.

Go to the PCPA website, capepcpa.org, for information. Email Kara Leopold at kara-leopold@yahoo.com about volunteering.

'Making Strides' walk set for Oct. 18 at fort

The Portland chapter of the American Cancer Society will hold its annual "Making Strides against Breast Cancer" five-kilometer walk at Fort Williams at 10 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 18. The walk will start at the parade grounds.

There is no fee, but participants can reg-

ister starting at 8:30 a.m. before the event or by going to makingstrides.acevents.org and entering "04107." Donations will be welcomed. Participants can walk alone or in teams.

Email portlandmestrides@cancer.org or call 373-3719 for more information.

Inn's free pumpkin-carving contest on Oct. 18

The Inn by the Sea will host its annual community pumpkin carving event on Sunday, Oct. 18, from noon to 2 p.m. on the front lawn.

Families are invited to carve pumpkins, and children are welcome to enter a contest for the most creative jack-o'-lanterns in

several age categories.

The inn will supply cocoa, cookies, treats, pumpkins and carving tools.

The event is free but registration is required by contacting Derrick Daly at 799-3134 by Wednesday, Oct. 14.

Rotary donates \$2K to Judy's Food Pantry, gives award to pantry founder Nancy Miles



South Portland-Cape Elizabeth Rotary Club President Scott Irving presents Cape Elizabeth resident Nancy Miles with a \$2,000 "check" last month for Judy's Pantry, which provides fresh farm produce and nonperishable food items free to Cape residents in need. Miles, who started the pantry in 2010 at the United Methodist Church, received the club's Paul Harris Fellow award for her humanitarian work and service to the community. Instrumental in the creation of the Cape Elizabeth Community Gardens, she helped organize and has chaired the town's recycling committee, has served on the board of Cape Elizabeth Land Trust, and has done volunteer work at Pond Cove and Cape Elizabeth Middle schools.



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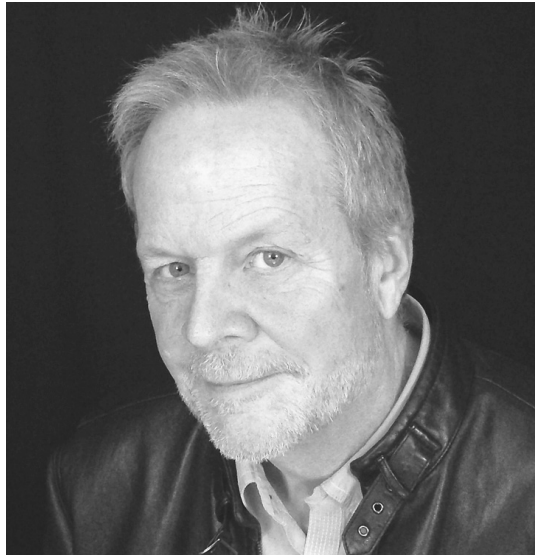


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'Irish Music Guy' to perform on Oct. 5 Fall children's programming has begun



Author and musician Kevin Farley, a.k.a. Irish Music Guy, will perform traditional Irish tunes on a variety of instruments, peppered with fascinating stories and observations about Irish culture and notions of what exactly makes a song specifically Irish.

This after-hours program will take place from 6:45 to 8 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 5. All are welcome.

Kevin Farley, a.k.a. Irish Music Guy

Local author Joseph Souza will participate in book discussion at library on Oct. 15

Author Joseph Souza will be the special guest at the October meeting of the library's adult evening book group. The group will be discussing Souza's novel "Unpaved Surfaces," which involves a mystery surrounding the disappearance of a father's son.

The general public is welcome to attend the discussion and meet the author. The book group will meet from 7 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 15. Copies of the book are available at Nonesuch Books, or can be borrowed through the library.

Mapmaking workshop offered on Oct. 21

Portland-based cartographer Molly Holmberg Brown will offer an unusual map-making workshop for adults from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 21. Brown combines cartographic design and landscape art to create unique visual expressions of geography. She will share

examples of her work and then lead participants through the process of making their own small maps of places that they love and are personally important to them. The workshop will be limited to 20 participants and requires advance registration. Call, stop by, or visit the library's website to register.

Further disruption anticipated outside

As the library project progresses and winter approaches, construction crews will be working on getting the landscaping around the new library in place. During the month of October, the construction team will be completing the parking lot, laying in the walkways, planting shrubs and other greenery.

Library users should expect increased activity on the site, and library staff ask the public to bear with them as they try to accommodate the additional equipment and work. The disruption will all be worth it when there is a full functioning parking lot ready before the snow flies.

The fall schedule of children's programs includes some new offerings for both little ones and school-aged kids. The schedule is:

Art Adventures with Kiah, ages 3 to 5

Preschoolers will explore different art experiences in this fun creativity program that emphasizes process more than product. Registration is not necessary.

Mondays from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.

Story Explorers with Rick, ages 3 to 5

Preschoolers will have fun with picture book-based activities including games, science experiments, and arts and crafts. Registration is not necessary.

Tuesdays from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.

Story Garden with Rachel, ages 3 to 5

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Wednesdays from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m.

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Wednesdays from 10:30 to 11 a.m.

Fridays, from 10:30 to 11 a.m.

Mother Goose Time with Rachel, babies up to 18 months

Babies are never too young to benefit from hearing rhymes and songs. This program features Mother Goose rhymes, songs, and finger plays for babies. It's also a great opportunity for parents and caregivers to connect with one another. No registration is necessary.

Wednesdays from 11 to 11:30 a.m.

Fridays from 9:30 to 10 a.m.

Family Story Time with Rachel, for all ages

The whole family is welcome to attend this program featuring stories and songs. Books and songs will be chosen based on the ages of the audience in attendance. No registration is necessary.

Saturdays from 10:30 to 11 a.m.

Creativity Lab with Rick and Kiah, for the after school crowd

What can you do with a bottle cap, a block of wood, or a piece of styrofoam? Kids can drop in after school to challenge their imaginations and test their skills with a different set of materials each week. No registration is necessary. Elementary and middle school kids are welcome.

Drop in from 2:30 to 4 p.m.

Parent-child workshop series begins Oct. 9

The library is offering its second annual parent-child workshop for parents with babies and toddlers. The five-week workshop will take place on Friday mornings from 9:30 to 10:45, beginning Oct. 9.

The program replaces the usual baby and toddler story times offered at that time, and the usual attendees at those programs are welcome to participate. The workshop is a chance for parents and children to play together in the library's Family Place space; additional toys and activity stations will be set up to augment the ones already in that space. During each of the five sessions, local professionals will be on hand to serve as resources for parents, offering them the opportunity to ask questions in an informal, non-intimidating atmosphere. The workshop is designed to emphasize the role of parents

as the first teachers of their children, facilitates early intervention, and provides strategies for healthy child development and early literacy. Each of the five sessions will be devoted to a different aspect of early childhood development.

The first session will be focused on early literacy development featuring children's librarian Rachel Davis. On Oct. 16, dietician Leslie Oulette will be on hand to answer questions about early childhood nutrition. On Oct. 23, SMCC adjunct professor Kiersten Ellis will be available to offer advice about child development. Oct. 30 will feature speech pathologist Laurie Mack to address any concerns or questions about speech and hearing. Finally, on Nov. 6, University of Maine Professor Mellisa Clawson will be on hand to share insights about the role of creativity and the arts in early childhood development.

Registration is not necessary—parents and children are invited to drop in for any or all of the sessions.



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Village Crossings holds sweet fundraiser



Joanna Hills, right, a resident at Kindred Assisted Living – Village Crossings, and staff member Lisa Waye enjoy themselves on Sept. 15 at a Village Crossings ice cream social fundraiser for the Alzheimer Association. Money raised at the event went to the Alzheimer's Association, which raises awareness and funds for care, support and research for patients.

Five students accepted into honors chorus



Photo by Nancy Murray

Cape Elizabeth Middle School students, from left, Emma Frothingham, Jeanette Kelly, Lily Dunton and Bowen Charlebois and, missing from photo, Cape Elizabeth High School student, Kim Knauft, have been accepted into the American Choral Director's Association's Eastern Division honors chorus.

Five Cape Elizabeth students already know what they'll be doing during the days leading up to February school break.

Cape Elizabeth High School student Kim Knauft and Cape Elizabeth Middle School students Bowen Charlebois, Lily Dunton, Emma Frothingham and Jeanette Kelly will be singing in Boston with fellow students accepted into the American Choral Director's Association's Eastern Division honors chorus.

Members of the chorus, which includes students from New England, New York,

New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Washington, D.C., and Delaware, will spend Feb. 10-13 working with guest conductors before a final performance on Saturday, Feb. 13.

In the intervening months, the students will prepare for their four days in Boston with their chorus director, Nancy Murray.

"Between now and then, they will be working with me to learn their music, as they will have to re-audition once they get to the festival," Murray said.

Preliminary auditions were held during the last weeks of the 2014-15 school year.

Lunch, entertainment for seniors on Oct. 20

Lunch and music will be on the menu on Tuesday, Oct. 20, at a Cape Elizabeth Community Services' event for senior citizens in the Community Room at the Cape Elizabeth Fire Station. The event will begin at 11:45 a.m. and run until 1:30 p.m. The nutrition staff of Cape Elizabeth schools will prepare the lunch.

The cost is \$15, and space is limited. People should indicate diet restrictions when they register.

Go to capecommunityservices.org or the Community Services office at the Community Center to register. Call 799-2868 for more information.

Senior news, photos

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New parent support group to meet monthly

A new support group for parents whose children receive special education in Cape Elizabeth will meet at 6:30 p.m. the third Tuesday of every month in the Cape Elizabeth Middle School Learning Commons. A meeting is planned Oct. 20.

Parents will have an opportunity to share resources and give each other support at the meetings, which also will include a featured

speaker and time for open discussion.

"We have met informally in the past, and we see this as a great opportunity to reach more parents and enhance communication and collaboration between parents and the schools," said Cindy Voltz, a founding group member.

Contact Voltz at ceisparents@gmail.com for more information about the group.

Parents association: Please post scarecrows

Members of the Pond Cove Parents Association, who are holding their fifth annual "Scarecrows on the Town" contest, invite residents and business people to create and display scarecrows.

Photos of the scarecrows will be posted Oct. 17 at Pond Cove's Harvest Festival [see page 11] where people will vote on the scarecrows in the following categories: spooky, whimsical/fun, traditional, Cape spirit, and business and this year's theme will be "cartoon characters".

Posts cost \$5 apiece at Jordan's and Alewife's farms. To enter the contest, send name, address, scarecrow category, a picture of the scarecrow and \$5 check made out to the PCPA to Jackie Pierce, 6 Masefield Terrace, Cape Elizabeth 04107, or drop off the information and fee at the school's front office. People can email photos of scarecrows to jpierce5@maine.rr.com.

Every year some residents skip the contest, however, and just display their crows.

Cape eighth-graders scored lower than peers on test last year; educators aren't sure why

By Wendy Keeler

Cape Elizabeth students on the whole performed better than other Maine students on the Smarter Balanced assessment, a standardized test Maine students took for the first and only time last year. Just the opposite was true, however, with Cape Elizabeth eighth-graders, who didn't score as well as other Maine eighth-graders.

The average scaled score in math for last year's Cape eighth-graders was 2484, compared to 2535 statewide, and Cape Elizabeth eighth-graders' average scaled score in English/literature was 2512, versus 2558 statewide.

District school officials expected that Cape Elizabeth students' scores on the Smarter Balanced test would be lower than they have been on standardized tests in the past.

"But when we do poorly or not superior to the rest of the state of Maine, it's somewhat disturbing to me," School Board member David Hillman said at the meeting.

Cape Elizabeth educators aren't sure why or in what areas Cape eighth-graders had trouble on the test, and they don't have the opportunity to find out why.

In the past, school officials have received information about students' individual results on standardized tests such as the New England Common Assessment Program, but "we do not have released items" from Smarter Balanced, Ruth Ellen Vaughn, the district's director of instruction, told the

board at the Sept. 8 meeting. "And so for me to tell you exactly what needs to happen within a particular program based on these results, that's very difficult."

In the spring, educators and parents across the state, unhappy with the rigorous Common Core standards on which the Smarter Balanced test is based and also with the way the test is administered, urged the Legislature to withdraw from the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium and choose a different test for students to take in 2016.

In May, the same month Cape Elizabeth students took the Smarter Balanced test, the state Department of Education announced that Maine would drop out of the consortium. Some eighth-graders were also aware that a significant number of Cape Elizabeth students were opting out of taking the test, Vaughn said. Seventy percent of Cape juniors and 26 percent of CEMS eighth-graders didn't take it.

"That did not help motivation a great deal," Vaughn said. "In fact it undermined it pretty well. There was this undercurrent of, 'My friend is not taking the test, but I'm taking the test,'" she said.

A standardized test that doesn't provide data to help educators assess student progress and "allow you to really drill in and see what was causing error patterns is pretty worthless," School Board member and former Falmouth superintendent Barbara Powers said.



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Gallagher, Kozaka, Werner win CEEF awards



Amanda Kozaka and Jonathan Werner, third and fourth from left, and Bri Gallagher, far right, won Cape Elizabeth Education Foundation awards Sept. 3 at a ceremony they attended at the high school with CEEF Executive Director Ellen Jordan, second from right; CEEF board members, from far left, Cory Mosunic; Jim Clark, and, fifth from left, Chis Supple; third and fourth from right, Tim and Nancy Thompson; and, sixth from left, Elaine Brownell.

By Wendy Keeler

If the 2015-2016 school year continues to shine as brightly for Cape Elizabeth school employees Brienne Gallagher, Amanda Kozaka and Jonathan Werner as it did during their first days back at school after summer break, they are in for a very good year.

At an all-staff meeting the morning of Sept. 3, the three won applause from their colleagues when they received honors from the Cape Elizabeth Education Foundation, which has given out two teacher awards since 2006.

Brienne Gallagher

Pond Cove School Counselor Brienne Gallagher received the charitable organization's 2015 Tim Thompson Award for "going above and beyond the call of duty in reaching out to and mentoring students." Cape Elizabeth residents Nancy and Tim Thompson established the honor in memory of their son, Timmy, who passed away the summer of 2004 after graduating from Cape Elizabeth High School.

CEEf's new Executive Director Ellen Jordan called Gallagher a "real asset to our community."

"Bri Gallagher's enthusiasm and devotion to Pond Cove students embodies the spirit of the Thompson Award. She is insightful in her approach to all students, whether with a lunch group or simply a welcoming smile. Bri holds students accountable for their

actions while providing compassionate guidance," Jordan said.

When Gallagher accepted the award, she talked about the reason she does what she does.

"I became a school counselor in the hopes that I could be that person that makes things a little better for a child that's struggling. All of us in this room, regardless what our roles are, are in the position to make young people feel seen, appreciated, and valued. Through the connections that we make with students, we can not only make their academic life better, but we can help change the way they see themselves," she said.

Jonathan Werner and Amanda Kozaka

For their use of a \$28,000 CEEF grant to transform the Cape Elizabeth Middle School library into the CEMS Library and Learning Commons, library and instructional technology specialists Kozaka and Werner won the 2015 Brownell Award, named in honor of retired CEHS math teacher Elaine Brownell.

The middle school "LLC," as it's called, has the features of a traditional library – books, a circulation desk, stacks and tables – but also mobile workstations, an audio-visual system with a presentation space, a multimedia studio, a technology-support area, and comfortable chairs.

—see CEEF AWARDS, page 16

Book fairs planned at CEMS, Pond Cove in middle of October

Book fairs are planned at two Cape Elizabeth schools next month.

Pond Cove fair

The Pond Cove Parents Association will host its annual fair on weekdays from Thursday, Oct. 15, through Thursday, Oct. 22, in the school's media center. The sale, which supports programs and events for Pond Cove students, raised more than \$3,900 last year.

Fair hours are from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on weekdays from Thursday, Oct. 15, through Wednesday, Oct. 21, and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 22.

The fair also will be open from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 15, and Tuesday, Oct. 20.

The sale is open to all. Cash, credit cards and checks made payable to "PCPA" will be accepted. Contact PCPA Scholastic Book Fair Chair Emily Garvin at emilypcpa@gmail.com.

CEMS book event

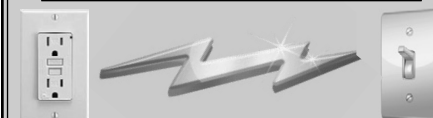
The Cape Elizabeth Middle School Parents Association will host its annual Scholastic Book Fair from Monday, Oct. 19, through Friday, Oct. 23, in the fifth-grade knuckle.

The sale will include books for middle-schoolers, young teens and adults, including mystery and adventure novels, fantasy trilogies, sports guides and best sellers from more than 150 publishers.

The sale will run from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, Oct. 19, through Friday, Oct. 23.

The sale is open to all, and cash, credit cards and checks made payable to "MSPA" will be accepted. Contact CEMS Scholastic Book Fair Chair Liana Erickson at mikeandliana@gmail.com.

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Junior Golfer of the Year



Austin Legge, a Cape Elizabeth High School freshman and a member of the CEHS golf team, with his parents Susan Legge and Peter Legge, recently was inducted into the Maine Golf Hall of Fame as 2015 Junior Golfer of the Year, an honor based on achievement and sportsmanship in Maine junior golf. This summer, he won the Maine State Golf Association Junior Amateur Championship title in the 15-17 age group.

'Awesome' foursome sails to big win on Vineyard



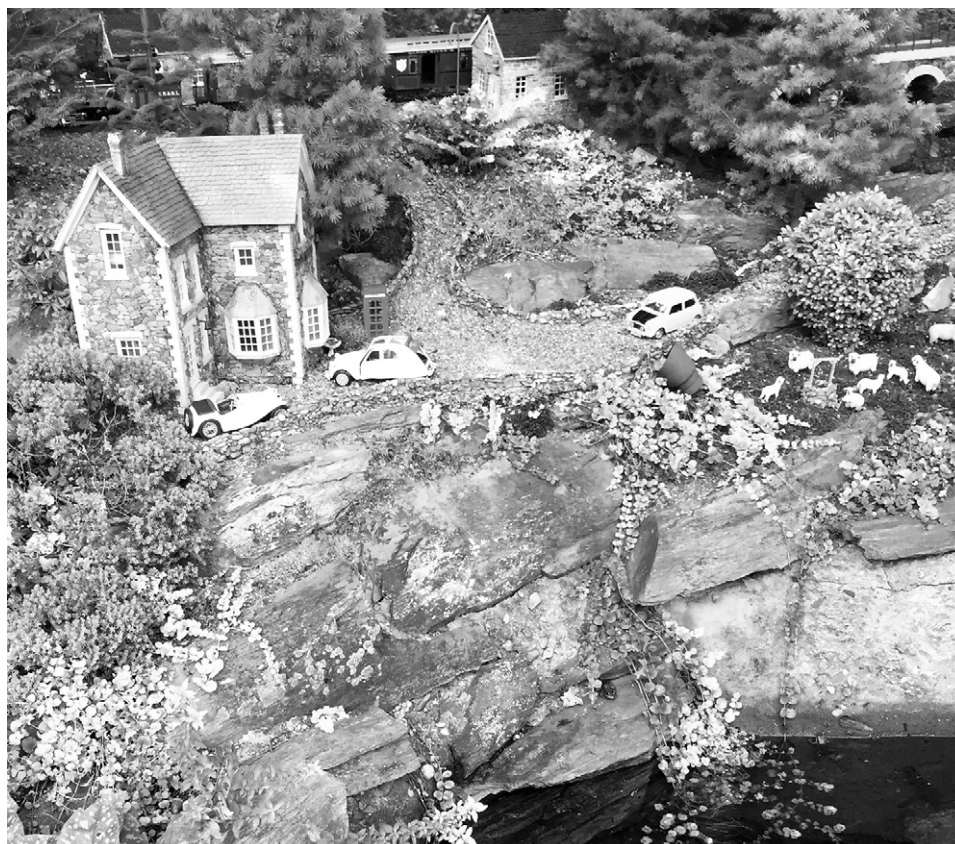
Cape Elizabeth High School varsity sailing team members, clockwise from front, Patrick Miller, Tucker Wanzer, Cooper Siepert and Greg Corsello came in first last month in the Arnold Brown Regatta on Martha's Vineyard, a qualifying regatta for the Atlantic Coast Championships. In eight races, the four accumulated 49 points at the event, in which 12 schools competed. The second-place team, from North Kingston, R.I., finished with 68 points. "Those guys are awesome!" CEHS coach Jamie Carlson wrote in an email to the team. The four will advance to the ACC, set for November at an undetermined location.

Cape property adds some magical real estate on Sept. 20 with railroad, stone house, foreign cars



Photos by Ron Palmquist

A railroad on Running Tide Road? That's what visitors to Scott Gould's property saw winding through the garden on Sept. 20 when Gould hosted fellow model railroad enthusiasts. That day, model railroaders across northern New England held similar events in a first annual daylong program organized by the Seacoast Division of the National Model Railroad Association, the Garden Railways Club of Maine, and other model railroading groups. At Gould's house that day, "there was only one [railway] accident. An engineer got derailed by an acorn," said Cape Elizabeth resident Ron Palmquist, who called Gould's garden railroad "stunning."



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CEEF awards

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"The CEMS Learning Commons is a flexible space that inspires innovative, collaborative work, and social interaction," Jordan said. "Amanda and Jonathan's big idea exactly fits with CEEF's mission of fostering innovation and excellence in our schools. We're so proud to have been part of this middle school transformation."

Kozaka and Werner feel good about the space.

"On paper at least, it might seem like we really just spruced up the space," the two said when receiving the award. "But in reality we have transformed the perception and the purpose of the LLC. No longer intimidating to explore and utilize, it is a sought-after destination, a welcoming environment whose tone ranges from reflective to raucous depending on how it is being used. It houses speakers and meetings and events of all sizes, can accommodate a group of quiet readers or many classes at once, and is constantly put through the paces as the faculty envisions new ways to utilize the LLC, our skills, and our resources."

Blessing of Animals service to be held on Oct. 4

The Cape Elizabeth United Methodist Church will host its 11th annual Blessing of the Animals at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 4, in the church's outdoor chapel.

The blessing is held every year on the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals and the environment.

All animals and their owners are invited to attend and participate. Dogs are the most

common attendees at the blessing, but in past years, cats, rabbits, goats and goldfish have participated, too.

The outdoor chapel is located on a trail at the far end of the church parking lot. If it rains, the blessing will take place in the church's fellowship hall.

Go to ceumc.org for more information about the event.

Christian singer Stevens to perform on Oct. 4

Christian singer Marsha Stevens will perform at 6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 4, at the First Congregational Church.

Stevens, who sang at the church in 2002, "sings about God's love, God's peace, and God's justice," a press release from the church states. "She brings a message of

God's love to all, and especially to those who have been marginalized because of gender issues."

An offering will be taken during the concert, and a reception will follow. Go to the church website, fccucc.org, or call 799-3361 for information.

Heirloom supper at Methodist church on Oct. 3

The Cape Elizabeth United Methodist Church will hold its annual Heirloom Supper from 4:30 to 6 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 3.

The supper will feature dishes made from ingredients from local farms and gardens and will include casseroles, beans, salads,

bread and pies.

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

The public is invited to attend.

Go to ceumc.org for more information.

'Holy Yard Sale' planned at St. Alban's on Oct. 3

St. Alban's Episcopal Church will host its first "Holy Yard Sale" from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 3, on the parish grounds at 885 Shore Road. Proceeds from the sale will benefit the ministries of St. Alban's. For the sale, the church will accept donations of clean and gently used children's items,

books, media items, household items, small furniture, sporting goods, clothing and jewelry.

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Mystery

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Pearson, the idea of the League of Women Voters can be attributed to Ludington, who cofounded the organization and served on its national board and as its New England



Photo courtesy of Florence Griswold Museum

Social activist Katharine Ludington in a 1915 portrait.

director. An advocate for the establishment of the United Nations, Ludington was an A-list intellectual of her time and good friends with such luminaries as Supreme Court Justice Felix Frankfurter; Dr. Alice Hoffman, a leading occupational health expert and the first woman appointed to the faculty at Harvard University; and The New Republic magazine founder Walter Lipmann, all of whom she hosted at “legendary” parties at her Old Lyme mansion, according to a story by Lampos and Pearson (“Looking back: Legacy of Katharine Ludington, and that of her grand home”) published in Shoreline Times (June 16, 2015).

While Ludington’s artwork is not of great monetary value, it does have significant historical value. How did her sketches end up in a swap shop in Cape Elizabeth, a town full of Ludingtons, directed to her descendants by the intervention of a swap shop volunteer with a sharp eye?

“Who was the woman who dropped them off?” wondered Jennifer Ludington. “She is the missing link in the story.”

Please email editor@capecourier.com if you can help solve this mystery.

Firing range

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ance and can be reopened. He indicated he would likely seek expert help in making this determination.

LaRosa, the National Rifle Association certified safety evaluator who authored the report, estimated that the full implementation of all the recommendations could cost in the range of \$750,000 to \$1 million.

The reopening of each of the ranges is conditional on signage and range security standards set forth in the safety report.

The renewal of the gun club’s license is also contingent on compliance with the lead containment management requirements of the town’s firing range ordinance. Two councilors, Molly MacAuslan and Patricia Grennon, wanted to expand the requirement to include more than just a “best practices” plan, but also an independent assessment of the plan’s implementation. The majority of councilors felt that presence of the plan, as

stipulated in the ordinance, was sufficient and can be monitored by town officials.

All councilors indicated that they felt ready to approve the gun club’s license application once the conditions of the approval were clarified.

Public hearing latest in years of firing range debates

The Council’s discussion came after a lengthy public hearing at which 26 residents spoke.

Seventeen speakers expressed levels of concern ranging from advocating for permanent closure of the firing ranges to insistence that the 100-percent shot containment standard be absolutely met before allowing the ranges to reopen. While noise and lead hazards were on the minds of several speakers, safety was the major concern of most.

Nine spoke in support of the Spurwink Rod and Gun Club’s application to renew its operations. Speakers noted the historical roots of the club in and its importance to the community.

Planning

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a multiplex and village green development “including significant deforestation and destruction of an RP2 wetland or vernal pool is what the majority of Cape citizens would like to see occur?”

Carol Anne Jordan, acting chair, said the hearing was not for a specific development, but for an ordinance amendment that would apply to any village green.

Another speaker, Angell Point Road resident and CELT president, Anne Carney, said she believed the amendment put too much control over a village green into the hands of private developers.

One speaker, Stephanie Carver, who was also chair of the Town Center Plan Committee, supported the amendment as a way to create a local gathering place, which also supports local Town Center businesses. “We can show that we prioritize green space and we prioritize walkable places,” she said. A town green would serve as the centerpiece of the town greenbelt network, she said.

The board voted to recommend the amendment to the Town Council, as long as included illustrations were changed to show

“generic” Ocean House Road locations and clearly show parking and buildings.

Boundary line changes to Broad Cove, Berry subdivisions

In other matters, the board, by a 5-1 vote, approved an application from Dr. William Holt to change boundary lines on one property in the Broad Cove subdivision and one in the neighboring Berry subdivision on Hannaford Cove Road.

Holt owns a 27-acre parcel between the two subdivisions. The approval will remove the boundary between it and an approximately 1-acre parcel on Running Tide Road to the north and between it and a 3-acre parcel on Hannaford Cove Road to the south. Holt owns the 3-acre parcel, which he plans to annex to the larger parcel to build a retirement home overlooking a vineyard.

The Running Tide Road lot is owned by Patricia Wasserman, to whom Holt plans to sell the center part of the 27-acre property.

The sale would leave a 10-acre ocean-front lot, which Holt said he also plans to sell.

Speakers at a public hearing were concerned that the three new lots could be further divided, creating more homes in the area. Two of the lots have access off Running Tide Road, which cannot support more development because of town regulations restricting development on dead-end roads.

But the lot with access from Hannaford Cove Road could be divided, and some speakers asked that the board approve the application only if a note is added to the plan saying that only one lot will be built on the property.

Most Planning Board members, however, saw no need for the condition, which could be removed by a future board.

Voting against approval was board member Elaine Falender, who said she believed Holt should provide information on how future development would impact traffic.

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The current HUD-1 statement will be replaced by two new forms, the Closing Disclosure and Loan Estimate. These new forms were designed to better inform buyers of changes to their lending and/or closing costs, as well as the consequences of those changes.

Another, component of these new regulations is a new right of rescission, or “3 day rule.” Although this applies only to certain changes on these new forms, some changes will trigger a three day review period, which has the potential to delay the closing.

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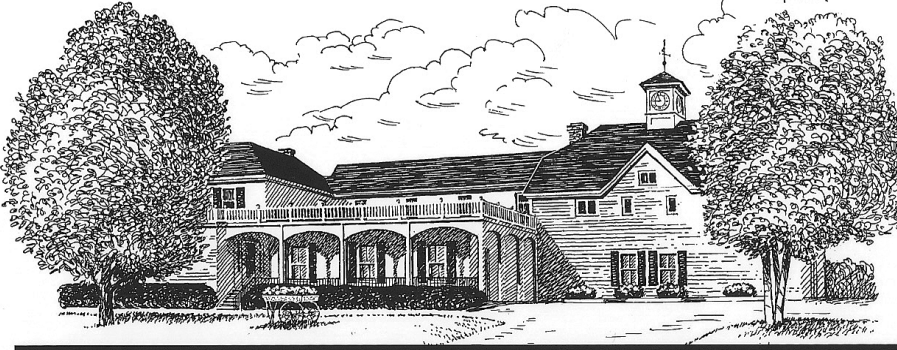
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Courier visits Iceland



Anna O'Connor, center, her children, John and Sarah, and The Cape Courier, visited the Sólheimajökull Glacier in the southern part of Iceland during a six-day trip this summer with extended family members. "It was a fantastic trip," Anna wrote in an email to The Cape Courier. John is a freshman at Cape Elizabeth High School, and Sarah is a senior.

Cape writer to read from new book next month

Cape Elizabeth resident and former Portland Poet Laureate Marcia Brown recently published her first nonfiction book, "Well Read, Well Fed - A Year of Great Reads and Simple Dishes for Book Groups," published by Sellers Publishing, Inc.

Twelve of the 24 essays in the book center on the pleasures of reading, with themed lists of reading suggestions by month. The other essays are on food and cookery and include seasonal recipes.

Readings are planned at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 1, at Longfellow Books at 1 Monument Way in Portland; and at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 22, at the Falmouth Memorial Library, 5 Lunt Road.

The co-host of the Local Writers at the Local Buzz group's monthly readings, Brown has written four books of poetry: "When we Invented Water," published by Moon Pie Press in 2014; "What on Earth," published by Moon Pie Press in 2010; "Home to Roost: Paintings and Poems of Belfast Maine," 2007; and "The Way Women Walk," which was published by Sheltering Pines Press in 2006 after winning a 2005 Sheltering Pines Press chapbook competition.

Nominated for two Pushcart prizes, her work has been published in literary journals and anthologies, including Garrison Keillor's "Good Poems, American Places," published in 2011 by Penguin Books. Three of



Marcia Brown

her poems have been read on NPR's "Writer's Almanac."

As Portland Poet Laureate from 2013 to 2015, she edited the 2013 anthology, "Port City Poems, Contemporary Poets Celebrate Portland, Maine," published by Maine Poetry Central, which was a finalist for the 2014 Maine Literary Awards. She also launched the Words Matter Visiting Poets Series, presenting Tony Hoagland, at Portland's Hanaford Hall in April 2015.

The book is for sale at area book stores and on Amazon and Barnes & Noble.

Cape Elizabeth resident **Jennifer DeSena** was named Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage's "Broker of the Month" for superior sales for August.

More Neighbors on page 16

Correction: The Courier's Sept. 16 issue printed the wrong first name of Cape Elizabeth resident **Peter Eastman**. Eastman grew up on Turkey Hill Farm on Old Ocean House Road and granted a conservation easement on the land to the Cape Elizabeth Land Trust in 2009 to ensure protection of the 23-acre property's natural resources and allow the farm to continue being used for agriculture, recreational and educational purposes.

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