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Special events zoning approved

By Bob Dodd

The Town Council voted unanimously to create a new zoning district that allows "small scale, hospitality venues on large properties" in residential zoning districts, as long as certain criteria are met.

The action was taken at the council's Nov. 4 meeting.

The ordinance change creates a special event zoning district that permits – and sets standards for – weddings and other similar events on private property where property owners are compensated, as long as there is adequate buffer from abutting neighbors.

Councilor Jamie Wagner, chair of the council's ordinance committee, explained that the proposed new ordinance restricts the events to a maximum of 275 attendees and 8 hours per event. The events also must be on property that is a minimum of 15 acres

—see ZONING, page 4



Photo by Martha Agan

One of Cape Elizabeth's many wild turkeys, near the entrance to Crescent Beach State Park.

Former land trust director: 'The best is yet to come'

By Wendy Keeler

Chris Franklin, who stepped down from his job as executive director of the Cape Elizabeth Land Trust early this month after 12 years with the organization, has encouraging words for CELT members, Cape Elizabeth residents and the next CELT director about the future status of protected space in Cape Elizabeth.

"The best is yet to come," Franklin said several days before leaving the 30-year-old organization, which conserves and provides stewardship for land in town. "Right now the acquisition of strategic properties is the important step, but the real benefit will come when there is a cohesive whole and not isolated properties."

To fulfill its "goal of a connected system of trails and habitats," Franklin said, the organization needs to continue taking

advantage of "this window we have to do local land conservation. The time to do this work is now because in the future my sense is that in suburban towns like Cape Elizabeth, most of the decisions will have been made about what lands are going to be protected and which lands are going to be developed."

When the Nov. 25 issue of The Cape Courier went to print Nov. 19, CELT board members were finalizing the hiring of the next person to lead the organization.

"CELT expects to announce a new executive director in the next week or so," President Anne Carney said on Nov. 17. "We know community members will want to share in the news and excitement, so please check our website, capelandtrust.org, for updates after Thanksgiving."

With his wife starting a job as a nurse

practitioner, Franklin said, the timing felt right for him to pursue new interests. The Franklins have three children and live in Cumberland.

"I have done nonprofit conservation work for 25 years. I think that work will always be there for me and will always be a part of my life, but I'm 48, and if I want to do something different, now's the time," he said. "I'm very interested in the local foods movement and ways that businesses can support producers through new products and new markets."

CELT's next director will lead a very different organization than the one Franklin joined as the organization's first full-time director.

"Under Chris's leadership, CELT grew

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As new library nears completion, Scherma reflects

By Elizabeth Brogan

Jay Scherma began his job as director of the Thomas Memorial Library on Halloween 1995 and now, 20 Halloweens gone by, his planned retirement is just on the other side of the new year and scheduled completion of a \$4 million library renovation.

"Jan. 22 will be my last day," Scherma said in a Nov. 13 interview. Although a new director had yet to be chosen, the town in the "process of reviewing and winnowing" 39 applications, Scherma seemed confident about the library's future and a smooth transition in which he will briefly overlap with and orient the new director.

Changing libraries

Asked how libraries have changed over recent decades, Scherma described the library's move through "parallel technologies" and how while "as a culture, we're in love with the new," value remains in the old, posing "enormous challenges" for libraries and their budgets: "How do you keep up with patron demand in all the formats people are interested in?"

For Scherma the answer is in cooperative ventures such as the Minerva network, a resource-sharing consortium of which Cape Elizabeth is one of the founding members, and which he calls the "greatest single change at Thomas Memorial Library."

"The next step will be cooperative collection development," Scherma said. "The notion of radical autonomy will have to give way to cooperatism."

"Libraries are the most cost-effective means of transmitting cultural data," Scherma said. Not only good value for their traditional uses, Scherma sees libraries becoming social centers. "We're campfires or Sunday dining room tables ... places where the stories go back and forth that define who we are."

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What are you grateful for? What do you love about living in Cape Elizabeth?

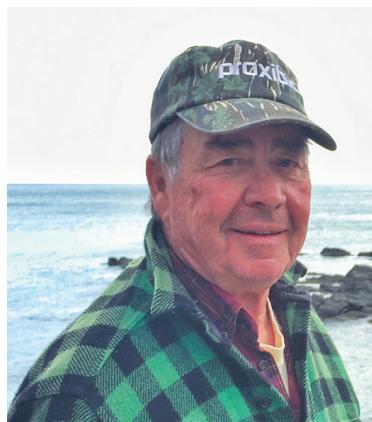


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Richard Keenan: "The ambiance of Cape Elizabeth. My wife and I built this house here over 20 years ago. I told her I wanted crashing waves, and she got me crashing waves."

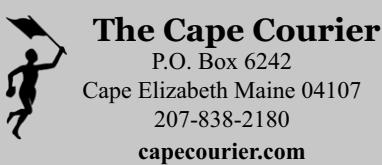
Janet Villiotte: "I love living here because of the proximity to the ocean and to Portland. It's a great place to raise a family. The community is long established and values its rural history, yet is vibrant and active."

Penny Jordan: "I am grateful that we live in a community that supports its farms ... and that our neighbors know what it means to support their farms."

Jim O'Rourke: "I've lived here for 22 years. It's safe. Schools are good. It's nice."

Savannah Braxton: "I'm thankful for the library renovation, because I go to the library a couple of times a week and Fort Williams, because it's fun to visit and really beautiful."

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Kudos to Powers

I would like to publicly recognize Barbara Powers for the splendid work she did as the head of the 250th Cape Elizabeth anniversary celebration. She put together a great selection of activities, gathered many volunteers to execute the plan, put in many hours herself, resulting in a wonderful tribute to our town. Thank you, Barbara, for a job very well done!

Rosemary Townsend

Thanks from Altenburg

Thanks to all who voted in the recent municipal election and to all the candidates who were willing to serve. I am truly honored, humbled and grateful for the trust placed in me by the voters of Cape Elizabeth. I look forward to working with the rest of the school board in service to our schools and community.

Heather Altenburg

Garvin, 'proud and honored,' looks ahead

I am so proud and honored to have been elected to the Town Council. I would like to thank everyone that supported my campaign, and all those who turned out to vote for all of the candidates. In an off-year election, we should be proud of the turnout and participation at the polls.

I want to congratulate Jessica Sullivan and Sara Lennon. I look forward to serving with them and the rest of the returning councilors. I'd also like to extend my warmest regards to Imogene Altznauer, Roger Bishop, Alex Miller and Victoria Volent. Thank you for standing up to run. It is certainly no easy endeavor, and it was a pleasure to get to know all of you during the campaign.

I'd also like to congratulate the newly elected School Board members: Heather Altenburg, Elizabeth Scifres and John Voltz. I look forward to working collaboratively with them towards our collective goal of stewardship of Cape's outstanding schools. Thank you, too, to Bill Gross – not only for running, but for his tireless efforts volunteering in the schools.

As I said throughout the campaign, I am passionate about this amazing community. I can't wait to get to work.

Jamie Garvin

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Judy's Pantry appreciates community support



Photos by Ted Haider

At top, volunteers setting up on a Tuesday pantry day. Facing forward are, from left, Beth Owens, Marti Meyers, Joanne Woodward and Nancy Miles. Below: donated produce.



Judy's Pantry has had a very busy summer season! Cape's own food pantry continues to serve 50 families, averaging 25-35 each week. To date, our local farmers and gardeners have donated 4,771 pounds of fresh produce. Nonperishable and monetary donations help round out our offerings of basic groceries to Cape residents coping with food insecurity.

We wish to offer our heartfelt thanks to Rev. Ruth Morrison and the entire CE United Methodist Church, the Lions Club, CE-South Portland Rotary, the community gardeners, our postal workers and Pond Cove School, as well as Alewives Brook, Jordan's, Green Spark, Imelda's Garden, and Maxwell's farms for partnering with us to make this resource available to those in need. The

individual gifts of funds and food, and the hours given by our dedicated corps of volunteers also provide crucial support.

The Pantry is an amazing example of many facets of our community working together to achieve the common goal of combating hunger. The spirit of giving is clearly alive and well in our town all year long, and as we enter the holiday season, we would all do well to remember that "need knows no season." Please keep Judy's Pantry in mind as you plan your year-end charitable giving. For more information, contact Nancy Miles at nmiles@maine.rr.com. Send checks to "Judy's Pantry" in care of Nancy Miles, 243 Bowery Beach Rd., Cape Elizabeth.

Janet Villiotte for the Judy's Pantry Organizing Committee

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NATURAL HAPPENINGS

Winter Solstice arrives Dec. 22



Photo by Martha Agan

A bluebird at work finding a meal in a winterberry plant.

**By Erika Carlson Rhile,
CELT Education Committee chair**

Dec. 7: Conjunction of the moon and Venus: The crescent moon will be within two degrees of Venus; look to the east just before sunrise.

Dec. 13-14: The Geminids meteor shower is considered by many to be the best shower in the heavens, producing up to 120 multi-colored meteors per hour at its peak. The shower runs annually from Dec. 7-17, and peaks on the night of the 13th and morning of the 14th. The crescent moon will set early in the evening leaving dark skies for what should be an excellent show. Best viewing will be from a dark location after midnight. Meteors will radiate from the constellation Gemini but can appear anywhere in the sky.

Dec. 22, 11:47 p.m.: Winter solstice ar-

rives. Cozy up; it's winter! Sunrise will be at 7:11 a.m., sunset at 4:06 p.m..

Dec. 25: Full moon. This full moon was known by early Native American tribes as the Full Cold Moon because this is the time of year when the cold winter air settles in and the nights become long and dark.

- To attract downy, hairy and red-bellied woodpeckers (and squirrels!) hang suet feeders.
- Bright red winterberry, *Ilex verticillata*, will stand out in wetland areas. Maine is the northern limit of the range for this plant.
- Sometimes groundhogs and skunks are winter roommates. Skunks are lazy and let the woodchuck do the work of digging the den, and then join them in hibernation.
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Tues.	12/15/15	Fryeburg A.
Thurs.	12/17/15	Biddeford
Sat.	12/19/15	Traip Acad.
Tues.	12/22/15	Westbrook
Sat.	1/2/16	Marshwood
Tues.	1/5/16	Poland
Sat.	1/9/16	Lake Region
Tues.	1/12/16	York
Fri.	1/15/16	Kennebunk
Mon.	1/18/16	Freeport
Fri.	1/22/16	Yarmouth
Tues.	1/26/16	Greely
Fri.	1/29/16	Biddeford
Tues.	2/2/16	Falmouth
Thurs.	2/4/16	Fryeburg A.

Cape Varsity Girls play the opposite schedule regarding home and away venue, but times vary.
<http://schedules.schedulestar.com/Cape-Elizabeth-Cape-Elizabeth-ME/season/11-06-2015>

Committee to resolve pickleball v. tennis issues

By Bob Dodd

The Town Council voted, on Nov. 4, to create a committee to recommend a plan for using the town's tennis courts to accommodate "pickleball" as well.

Pickleball is a paddle sport somewhat similar to tennis, but that uses only half of the court. It has attracted a serious following and appears to be growing in popularity in town.

The town has added lines to the tennis courts in Fort Williams Park to test accommodating both sports. However, not everyone is happy with the results.

"Particularly the tennis players have been very upset," said Town Manager Mike McGovern.

The committee will consist of two members each from the Fort Williams Advisory Committee and the Community Services Advisory Commission. The school athletic director will also be part of the committee.

In an Oct. 13 memo to the council, chair of the FWAC, Lise Pratt writes that the introduction of pickleball raises questions about facilities use in the park.

"It has also become clear that accommodating this new sport should be considered on a communitywide basis," adds Pratt, and "that it is not an issue we can or should resolve within the park alone."

The council has asked the committee to report its findings by March 1, 2016.

Town offices closed Nov. 26 and 27 for holiday

Town Hall and Thomas Memorial Library will be closed Thursday and Friday, Nov. 26 and 27. The Recycling Center will be closed on Thursday according to its regular sched-

ule, but will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 27. For pool and fitness center hours, please check the Community Services website at capecommunityservices.org.

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Winter is coming: Bring hoops away from road

The town is reminding residents that it is not too early to move portable basketball hoops away from the roadside. Hoops need to be 10 feet or more from the roadside to avoid snowplow damage.

"The heavy-steel rims on basketball hoops

are about the same height as the mirrors and warning lights of the town snowplows and can do substantial damage," said Public Works Director Robert Malley. Of course, the snowplows can damage the basketball hoops as well.

Dog licenses for 2016 now available

Dog licenses for 2015 will expire on Dec. 31. Dogs may now be registered for the new year online at Maine.gov or in person at Town Hall.

A current Maine rabies certificate for all dogs and proof of spaying or neutering for new dogs is needed.

Maine law requires all dogs to be licensed each year. Dogs licensed after Jan. 31, 2016 will be assessed a \$25 late fee. The regis-

tion fee is \$11 for an intact dog or \$6 for a spayed or neutered dog. Registration online is \$1 more (and only available until Jan. 31, 2016).

Up to 90 percent of registration fees go directly to the State of Maine Animal Welfare Program to support investigations of cruelty to animals.

For more information visit the town website, or Maine.gov or call 799-0881.

Zoning

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held in common ownership and that lie fully within the overlay district. No more than 12 events per year are allowed per site, and amplified music must end by 10 p.m.

No one spoke at the public hearing on the proposed new regulations.

Town officials have been working on the proposed ordinance since becoming aware of wedding events being held at the Sprague Corporation's Wentworth Lodge at Ram Island Farm. Members of the Sprague family have been working closely with the town

planner and the Planning Board in the drafting of regulations to govern such special events in Cape Elizabeth.

The special events ordinance does not just apply to Wentworth Lodge, however. It applies to any large residential property in town.

Wagner explained the new regulations were for the purpose of setting allowable event standards, rather than to encourage more of them. He said the restrictions and standards proposed in the ordinance were recommended because they were similar to ones adopted by other Maine communities.

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Franklin

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from a fledgling land trust with a handful of properties conserved to a nationally accredited organization," Carney said. "We have learned so much from Chris and been so fortunate to have him as our leader. He's helped our community preserve many unique and beautiful properties, and his influence on Cape Elizabeth will literally be felt forever."

In 2003 when Franklin started, CELT had an annual budget of \$40,000. Now the land trust has a nearly \$300,000 budget, more than 660 acres of conservation land, and 29 properties, including Jordan Farm, Robinson Woods I and II, Trundy Point and Turkey Hill Farm – holdings CELT acquired while Franklin was director.

Two of the properties – Jordan Farm and Robinson Woods – are especially significant to Cape Elizabeth, Franklin said.

"They are all spectacular in their own right, but I think Jordan Farm is important because not only does it have great ecological value, but it preserves part of the town's culture and heritage and it's a fundamental part of our community," he said. "Robinson Woods is such a remarkable property with such a great history. The property had been in the same family since the 1720s and is an iconic part of the local landscape."

The near-completion of a crosstown trail connecting Portland Head Light to Kettle Cove is another important accomplishment in recent years, Franklin said.

"There are now just two small parcels that don't have deeded public access," Franklin said. "The neat thing about this story is that the idea for the crosstown trail dates back to 1974, and that's before we had any of the conservation properties we have now other than Portland Head Light and Kettle Cove."

Which land acquisition the land trust should focus on next is "hard to say," Franklin said. "There are parcels that have exceptional habitats that would be important to protect. There are lots of agricultural properties that are important culturally to the community, and their preservation would benefit the town in many ways. Then everything we do circles back to people in the community, so obviously the trails are important, as is access to the trails from the



Chris Franklin and his son Jesse, 11, stop for a picture in October during one of the three-and-a-half hour, seven-mile crosstown walks that Franklin led twice a year in Cape Elizabeth.

neighborhoods."

During Franklin's years with the organization, CELT has expanded its educational and volunteer programs and opportunities and also its ties with community members and groups.

In addition to working closely with the Cape Farm Alliance, CELT funds and sponsors educational programs in the Cape Elizabeth schools for students in grades two, four and eight – with another program in the works for third-graders. CELT also offers year-round workshops, walks, talks, film screenings, book discussions and outdoor activities for preschoolers through senior citizens.

Protecting and preserving Cape Elizabeth land is the mission of CELT, but Cape Elizabeth residents are at the heart of the success of the organization, Franklin said.

"Land preservation is really about relationships. This work is so heavily dependent on and originates from our volunteers," Franklin said. "I have enjoyed immensely being able to work with so many great people in this community."



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A call for 'courtesy' on town trails

A press release issued by Town Planner Maureen O'Meara on Nov. 16 reminds residents that Cape Elizabeth's 23 miles of public greenbelt trails, 17 miles of which are managed by the Conservation Commission on behalf of the town, are multiuse trails requiring courtesy by all users.

"Most trails have walkers, bikers, dog walkers, cross-country skiers and runners," O'Meara said. "Some trails are also used by horseback and snowmobile riders. All trail users should be courteous of others on the trails."

When conflicts with trail users are reported to the Conservation Commission, its approach is to engage with user groups to (1) collect information about trail use; (2) educate trail users about what is considered courteous use of trails and; (3) make changes to trail use policy if needed. O'Meara says the Conservation Commission has been successful in mitigating conflicts and preserving trail access.

All trail users should leave the trails in the same condition or better than they found them.

O'Meara reminds dog walkers that dogs off-leash must still be under control on public open space. If a pet tends to lunge at other dogs, people, bikers, etc., it should be on a leash. Assume trail users do not want your dog menacing or jumping on them, even if your dog is "just being friendly."

In March, the Conservation Commission reviewed dogs on greenbelt trails at the request of dog owners who wanted to preserve greenbelt access. After a general use assessment, which included public comment from dog owners, the commission agreed to install additional signage regarding dog waste and also added a pet waste station.

In the spring of 2016 (date to be determined), the Conservation Commission will revisit dogs on trails. Dog walkers are heavy greenbelt trail users and benefit other trail users by keeping vegetation down and snow packed in the winter. Like any other user group, dog walking is managed to preserve trail use for all. Public comment will be welcome at the spring meeting. Until then, dog walkers are encouraged to put their best "paw" forward as they share the trail with others.

Trail users are also reminded that hunting in accordance with state law is allowed on the largest open spaces on the western side of town. Anyone wishing to use a deer stand on town open space must include their contact information on the deer stand, a state requirement, and must also obtain a permit from Police Chief Neil Williams.

Finally, snowmobiles are allowed on trails on the Town Farm and Gull Crest. Snowmobile use has resulted in great grooming for cross-country skiers. Again, trail users are encouraged to be courteous when encountering others on our multiuse trails.

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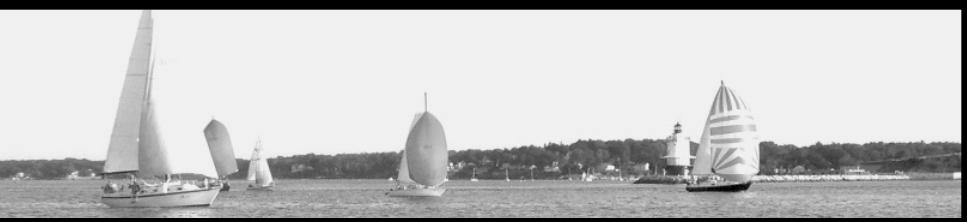
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Chris Lynch 207.650.0283 | \$490,000

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COMPLAINTS

- 10-25 An officer met with a resident of the Mitchell Road area about a possible attempted burglary of a garage.
 10-27 An officer met with a resident of the Fowler Road area about a theft of political signs.
 10-27 Two officers responded to a residence in the Bowery Beach area for a domestic disturbance.
 10-27 An officer met with a resident of the Shore Road area about a criminal mischief complaint. An unknown vehicle had been driven across his lawn leaving ruts and damaging shrubbery.
 10-29 An officer met with a resident of the Shore Road area about the theft of a GoPro camera.
 10-29 A representative of a local business dropped off a purse left behind by a customer. The owner was identified and property returned.
 10-29 An officer responded to a residence in Broad Cove for a well-being check.
 10-30 An officer met with a resident of the Sawyer Road area about a misuse of credit ID.
 10-31 An officer met with a resident of the Ocean House Road area about the resident's dogs, which had attacked a skunk. The owner was able to get the dogs off the skunk and call the police. The skunk left the area and was not located. The owner was served with quarantine notices for the dogs.
 11-2 An officer met with a resident of the Broad Cove area about a bad check complaint.
 11-1 Two officers responded to a residence in the Mitchell Road area for a well-being check.
 11-4 Two officers responded to a residence in the Scott Dyer Road area to remove a subject who was in violation of an eviction order.
 11-4 Two officers responded to a residence in the Bowery Beach Road area for an unwanted party. The subject of the complaint left without incident.
 11-4 An officer met with a resident about a

- harassment complaint.
 11-6 Two officers met with residents of the Shore Road area about a domestic disturbance.
 11-6 An officer met with a resident in the Mitchell Road area about a trespass complaint. The subject was located and warned to stay off the property.
 11-6 An officer met with a resident of the Scott Dyer Road area about the theft or loss of an iPad.
 11-8 Two officers responded to a residence in the Scott Dyer Road area for a well-being check.
 11-8 An officer met with a resident of the Shore Road area about a misuse of credit ID complaint.
 11-8 An officer met with a resident of the Shore Road area about a bicycle theft. The bike is described as a 21-speed red and silver Trek 3500.
- SUMMONSES**
- 10-27 Cape Elizabeth resident, speeding (49/30 zone), Shore Road, \$185
 10-27 Cape Elizabeth resident, speeding (49/30 zone), Sawyer Road, \$185
 10-27 Cape Elizabeth resident, uninspected vehicle, Hill Way, \$133
 10-28 Ohio resident, operating without a license, Route 77
 10-31 South Portland resident, seatbelt violation, Spurwink Avenue, \$70
 10-31 Portland resident, operating after license suspension, Scott Dyer Road
 11-4 Portland resident, uninspected vehicle, Wells Road, \$133
 11-4 Cape Elizabeth resident, criminal trespass, Orchard Road
 11-6 Portland resident, operating without a license, violation of conditions of release, Spurwink Avenue.
 11-9 Cape Elizabeth resident, criminal trespass, Orchard Road
- ACCIDENTS**
- 10-31 Angela Yates, accident on Ocean House Road
 11-3 Pham Trai, Brian Smiley, accident on Ocean House Road
 11-5 John Hartley, accident on Oakhurst Road

ARRESTS

- 11-2 Portland resident, warrant, Spurwink Avenue
 11-3 Cape Elizabeth resident, warrant, Hemlock Hill Road
 11-4 Cape Elizabeth resident, criminal trespass, Orchard Road
 11-6 Portland resident, operating without a license, violation of conditions of release, Spurwink Avenue
 11-9 Cape Elizabeth resident, criminal trespass, Orchard Road

FIRE CALLS

- 10-29 Running Tide Road, cooking fire
 10-30 Scott Dyer Road, cooking fire
 10-30 Scarborough Mutual Aid
 10-31 South Portland Mutual Aid
 11-6 South Portland Mutual Aid
 11-7 South Portland Mutual Aid

RESCUE CALLS

There were 19 runs to Maine Medical Center. There were 2 patients treated by rescue personnel but not transported.

Safe travels this holiday season



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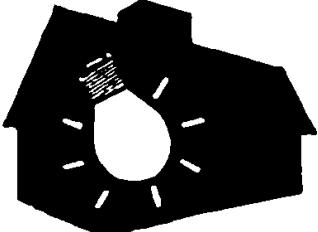
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Cape Rotarians raise money to fight polio



South Portland-Cape Elizabeth Rotarians raised money to fight polio on Oct. 24 at "Polio Dine Around" dinners that three Cape Elizabeth families hosted. Showing how close the world is to total eradication of polio, are, at top left, center; host Nancy Hawes, with, from left, Jack Roberts, Shari Roberts, Kathy Cotter and Mike McGovern. Above, Alicia Danielson, far left, hosted guests, from left, Diane Anderson, Bill Anderson, John LoBosco, Dan Davidson, Edie Davidson and Sue LoBosco. At left, MaryAnne and Mike Tranfaglia, third and fourth from left, hosted Tom Meyers, Marti Meyers, Scott Irving, Priscilla Yerxa, Dick Yerxa and Sue Sturtevant. The dinners raised more than \$1,000 for Rotary International's global polio eradication initiative.

South Portland-Cape Elizabeth Rotary Club members joined Rotarians around the world last month in raising money to eradicate polio.

Cape Elizabeth Town Manager Mike McGovern, who chairs Rotary International's PolioPlus Program, joined a panel of ambassadors, polio survivors and celebrities at "End Polio Now," streamed live from New York City on Oct. 23, "World Polio Day." At the annual event, speakers give an update on the status of the fight to end polio and "invite voices around the world to join the conversation," said South Portland-Cape Elizabeth Rotarian Jim Britt, who is proud of the part McGovern plays in the international effort.

"There are 33,000 Rotary clubs in over 200 countries, and 1.2 million Rotarians, all volunteering their time and talents to serve communities and the world. It's an incredible thing to have Mike McGovern on this global stage, leading Rotary International's worldwide effort to eradicate polio," Britt said.

The night before that event, Cape Rotarians did their part by hosting "Polio Dine Around" events. Rotary Club members volunteered to host dinners, and guests at the dinners donated money to fight polio. This year's event raised more than \$1,000.

HOLIDAY GATHERING

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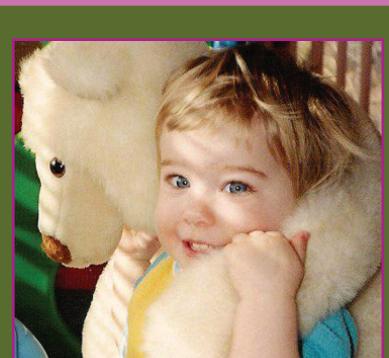
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Cape Scouts, Lions collect for food baskets



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Cape Elizabeth Scouts Tommy and Johnny Gray prepare to sort food for food baskets for Cape Elizabeth families in need on Nov. 7 at the Cape Elizabeth Lions' clubhouse. Every year, the Cape Elizabeth Lions Club and Cape Elizabeth Boy Scouts collect nonperishable food items – soup, pasta, canned vegetables, fruits and more – for the baskets, which 10 families received last Thanksgiving and 13 families received at Christmas. Donated items can be placed in the Lions' food collection box located in the lobby at IGA. Contact Rich Brooks at 767-2733 or rich@brookscpamaine.com for more information about the holiday basket food collection.

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Ten Cape singers to perform in Dec. 19 concert

Ten Cape Elizabeth singers will perform with the Musica de Filia Girlchoir and Women's Choir in "A Musical Tour of Dickens' London" on Saturday, Dec. 19, at South Portland High School. Meg Brewer, Elisabeth Brewington, Bella Eremita, Hannah Frothingham, Emma Frothingham, Ali McAlister, Ava Morse, Bethany O'Meara, Molly O'Sullivan and Hannah Walsh will

sing in the holiday concert, set for 2 p.m. in the school auditorium, 637 Highland Ave.

The show will include narration by Louis Philippe, music by the Exchange Street Quartet, and dancing.

Admission is \$15 for adults and \$8 for students and seniors. Tickets are available online at musicaholiday2015.brownpaper-tickets.com and will be for sale at the door.

Foundation seeks people who were posted at fort

The Fort Williams Park Foundation is seeking to connect with veterans and family members posted at Fort Williams during the years when it was a thriving military base.

Partnering with students at Cape Elizabeth High School, foundation members will film an historical narrative through interviews with veterans who can describe life at the fort back then.

Foundation members hope to hear from people "if you are someone, or if you know someone, who was based at Fort Williams and who would be willing to participate in this effort," said Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society member Jim Rowe, who is involved in the project.

Call Rowe at 712-7598 or email him at jrowe1@maine.rr.com.

Coldwell collecting gifts for families in need

Cape Elizabeth's Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage office is collecting holiday gifts for children and families served by Opportunity Alliance of Maine.

The Portland-based organization, which serves people in need, provides early education and child care, nutrition programming, advocacy, mental health and substance-

abuse treatment, and basic needs. The agency serves more than 20,000 people in the state every year.

New, unwrapped gifts can be dropped off at the office, located at 295 Ocean House Road, through Friday, Dec. 11. Contact Kathy Duca at kathy.duca@nemoves.com or 799-5000 for more information.



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Eight from Cape to dance in 'Nutcracker'



Cape Elizabeth dancers in the Maine State Ballet production of "The Nutcracker" are, from left, front row, Hailey Fallon, Lucy Shaw, Francheska Knott; back row, Faith Buckley, Lily Mackenzie, Maria Schelasin and Mike Mackenzie. Sophia Schelasin is not pictured.

Eight Cape Elizabeth dancers will perform in the Maine State Ballet's "The Nutcracker," at the Merrill Auditorium in Portland Saturday, Nov. 28, through Sunday, Dec. 6

Faith Buckley is a member of the corps. Hailey Fallon and Francheska Knott are reindeer. Lily Mackenzie is a member of the company and Mike Mackenzie is a mouse and a Chinese dancer. Maria Schelasin is a Russian dancer. Sophia Schelasin is a soldier and Lucy Shaw is a little page.

Performances are set for 2 and 7 p.m. Saturdays, Nov. 28, and Dec. 5; 7 p.m. Friday Dec. 4; and 2 p.m. Sundays, Nov. 29, and Dec. 6.

Tickets are \$21-\$66, and discounts are available for groups, seniors and children. Call 842-0800; go to mainestateballet.org or tickets.porttix.com, or to the Merrill Auditorium box office, 20 Myrtle St., from noon to 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday, to purchase tickets. Call 781-7672 or go to mainestateballet.org for more information.

CAPE CALENDAR

By Wendy Derzawiec

Thursday, November 26

Thanksgiving Holiday, Town Hall, Thomas Memorial Library closed. Recycling Center will have regular Thursday closure.

Friday, November 27

Thanksgiving Holiday, Town Hall, Thomas Memorial Library closed. Recycling Center open regular Friday hours, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Tuesday, December 1

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

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

Thursday, December 3

Recycling Committee, 7 p.m., Public Works

Tuesday, December 8

School Board Executive Session, 6 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

Wednesday, December 9

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

Monday, December 14

Town Council, 7 p.m., Town Hall chamber
School Board Caucus, 7:15 p.m.-7:45 p.m., Superintendent's Office, Town Hall

Tuesday, December 15

Planning Board, 7 p.m., Town Hall chamber
Ongoing each week

Al-Anon, Regular meeting 7:30 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Nov. 28 & 29; Dec. 5, 6, 12 & 13 - 11:30 am

School Board (live)

Dec. 8 - 7 p.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals (live)

Dec. 9 - 7 p.m.

School Board replay

Dec. 10 & 11 - 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.

Dec. 12 - 9 a.m.

Zoning Board replay

Dec. 12 & 13 - 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.

Dec. 13 - 9 a.m., 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.

Town Council (live)

Dec. 14 - 7 p.m.

Planning Board (live)

Dec. 15 - 7 p.m.

Rotary Christmas tree sale to begin Nov. 27



Photo by Wendy Keeler

South Portland-Cape Elizabeth Rotary Club members, from left, Adrienne Murphy, Marge Barker and Mike McGovern helped people select trees and wreaths in December 2014, during the club's annual Christmas tree sale fundraiser.

The South Portland-Cape Elizabeth Rotary Club's 53rd annual Christmas tree sale will open at 9 a.m. Friday, Nov. 27, at Mill Creek Park in South Portland.

The club, which ordered close to 2,000 Maine-grown trees this year, has sold Christmas trees to raise money for community charitable causes since 1962.

"Every penny raised is used for community and international endeavors such as scholarships, local improvement projects, donations to local food pantries, Rotary hu-

manitarian projects, and many other charitable programs," said Rotary member Bill Anderson, who is heading up the tree sale.

Based on demand in past seasons, trees will continue to be primarily in the six- to eight-foot range. Five- to six-footers, trees taller than eight feet, tabletop trees, and wreaths also will be available at the fundraiser.

"We appreciate the continued support of the community and are looking forward to another great season," Rotary Club President Scott Irving said.

RE/MAX collecting toys; open house on Dec. 3

RE/MAX Oceanside will hold its annual holiday open house, which includes a toy collection, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 3, at 1237 Shore Road. The event will be open to all community members.

In addition to serving food and drink, agents will collect "stocking stuffer" toys for the Barbara Bush Children's Hospital's "Owwie Box," from which kids choose treasures after they have medical proce-

dures. Toys will be collected through Friday, Dec. 18.

RE/MAX is a national sponsor of the Children's Miracle Network, and the Barbara Bush Children's Hospital is the local affiliate. Every realtor in the Cape office donates a portion of each home sale to the BBCH.

Contact Vicki Kennedy at 799-7600 or vicki@oceansidemaine.com for more information.

Cape resident to sing with 'Renaissance Voices'

Cape Elizabeth resident Eric Kawamoto is part of the 20-voice a cappella ensemble, Renaissance Voices, which will present a holiday concert, "Christmas with Renaissance Voices" at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 19, and at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 20, at the Cathedral of St. Luke, 143 State St. in Portland.

Renaissance Voices, which Harold Stover directs, was formed in 1994 and has since performed throughout Maine and on Maine Public Radio.

This year's holiday concert features music from Renaissance Voices' namesake period by Felice Anerio, Heinrich Isaac, Cipriano de Rore and Silviano Marazzi.

New music and works by women will be represented by "Tota Pulchra Es" by Ange-

lina Figus of Italy and "Now May We Singen" by English composer Cecilia McDowall. Alessandro Scarlatti's "Laetatus Sum, O Heiland, Reiss die Himmel Auf" by Johannes Brahms, a few carols, and seasonal readings by the singers will round out the program.

Admission will be \$15 at the door. Discount tickets, \$12, are available by cash or check until 5 p.m., Friday, Dec. 18, at Starbird Music and Longfellow Books in Portland, at the Book Review in Falmouth, and online at renaissancevoices.net. Student admission is \$5 at the door and identification is required.

Audience members are invited to a reception after the concerts.

Go to the group's website or call 729-4958 or 782-3524 for more information.

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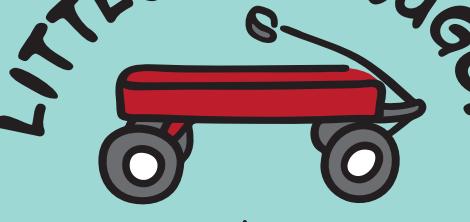
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December programs at library will feature crafts, songs and stories

Most of the library's regular schedule of children's programs for fall have ended, but plenty of special programs are being offered.

Children's performer Jeannie Mack will present a "Winter Songfest" especially for families with children 2 to 6 years old from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. on Saturday Dec. 12.

Audience members will sing and act out songs about making snowmen, twirling around like snowflakes, sledding down hills, drinking hot chocolate, and the upcoming holiday season. This participatory program will feature clapping, dancing, and hand and finger games, all to do with the magic of winter!

Throughout the month, there will be similar programs for a variety of ages, including several "Make a Gift for Your Grown-Up" programs, silly stories, holiday card-making, and more. The complete schedule for these programs can be found on the library's website.

Due to its popularity, the library's Wednesday afternoon after school program, "Creativity Lab," will continue during December. School-aged kids, in both elementary and middle school, are invited to drop in between 2:30 and 4 p.m. to use a different set of materials to make a creative work of art each week.

Musical Story Hour with Jud Caswell will take place again on Thursday, Dec. 3. The program, which features songs and musical games, as well as stories with Jud's original music accompaniment, runs from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m., and all are welcome!

On Thursday, December 17 at 10:30 a.m.,



Children's performer Jeannie Mack will present a Winter Songfest on Dec. 12

the library will present a special story time all about taking care of our teeth with special guest, Dr. Pete, a.k.a. Dr. Peter Carignan from Cape Dental Care. Preschoolers are invited to join Dr. Pete for a fun, silly, and educational story time to help get kids excited about taking care of those pearly whites.

In addition, the library has a number of special children's story times, craft programs, and other events planned for its final month in the old building. Complete details about December children's programs and events are listed on the library's website.

Coach Mims to talk 'fantasy sports' Dec. 3

Cape Elizabeth assistant football coach Chris Mims will give a presentation on how to play, join in, organize, and strategize fantasy league sports including football, baseball, hockey, and more.

The program will take place at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 3. Questions and curiosity are encouraged. Fantasy sports leagues are for all ages – school age through elder years. All are welcome.

The library will be closed Nov. 26 & 27 for Thanksgiving

Work moves indoors at new library



Photo by Molly MacAuslan



Photo by Rachel Davis

Above, Library Building Committee members Martha Palmer, left, and Mary Kate Williams-Hewitt during a tour of the new library construction on Nov. 12. At left a boy enjoys the children's section of the temporary library on Nov. 4.



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Cape Robotics team wins Judge's Award



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Cape Robotics Team 56B, from left, Jasper Hansel, Mac Brucker, Federico Giovine and Haley Fawcett were finalists in the Southern Maine VEX Robotics Tournament held Nov. 14 at Cape Elizabeth High School. The team won the Judge's Award for team members' approach to the design process, qualifying them for the Maine State VEX Robotics Championship in mid-February.

High school bands, choir to perform Dec. 10 at CEHS

Cape Elizabeth High School's symphony band, wind symphony and concert choir will perform at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 10, in the CEHS auditorium. The free concert will be open to the public.

The choir, directed by Joanne Lee, will perform five pieces, including "Deep Peace" by Steve Kupferschmid; "Adir Hu," a traditional Hebrew folk song arranged by Kristin Howell; "Go Down Moses," arranged by David Eddleman; and "Sam was a Man," by Vincent Persichetti. The choir worked on "Sam was a Man" this fall with guest conductor Michael Braz, a music educator, composer and clinician.

Led by CEHS Music Director Thomas Lizotte, the symphony band will perform John Klohr's "Billboard March," the Celtic ballad "Polly Oliver" by Thomas Root, and the first part of Robert Sheldon's sea song trilogy "Chanteys."

The wind symphony will reprise Andrew Boysen's composition "Cape Elizabeth Sketches," commissioned in 2011 by the Cape Elizabeth music boosters and the Cape Elizabeth Education Foundation.

The piece depicts the life of four Cape Elizabeth residents: film director John Ford, film actress Bette Davis, Cape Cottage postmistress Annie Burke and runner Joan Benoit Samuelson. The wind symphony also will perform Percy Grainger's "Ye Banks and Braes O' Bonny Doon" and "Rondo," from Robert Jager's "Third Suite."

Send us your senior news and photos!

The Courier would like to hear from Cape Elizabeth senior citizens who have story ideas about news, upcoming events, profiles and features related to seniors in town. We also invite Cape seniors to send us photographs. Please email Wendy Keeler at communityeditor@capecourier.com.

**The deadline
for the Dec. 16 issue
is Dec. 4 at noon.**

Seniors rake for seniors



Photo by Harry Queeney

Cape Elizabeth High School seniors, from left, Peter Tarling, Tommy Brett, Bryce Hewitt, Joe Carignan, Nate Ingalls and Logan Hansen take a break from leaf raking on Campion Road on Nov. 8 when CEHS seniors did yard work for Cape Elizabeth's older residents as part of the Senior to Senior program. Before they graduate, all CEHS seniors spend three hours doing free services for Cape Elizabeth senior citizens.

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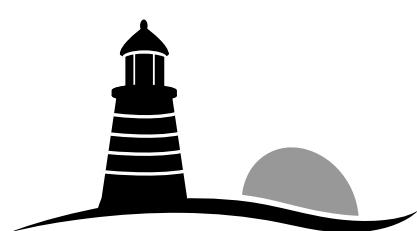
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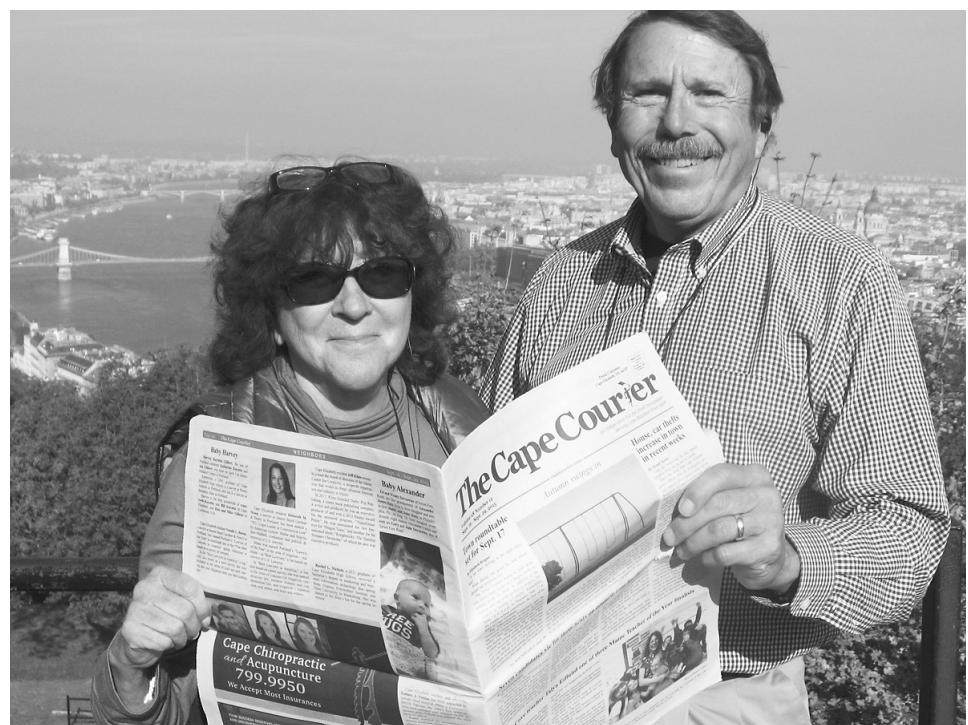


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Courier vacations in Budapest



Cape Elizabeth residents Ellie and Chris Speh read the Courier at the Citadel atop Gellert Hill overlooking the Danube River in Budapest, Hungary, at the conclusion of a 10-day cruise through Romania, Bulgaria, Serbia, Croatia and Hungary.

Work of 30 artists to be exhibited in show at Ocean House Gallery

A show featuring works by more than 30 artists will open on Friday, Nov. 27, at Ocean House Gallery & Frame. An opening reception is planned that day from 5 to 8 p.m.

Many of the artists whose works will be exhibited will attend the opening event, including Cape Elizabeth artists Cooper Dragonette, Mary Anne Cary, Paula LaVerty and Ann Hecker, and artists Lynne Drexler, Ralf Feyl and Sam Cady.

All of the works in the show will be for sale. Contact Graham Wood at 956-7422 or oceanhousegallery@gmail.com, or visit oceanhousegallery.com for more information. The gallery is located at 299 Ocean House Road.

Cape Elizabeth resident **Phipps Moriarty** was recently elected a Sterling Fellow at Yale University in New Haven, Conn. He is a 1989 graduate. Sterling Fellows are recognized for their loyalty and generosity to the university.

Phipps has served as an alumni interviewer and an athletic recruiter, is president of the Yale Club of Chicago and the Yale Club of Chicago Foundation, and is a member of the university's development council.

He has supported the Yale Lacrosse Association since he played for Yale in the 1980s and also supports the Yale Swimming Association. His grandfather Phil Moriarty was a Yale and Olympic swimming and diving coach.

Tom Tinsman was named "Broker of the Month" at **Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage** for superior sales in October. He is a lifelong resident of Cape Elizabeth.



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Holiday luncheon for seniors on Dec. 16

Community Services will hold its annual "55-Plus Christmas Party" on Wednesday, Dec. 16, at the Purpoodock Club.

The event will run from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and will include lunch and live entertainment.

The cost is \$25, and the deadline for reg-

istering is Wednesday, Dec. 9.

Register at capecommunityservices.org; at the Community Services' office at the Community Center, 343 Ocean House Road; or by calling 799-2868.

The Purpoodock Club is located at 300 Spurwink Ave.

Poet, novelist, nonfiction writer to do readings on Nov. 28 at Local Writers group event

Three Maine writers will read from their works of fiction, nonfiction and poetry Saturday, Nov. 28, at the Local Writers at The Local Buzz group's monthly reading event at The Local Buzz café and wine bar. The free event, which will be open to the public, will run from 4 to 5 p.m.

Scarborough resident Douglas W. Miliken is the author of four books: the novel, "To Sleep as Animals"; the codex, "White Horses," and the pocket-sized collections, "Brand New Moon" and "Cream River," the last of which will be released this fall. His writing has earned awards from Glimmer Train, McSweeney's, and the Salt Institute for Documentary Studies.

Appleton poet Ellen Taylor is the author of three poetry collections: "Letters from the Third World," "Floating," and the just-released "Compass Rose," published by Moon Pie Press. Taylor teaches creative writing and literature at the University of Maine at Augusta and is particularly interested in stories and poems of marginalized peoples. From UMA, she received a Distinguished Scholarship Award and a trustees' research award to develop a course on literature of the

Holocaust, and she finished a Fulbright grant at the University of Ljubljana in Slovenia. Her poetry has been published in magazines that include The New England Review, the North American Review and TriVia.

Cape Elizabeth author Marcia F. Brown, who co-hosts the Local Writers at The Local Buzz monthly readings, is the author of four poetry collections, including "When We Invented Water," published in 2010 by Moon Pie Press. She served as Poet Laureate for the City of Portland, Maine from 2013 to 2015. She will read from her first book of essays and food writing, "Well Read, Well Fed ~ A Year of Great Reads and Simple Dishes for Book Groups," published this year by Sellers Publishing. Her work is widely published in literary journals and anthologies, including Garrison Keillor's "Good Poems, American Places," published by Penguin Books in 2011. Her essay, "Maine's First Graffiti Artist," written for Maine Home + Design Magazine in 2013, will appear in the 2016 edition of the W.W. Norton college textbook, "The Norton Field Guide to Writing."

Go to capelocalbuzz.com for more information.

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Rent Nordic ski equipment at Nov. 30 event

Community members who want to rent Nordic ski equipment from December through March will have an opportunity to do so from 4:30 to 6 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 30, at the Cape Elizabeth Community Center, 343 Ocean House Road. Maine Winter Sports will do fittings that day.

People planning to attend should download a rental form from the Community Services website, communityservices.org, to take to the event with the \$65 rental fee.

This winter, Community Services will

offer a noncompetitive Nordic parent-child program for new and intermediate skiers at Gull Crest Fields. The focus will be on activities and games to improve balance and increase comfort on skis. Parents are encouraged to participate.

The program will run from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. every other Sunday from Jan. 10 to Feb. 28. The fee is \$65 per child.

Register on the Community Services' website, at the CECS office, 343 Ocean House Road, or by calling 799-2868.

'Shrek the Musical' to open at Portland Players

"Shrek the Musical" will open on Friday, Dec. 4, and run through Sunday, Dec. 20, at the Portland Players, 420 Cottage Road in South Portland.

Set in a mythical "once upon a time" sort of land, the plot revolves around a green ogre who retreats to an ugly green swamp to exist in isolation after being mocked and feared his entire life by anything that crosses his path. When a gang of homeless fairytale characters — Pinocchio, Cinderella, the Three Pigs, and you name it — raid his sanctuary, saying they have been evicted by the vertically challenged Lord Farquaad, Shrek

strikes a deal: "I'll get your homes back, if you give me my home back." But when Shrek and Farquaad meet, the lord promises to give the fairy tale characters their homes if Shrek rescues Princess Fiona. Shrek, who obliges, finds something appealing but different about the princess.

Showtimes 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.

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Cape travel soccer team wins Classic Cup



The Cape Elizabeth Sevilla under-12 girls' travel soccer team won the Soccer Maine Fall Classic League's Classic Cup on Nov. 8 in Freeport. After beating Saco 4-0 in a semifinal match, the team went on to win the championship game against Kittery 6-2. Team members are, from left, front, Claire McDonald; middle, Virginia Weiss, Camden Woods, Maddie Mahoney, Ellie Gagne, Mia Ramsden, Ella Bromage, Katharine Blackburn, Elise Branch, Leah Lindenau, Ali Bragg, Carmen Erickson, Julia Trowbridge; back row, head coach Rian Branch and assistant coach Mike Erickson. Analise Gordon and Eva Connor are not pictured.

Liam Simpson wins ECAC championship

Liam Simpson, a sophomore at Williams College in Williamstown, Mass., won the individual title at the 2015 Eastern College Athletic Conference Division III Cross Country Championships on Nov. 7 in Williamstown.

Simpson, a 2014 Cape Elizabeth High School graduate, had a running time of 26:24.13 in the 8-kilometer race.

"At the ECAC race, Liam orchestrated his race to perfection. He made his move at the right time and then he held off a finishing kick by an Amherst runner to win," Williams head coach, Peter Farwell, said. "We've been really excited about Liam's year. A year ago he was all banged up, but he trained all summer and came back vastly improved. As the season progressed he started engaging in workouts that brought him closer to our top seven runners."

For his performance in the race, Simpson was named the Corvias ECAC Men's Cross Country Runner of the Week for the week ending Nov. 8.

Eva Brydson, a 2015 CEHS graduate, placed 46th in the ECAC championship

in Williamstown on Nov. 7. A freshman at Connecticut College in New London, Conn., she led her team in the race.

The ECAC Division III race falls between the New England Small College Athletic Conference championship race and the National Collegiate Athletic Association regional championship race, the latter of which determines which teams and individuals go to the NCAA Championship race. Schools' runners, who compete at the NESACCs, generally sit out the ECAC race so they will be fresh for the NCAA Regionals.

In the NCAA New England Regional race on Nov. 14, Simpson was the 47th finisher overall in a field of 380 runners.

When The Cape Courier went to print on Nov. 20, Simpson was planning to go to the NCAA Championship race in Winneconne, Wisc., as the team's alternate.

"We're very confident in Liam performing well, and we're happy he will be our insurance card this weekend," Farwell said on Nov. 16.

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CEHS basketball teams to play alumni Nov. 28

Members of Cape Elizabeth High School's boys' and girls' basketball teams will compete against CEHS alumni in games planned Saturday, Nov. 28 at CEHS.

Members of the girls' team will face off against women alumni at 6 p.m., and players on the boys' team will compete against a men's alumni team at 7:30 p.m. Contact Julien Murphy at julesmur@gmail.com or 799-9018 for more information.

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Average # Days on Market:	47	57	+ 17.5%
Median Sale Price:	\$465,000	\$364,750	- 27.5%
Median List to Sale Price Ratio:	98.0%	98.3%	+ 0.3%
Median # of days on market:	18	24	+ 25.0%
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Cape Methodist's Jolly Snowman Fair on Dec. 5

The Cape Elizabeth United Methodist Church's annual Jolly Snowman Christmas Fair is set for 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, at the church, 280 Ocean House Road.

The fair will feature crafts, ornaments, wreaths, baked goods, candies, knit items, a "Hidden Treasures" room, a lobster roll

luncheon and a silent auction. Auction items will include homemade items, getaway weekends, jewelry, and other items donated by local businesses.

The luncheon will run from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Go to ceumc.org for more information about the church and events.

Luncheon, 'Hanging of the Greens' on Dec. 6

The Cape Elizabeth Church of the Nazarene plans a potluck lunch at noon on Sunday, Dec. 6, after the 10:45 a.m. service.

Then parishioners will decorate the church for the Advent season during the "Hanging of the Greens."

The church plans a Christmas candlelight service at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 23.

The services and events are open to all. People unable to attend the services can watch a live stream at watch.capenazarene.org or on the church's Roku channel.

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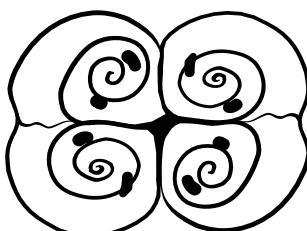
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Gratitude

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Roki Harr: "For me, it's the country feel and the proximity to the metropolitan area. For me, it's an easy commute."



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Chip Kelley and his dog, Baxter: "Fort Williams. Baxter loves it."

What are you grateful for? Let us know at editor@capecourier.com

Scherma

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"We are coming back to the notion of common space ... a safe space to woolgather, think outside your box and explore," a notion "very consciously" reflected in the almost-completed new library.

A new space

"The citizens are going to be really happy with this new building," Scherma said from his temporary office in the basement level of the old Spurwink School building. "It deliberately evokes [the Pond Cove Annex, which previously housed the adult fiction and nonfiction stacks], without slavishly replicating it."

It will be a place "where it's OK to just be ... as an individual or in a small group. We want people to customize the space for their needs," a priority reflected in details such as chairs on castors for easy rearrangement.

The new space is designed to bring in as much light as possible. The second floor adult reading room, with its banks of traditional single-paned, double-sashed windows facing south and west over the roofline of Pond Cove School, will boast "some of the most spectacular sunsets that Cape Elizabeth provides."

Patrons can look forward to not just the return of full collections and inviting spaces, but tutorial and meeting rooms; gaming rooms equipped with some of the most popular consoles, open to all ages; and a media room ready for green screen and editing technology.

Pride and gratitude

"I am very proud of everything we've been able to do over the years," said Scherma, noting a long list of accomplishments including work with the schools, The Fam-



Photo by Elizabeth Brogan

Jay Scherma

ily Place, and an early recognition of the role of libraries in early childhood development, for which Scherma gives credit to the library staff. "We've been able to provide an enormous amount of services and a very robust collection."

"I am very grateful to the citizens and the government of Cape Elizabeth for their ongoing support of the library as an institution," said Scherma, noting the "phenomenally successful" fundraising and support of the "Friends" group (with book sale receipts equal to those of three-times-larger South Portland) as well as the foundation and capital fundraising. "I like to think we've given people a return on their investment."

As Scherma is himself a resident of Cape Elizabeth, library users may expect to see him around "at least for a brief period." With retirement plans still under discussion with his wife, Ann, he predicts: "We'll chase the sun to some degree. It will be a new adventure."

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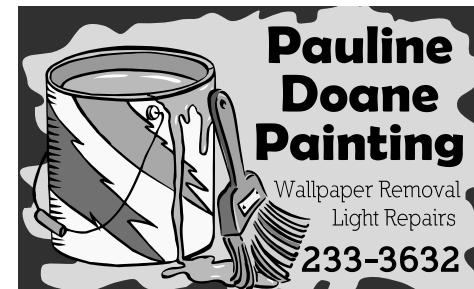
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Cape Elizabeth resident Martha Duncan reads the Courier while taking a break from the heat in Croatia as she walked along the Walls of Dubrovnik, which are nearly a mile and quarter in distance. "Croatia has much to offer the tourist with the Adriatic Sea, Roman ruins, fantastic National Park, great food and bustling Zagreb for those who like city life," Duncan wrote in an email to The Cape Courier.

... and then vacations in Portugal



Cape Elizabeth resident Cam Wilson reads the Courier earlier this month in Sintra, Portugal. A junior at Bentley College in Waltham, Mass., Cam is studying art and playing lacrosse for Tilburg University, in Tilburg, Netherlands, this semester. He is a 2013 graduate of Cape Elizabeth High School.

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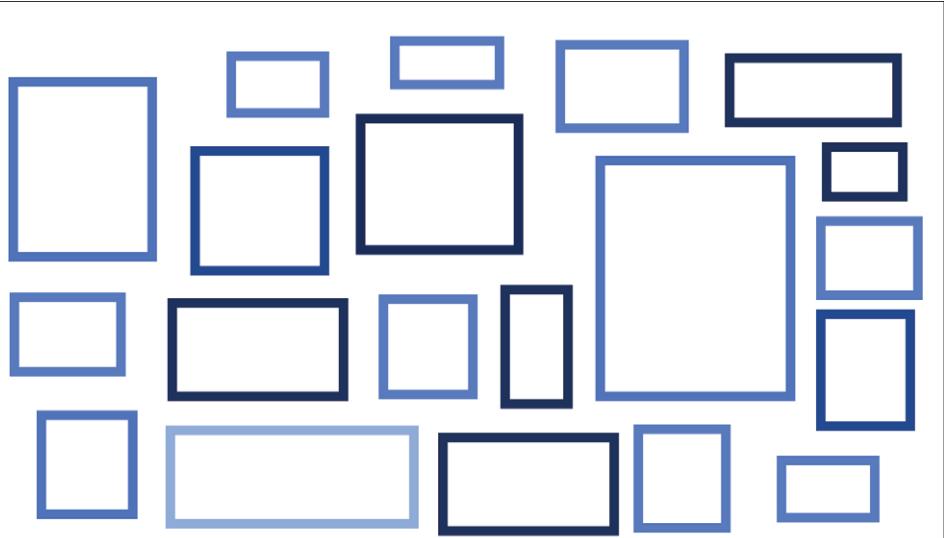
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