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Hearing set for Dec. 11 on off-leash dog area in Fort Williams Park

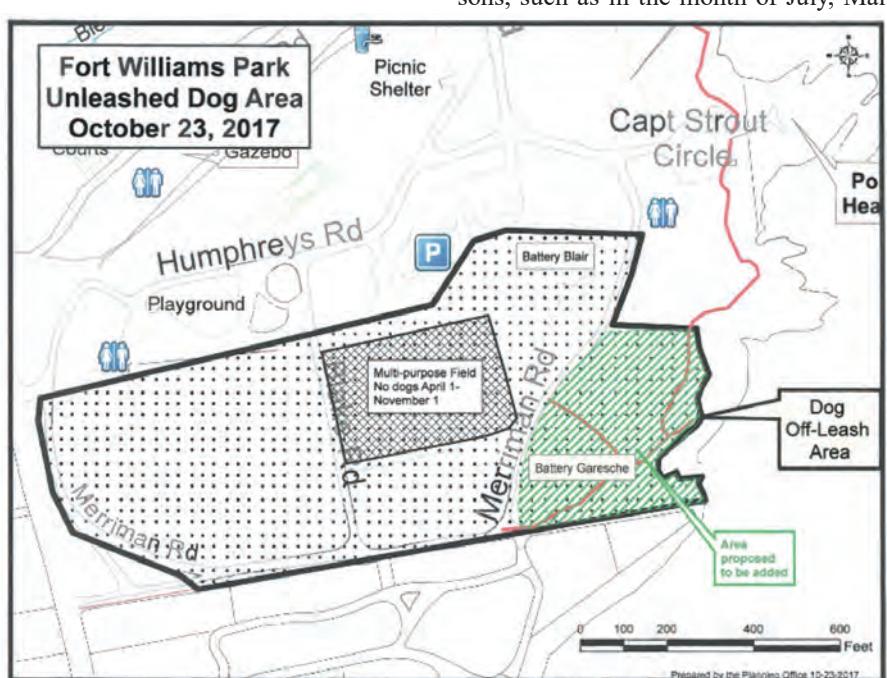
By Kevin St. Jarre

The Town Council will hold a public hearing on Dec. 11 on a proposal to expand the unleashed-dog area in Fort Williams Park, but restrict use of a central portion of that area, the multipurpose/athletic field, to only winter months. Youth soccer holds its practices and games on that field in the fall.

Currently dogs may be off-leash in a 20-acre area behind the parks-maintenance garage, bounded roughly by Harrison and Merriman roads. The proposal would extend the area east beyond Merriman Road to include a portion of the "green" and wooded area that surrounds Battery Garesche. While this would make it seem as if the area would grow in size, there would actually be a net reduction. Fort Williams Park is approximately 90 total acres. The total acreage of the unleashed dog area if approved as proposed would be approximately 16 acres, not including the multipurpose athletic field, a reduction of the useable space by four acres. In the remaining 74 acres, which include the most scenic and visited portions of the park, dogs must be on-leash, ideal for those who do not wish to be around dogs that are off-leash.

If the proposal is adopted, dogs would be prohibited off-leash from the multipurpose playing field that lies in the center of the unleashed-dog area from April 1 to Nov. 1. The original proposal, made by the Fort Williams Park Committee at a Sept. 21 meeting, was for dogs to be restricted from the multipurpose field from April 15 to June 15 and then again from Aug. 15 to Oct. 15 each year.

However, Public Works Director Robert Malley suggested the prohibition period



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Happy Thanksgiving



Photo by Kim Case

The last of the fall foliage on a sunlit day on the Great Pond Trail

keeping dogs off the field should be changed, and instead be from April 1 to Nov. 1, and the Town Council Ordinance Committee agreed with him, making its recommendation on Oct. 27.

When reached for comment, and asked why dogs should be prohibited from the multipurpose field even between sports seasons, such as in the month of July, Malley

said, "The purpose of the prohibition is to protect the integrity and safety of the field since it is an athletic field, a town asset and not just some open space that is conducive to exercising dogs. I also felt it would be easier for walkers to remember that it was off-limits for a set period of time."

When asked if he would agree with those who point out that soccer cleats perhaps do more damage than running dogs, Malley said, "Yes, but there is also the issue of feces on the field at times."

Asked if the prohibition would apply to those parents who bring a dog onto the field while watching their children play soccer, Malley said, "I have no problem with someone bringing their leashed dog to an athletic event. In fact the dog ordinance currently states that they must be leashed or tethered on any of our athletic fields."

He also points out that trash left behind is always a concern at any of our public facilities. The park has a 'Carry In, Carry Out' policy which is similar to the policy in all state of Maine parks. It is our hope that attendees and/or teams take out whatever they took in."

The multipurpose field is approximately 73,000 square feet. The proposed added area is approximately 140,400 square feet, but includes unusable space for active play with dogs, such as the former battery and woods to the Cliff Walk.

CELT Plans to Expand Robinson Woods

Cape Elizabeth Land Trust (CELT) recently signed an agreement to purchase nearly 52 acres of beloved Robinson family lands off Shore Road. This agreement will ensure that the land remains open and available for our community, now and forever.

The new property connects to the existing 145-acre Robinson Woods Preserve that is the flagship property of CELT. The current owners of the property already allow limited public access to some of the property, and for many users the land is already considered an extension of Robinson Woods. The entire area is heavily used by walkers, mountain bikers, Nordic skiers, snowshoers, school field trips, and dog-walkers. The new preserve would also provide easy recreational access from a few additional abutting neighborhoods. Once this new land is acquired, the entire preserve will be just under 200 acres, which will be the largest parcel of permanently conserved land in Cape Elizabeth.

This week, Anne Carney, CELT's outgoing President, announced, "We are so pleased to be recognized by the Land for Maine's Future Program for grant funding of this wonderful addition to the Robinson Woods Preserve. LMF supports

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Randall, Christopher Straw elected to Town Council

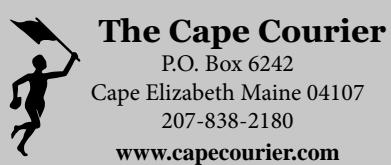
Valerie A. Randall and Christopher M. Straw were elected to the Town Council in the municipal election Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2017.

Randall led the field of four candidates for two Town Council seats with 1,700 votes, followed by Straw's 1,370, according to unofficial results announced Tuesday night. Candidate Peter McCarthy received 1,161 votes, and James Tasse got 1,044.

Mohammed N. Shir and Hope E. Straw ran unopposed for two open School Board seats and were elected with votes of 2,328 and 2,445, respectively.

In the state referendum, Cape voters supported an expansion of Medicaid in the state, and voted overwhelmingly against a proposed casino for York County.

Voter turnout was 44 percent, "well above the average for an 'off-year' election," Town Clerk Debra Lane said Wednesday morning. Nineteen percent of the ballots cast were absentee.

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Proposed Cell Tower by Crown Castle

How many cell towers do we need? The planning board has already approved one 180 ft. tower at 14 Strout Road, now they are set to approve a second 180 ft. tower submitted by Crown Castle, less than a quarter mile away and less than three months after approving the first tower. The second tower will be closer to the Cross Hill neighborhoods, potentially causing unwanted health risks from electromagnetic radiation. The nearest houses to the second tower are in the range of 700 ft. to 900 ft., as opposed to a safe minimum distance of 1400 ft. quoted by articles from online research. The planning board is supposed to do what is best for the residents of Cape Elizabeth, not what is best for a big corporation like Crown Castle. The ordinance stresses that service providers "co-locate antennas, equipment and facilities on a tower and site, unless satisfactory evidence is presented and the town concurs that technical constraints prohibit co-location." Where is this evidence? All we have seen and heard is that cellular coverage will be about the same, not better, that doesn't sound like a good enough reason to approve a second tower. If the planning board approves this second tower with no "satisfactory evidence," what is to stop a third or fourth tower from being constructed? Nobody wants the planning board to set that precedent.

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Is a second tower needed?

Right now in Cape there are two companies vying for towers less than 600' apart. The Strout Tower has already been approved, the second applicant, Crown Castle, is being fast tracked through the entire process. From what I witnessed at meetings, it appeared as though the town council and the planning board had made decisions prior to the applicant providing any details. In an email Maureen O'Meara said "The Town has received countless public comments supporting better cell phone service as a public safety need." I agree, but no evidence to support coverage improvement or expansion was ever shown. I am really trying to understand why the second tower is even needed? The planning board kept talking about not wanting to create a tower "monopoly," from my perspective, Crown

Castle has the billions in revenue to push others out. That's how I see this playing out and I don't think it seems fair. I would imagine a small Maine town would support the local family business instead of giving into a multi billion dollar company. In my eyes the goal of the planning board, in addition to guiding the growth of the community, is to do what's best for the community and residents. In this situation, I can only think that this plan put forth by Crown Castle benefits two parties. Crown Castle and Jordan Farms. It does not benefit anyone else, or at least that's what I can gather from all of the details of the proposal.

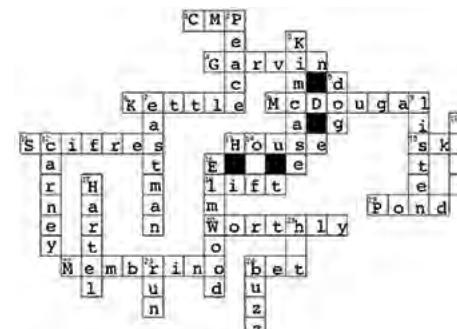
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Thanks for the support

I would like to thank all the voters of Cape Elizabeth who supported me in my run for Town Council. This was my first political campaign, and I learned a lot from it that will be useful should I run again. I am happy to be able to continue serving the town on the Conservation Committee.

James C. Tasse

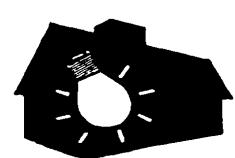
Solution to Nov. 8 Cape Cross



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It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to Russell Packett who passed away on Halloween morning following a very brief but brave battle with cancer. Russell, 57, was the Director of Community Services in Cape Elizabeth since 2012. He oversaw programming for kids and adults, including all activities at its pool and fitness center. He will be greatly missed by the community of Cape Elizabeth. Our heartfelt condolences go out to all his family and friends and those that worked with him at Community Services.

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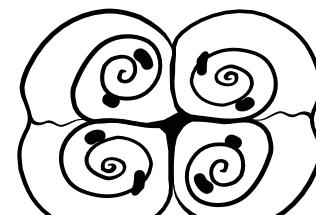
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Cape Elizabeth Then and Now: Cape Cottage Casino

By Marta Girouard



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With the arrival of the electric trolley to Cape Elizabeth, Cape Cottage Park opened in 1898 and became a very popular entertainment area. It consisted of a theater and Cape Cottage Casino, and also offered bathhouses, gazebos and refreshment stands. The Casino pictured on left in 1900, was designed by John Calvin Stevens (check out page 4 for more on Stevens) and became famous for its cuisine. With the demise of the transportation by trolley, it was sold in 1922 to Harry E. Baker and was transitioned to a residence. Pictured on right is the building present-day; it is now used as a pre-school facility.

Thanking our veterans



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Bear Cub Scouts in Pack 30 along with their leaders Jen Gray and Todd Ketcham, visited the VA Clinic in Portland to thank the veterans for their service. The children made cards, baked goodies, and they brought bags and bags of their Halloween candy to share with the veterans as a token of their thanks! The visit brought smiles to everyone from the kids to the staff of the VA clinic to the veterans. Pictured left to right: Copper Justh, Duke Lawler, Danny Gray, Jack Schoenbaum, Luke Schoenbaum, Charles Bonetti a Veteran of the Korean War, Zabina Zimmermann (a Brownie in Troop 120 - holding Charles' hat), Finnigan Ketcham, Max Zimmermann, Domenic Linnell

Maine poetry advocate and decorated veteran to read at The Local Buzz

On Saturday, November 25, from 4–5 PM, Local Writers at The Local Buzz (327 Ocean House Road) will host poet Dennis Camire and Marine Corps veteran, Craig Grossi.

Dennis Camire is the author of "Stone by Stone," "Poems About the Art of Dry Stone Walling" (Finishing Line Press), "Unidentified Flying Odes" (Moon Pie Press), and "Bioluminescing" (Sheltering Pines Press). His fourth poetry collection, "Combed By Crows," has just been published by Deerbrook Editions. In 2007 Dennis founded the nonprofit Maine Poetry

Central which curates the Portland Poet Laureate Program in support of Maine poets and poetry. Dennis' poems have been featured in the Spoon River Poetry Review, Poetry East Magazine, Mid American Review, Maine Public Radio, Off the Coast, and The Hamilton Stone Review. He has taught composition and creative writing at numerous southern Maine colleges and currently teaches college writing at Central Maine Community College.

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CEHPS presents: John Calvin Stevens Revisited

By Jim Rowe



Photo by Jim Rowe

Pictured is Paul Stevens presenting on the architecture and art of his great-grandfather John Calvin Stevens, who designed a number of homes in Cape Elizabeth

On November 13, the Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society was honored to welcome Cape Elizabeth High School and University of Pennsylvania alumnus Paul Stevens as a guest speaker. Mr. Stevens is a senior architect and former principal at the prestigious SMRT Architecture and Engineering, PC, where he has spent an entire 50 year career. He is also the great-grandson of eminent architect John Calvin Stevens (1855-1940), designer of many landmark homes and buildings in our local area and beyond.

The program focused on the architecture and art of John Calvin Stevens. Paul Stevens transported his audience to the late 19th and early 20th centuries, effectively coordinating family and professional photographs with a compelling narrative.

John Calvin Stevens's career began modestly in a loft studio in downtown Portland in the 1880s. In order to impress visitors, several drafting tables were positioned

around the studio, each with apparent plans in progress "to make him look busier than he was," according to Paul Stevens.

His reputation as an outstanding architect quickly grew, however, as did his status in the Portland business community. He was president of the Chamber of Commerce, and was a Rotarian, among other associations. He was a contributing designer of the Portland City Hall following the catastrophic fire there in 1908. He also designed several prominent Portland office buildings and mansions, some of which survive today.

Notable examples of John Calvin Stevens's residential architecture can be seen here in Cape Elizabeth. He designed many of the homes (once cottages) in Delano Park and elsewhere along and near the Cape shore. The homes are distinctive for their shingled exteriors and multiple gables and dormers. They were designed as extensions of the landscapes upon which they sit. Perhaps his most notable design in Cape Elizabeth was the Cape Cottage Casino (1898—see our "Then and Now" feature on page three), a portion of which endures today as a private residence and pre-school facility (now without the distinctive wrap-around porches of yesteryear).

Stevens counted many of Greater Portland's best-known citizens as clients and friends. One of these was celebrated artist Winslow Homer. Stevens designed Homer's studio at Prout's Neck and his commission was paid with a large Homer seascape. Today, the painstakingly restored studio is owned by the Maine Historical Society, which offers tours.

John Calvin Stevens was an extremely talented and prolific artist in his own right, specializing in pen-and-ink drawing, watercolors, and oils. He was a member of the "Brush'uns," a group of local gentlemen who would gather each Sunday at Delano Park to

paint land- and seascapes. At his peak, Stevens would average one finished painting per week. Many of the works reside today in collections of family members. Paul Stevens shared slides of several of these paintings in which the influence of Homer is very apparent. Many Stevens sketches and drawings have been donated to the Maine Historical Society, where they are safely catalogued and stored.

An appreciative audience left the program richly rewarded by a great-grandson's informative account of one of Maine's larger-than-life creative geniuses and historic personalities.

Cape resident honored for Community Leadership



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Pictured at the easel is John Calvin Stevens, (1855-1940), an eminent architect and artist



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Pictured are Dianne Nason and award recipient Imad Khalidi

employees are in recovery from addiction.

"My motto is: give people a chance," he said. "Hire them."

"How many people give us a chance in life? Many," added Khalidi, who was born in Jerusalem and moved to the United States in 1990 to serve as Executive Vice-President of Auto Europe in Camden, Maine.

"As an immigrant, many people gave me a chance," said Khalidi. "America gave to me, and I should give back. It's the right thing to do."

Khalidi said that close to 40 percent of his

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This holiday, be on the "knotty list." Introducing the Cowboy Yoyo®, one of the greatest American campfire games you've probably never heard of. Back in the day, cowboys used to play a game where they'd throw a one-handed loop over a weighted end of a rope—tying a knot in the line. Somewhere along the way, this became known as a "Cowboy Yoyo." Now they're handmade in Cape Elizabeth by Teddy Stoecklein, whose uncle David, a legendary Idaho cowboy, showed

him the ropes many years ago. "It's a skill toy that'll put a bur under your saddle at first, but give it a go. Once you figure it out, watch your friends wonder if it's a trick," says Stoecklein. He makes them from locally sourced wood and rope, and can even custom engrave them. They're the perfect gift for trail, camp, or beach, or just sittin' in front of the fireplace. You can find more, including video demos at CowboyYoyo.com. Happy Trails.

Join the "knotty list" at cowboyyoyo.com



Volunteers band trees to combat winter moth infestation



Photo by Ray J. Sapirstein

On Nov. 11, more than 50 volunteers helped members of the Fort Williams Park Foundation band trees at the Park to help combat infestation by the Winter Moth, an invasive species that has destroyed thousands of trees in Cape Elizabeth. The banding will prevent female moths from climbing the trees to lay their eggs. Pictured above are Cape Elizabeth tree warden Todd Robbins and Tom Atwell, a member of the Fort Williams Park board of directors, demonstrating application of tree banding to volunteers.



Photo by Kasey de Luca

Trees in Fort Williams Park sport banding applied by volunteers on Saturday. The banding will remain in place until spring, and may have to be reapplied in November 2018, when the Winter Moth egg-laying cycle begins anew.

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The Summer Reading Program: A Library/Foundation Collaboration

The Thomas Memorial Library and its Foundation have had an exciting year. Over the last year 144,000 items were checked out; that's over 485 items per day. The upsurge in the number of innovative programs and in attendees was even greater. There were 683 program with over 10,000 attendees. The greatest growth was noted in teen program participation (617 percent increase) and adult program attendance (107 percent increase).

The new Summer Reading Program provides an example of how the Foundation supports the Library.

The Library staff were familiar with the Children's Literacy Initiative's findings that when children don't read over the summer they can fall two years behind their summer reading peers by the 5th grade. This is called the "summer slide." Those lost skills have to be retaught at the beginning of the next school year at a cost to learning and to the education system.

The Library staff worked to revamp the Summer Reading Program for 2017 to make a bigger impact in reducing summer slide. Here's how the program worked. Participants tracked their progress on a reading log. As children progressed on the log, they came in for a spin on the prize wheel. Teens and adults received a raffle ticket for themed gift basket prizes in exchange for their completed chart. But how could the Library fund these prizes? The Foundation stepped in to help. And it worked. The program had almost 600 participants (294 children, 120 teens, and 164 adults) reading for fun and prizes.

Mary Capobianco, one of the Foundation Directors on the storytelling team, interviewed some of the participants. Here's a sample of their responses.

A group of four soon-to-be 2nd graders, all admitted that they signed up for summer reading program because their

mothers made them. But, all of them also admitted that they had fun completing the sheet. "There is lots of stuff to do on it besides read," one child shared. They explained that when they come into the library to claim their "spin to win" prize they also can land on a mystery choice space. The Mystery Choice gives them a library mystery to solve, like "Go around the library looking for characters with sunglasses". They all said they would sign up next year on their own.

A teenager with the summer reading sheet in hand said that he wanted to win the \$75 card to 'Diversions', so his mother told him to sign up. She checks off the books as he reads them. When asked would he have joined without the prizes, he answered honestly, "No," he laughed. "I wouldn't have."

A Cape Elizabeth Mom shared with one of the librarians that: "My children raced to the library to get their summer reading logs, and they couldn't wait to see the new activities. Each brought books with us everywhere this summer, including the beach, camping, and to visit family because they wanted to keep up with the program. I love that the summer reading program keeps us connected to the library and visiting regularly throughout the summer!"

Reteaching forgotten materials when students return to school reduces the time for new learning as well as increasing the costs of education. This makes the library's summer reading program beneficial for the students and their parents while also benefiting taxpayers.

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George Morse is the president of the Thomas Memorial Library Foundation.

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Cape residents to participate in holiday season show



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Pictured are the Cape Elizabeth residents participating in the show, with Artistic Director Anita Stewart. Front Row, Left to Right: Jack Hagan, Henry Trowbridge, Robbie Trowbridge. Second Row, Left to Right: Ryan Strack, Alexis Pilk, Julia Trowbridge. Third Row: Artistic Director Anita Stewart

This holiday season, the Portland Stage Mainstage Theater will transform into a 1940's radio studio with the production of "It's A Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play." Five professional actors and an ensemble of local children, many from Cape Elizabeth, will bring this classic to life with the sound effects performed live onstage. With this production, which will run Nov 24-Dec 24, the audience is the radio studio audience of

yesterday as actors play multiple roles to tell the story of George Bailey's renewal and rejuvenation. As the show progresses, the lines between the actors playing roles for the radio audience, and the real characters in the play begin to blur, and all are brought into the embrace of this nostalgic adaptation that gives the community a chance to experience this beautiful tale anew.

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Get to know: new Pond Cove Principal Jason Manjourides

By Kevin St. Jarre

Jason Manjourides is the new principal at Pond Cove Elementary School. In his first few months, he has been impressed with what he's found here in Cape Elizabeth.

"The community involvement is amazing. We have so many volunteers who support our students each day. We would not be able to accomplish all we do without them. I am overwhelmed by the dedication of our staff at Pond Cove as well. They continuously go above and beyond to support students and families," Manjourides said.

It is not every district where the elementary and middle schools are co-located in a single building. Manjourides said, "I was pleasantly surprised by how valuable it is to share a building with the middle school. Scheduling can be challenging with only one cafeteria, but the sharing of resources is efficient."

He said he believes one of the most important skills a leader can have is to be an effective listener, "Students and teachers most often have effective solutions to problems. At times they just need someone to help them put their ideas into action."

The inclusion of multiple points of view, and the listening to all voices, is key, according to Manjourides. "I truly enjoy working with all types of teachers and students. There is much to be learned through problem solving with a group of people who have various perspectives and approaches. I feel that this is what helps create a well-rounded and flexible school leader," he said.

This includes the voices of students, even as young as the are at PCES. Manjourides said, "Empowering students is one of our most important jobs. I see this happening all the time in classrooms. Providing students with choices helps them understand that they are in control of their own lives. We all want to feel that way."

This multi-voice approach is important to his overall vision for PCES. He said, "I am hopeful that teaching and learning will always be a collaborative process between students, parents, and teachers. The growth mindset will prevail and students will understand what they are learning and why it's important."

He suggests that teachers new to the profession collaborate with colleagues on a regular basis. "I would also stress the importance of valuing the process of learning, over the completion of products," he said.

When it comes to Performance Based Education, Manjourides is a strong supporter of PBE. He said, "We all deserve to fully understand what we are learning and why. Also, providing students with multiple pathways to demonstrate proficiency is very effective."

In these times of initiatives within education, there are still things to protect. Manjourides said, "The way the staff comes together to support students and families is amazing. I hope that we never lose that."

Manjourides comes to PCES after three years as an assistant principal for grades K-2 in Falmouth. He has more than 17 years experience in elementary education, including working as an interventionist, and grade-level teaching a various elementary schools. He has been an assistant principal at Songo Lakes Elementary School in Naples, and at Guy E. Rowe Elementary School in Norway. He has a master's degree in education from the University of Southern Maine, and a bachelor's degree in environmental planning and policy from the University of Maine at Farmington.

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Council turns to mediation before deciding status of Shore Acres paper streets

An October 2016 decision to extend the town's rights in Surf Side Avenue and Atlantic Place, two paper streets in Shore Acres, will stand while the town looks to broker an agreement among neighbors for how best to resolve the status of the streets.

The Town Council voted unanimously on Nov. 6, 2017 to direct Town Manager Matthew Sturgis to arrange for professional mediation, such as that offered by the Greater Portland Council of Governments, to bring together a forum of neighborhood residents and town officials to reach a compromise on the disputed streets. Sturgis is slated to report back to the council next month, with the forum's findings due in March 2018.

The town's rights in a third controversial paper street, Lighthouse Point Road near Two Lights, will also remain, after a motion to vacate those rights failed by a 5-2 vote Nov. 6.

The council had voted a year ago to extend rights in 32 of the town's 58 paper streets - streets that appear on subdivision plans but never accepted as public ways - for 20 years, part of the state's mandate for all municipalities to decide what they will do with their paper streets. At that time councilors also directed the Conservation Committee to develop a study on the feasibility of greenbelt trails on the three most controversial paper streets - Surf Side Avenue and Atlantic Place in Shore Acres; and Lighthouse Point Road in the Two Lights Terrace subdivision. Councilors were poised to accept that report in July, but instead voted 4-3 to begin vacation proceedings. The following month they rescinded that vote and have been discussing in workshops and executive sessions how best to resolve the conflicts.

Twenty-six people spoke at the meeting on November 6, most favoring acceptance or at least extending the right to accept the Shore Acres streets for public access.

Some, however, also suggested me-

diation. Sheila Mayberry, a resident of Trundy Road in Shore Acres, said mediation was not "kicking the can down the road," but rather a positive action to resolve disagreements in a civil way. "The stakeholders have never been able to engage in this type of productive problem solving," she said, identifying stakeholders as abutters opposed to a greenbelt trail on the streets, town officials, and the more than 700 citizens who signed a petition calling for acceptance of the paper streets.

Another speaker, former Town Council chair Jim Walsh, suggested a process similar to what led to ordinances regulating firing ranges and short-term rentals - both issues that began as neighborhood controversies. "I believe we have civility now in a lot of these neighborhoods," Walsh said. "I suggest to you as you move forward, apply the leadership to this contentious issue that you applied in those last two examples, to move this to a place that is good for all of the citizens of Cape Elizabeth," he said.

Councilor Penny Jordan made the initial motion for mediation on the Shore Acres paper streets. "Everything I've heard is that everything has been done in large forums, and you can't always do problem solving in large forums," Jordan said. "So my motion is to maintain the (paper street) extension and to form a group that will then work to solve the problem," she said.

After a two-hour debate, including a counter motion for a non-binding citizen referendum which failed 5-2, councilors voted to direct Sturgis to explore mediation-service options, specifying the Dec. 11, 2017 report date to the council, and the March 2018 target for reporting final findings.

Jamie Garvin, Town Council chair who suggested the greenbelt study last year, said he favored extending rights in the paper streets as long as it included an aggressive plan for resolution.

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Fees for single-use carry-out bags, ban on polystyrene foam approved

Cape Elizabeth joins a growing number of Maine communities regulating single-use carry out bags.

Following a public hearing, the Town Council on Nov. 6, 2017 approved an amendment to the Health and Sanitation ordinance requiring establishments that sell food in Cape Elizabeth to charge five cents for each single-use bag given to customers to carry home their purchase. The regulation is similar to those in Portland and South Portland.

A draft presented at the hearing applied the bag fee to all retail establishments, not just food stores, but the approved amendment affects only stores where food generates at least 2 percent of sales. "While behavior is starting to shift, it hasn't fully shifted to the point where people have an expectation that they might need their own reusable bag in any retail establishment they go into," said Jamie Garvin,

Town Council chair.

Councilors voted 4-1 to institute the bag fee, with Councilor Jessica Sullivan opposed. She said she saw the fee as inconvenience, and that there wasn't enough sales volume in town to make much of a difference. Councilors Caitlin Jordan and Penny Jordan were recused because of family ties to farm stands.

In a separate vote, councilors unanimously approved a second amendment to the same ordinance prohibiting the use of polystyrene foam food containers in town.

The ordinance amendments meet a 2016 council goal to consider banning all single-use plastic bags in retail establishments. Ecomaine's recent ban on plastic bags in the single-sort recycling stream was another reason cited for the ordinance amendment.

Town will seek new handler of compost at Recycling Center

The William H. Jordan Farm, handler of compost at the Recycling Center since 2005, will no longer be doing so.

The Town Council on Nov. 6, 2017 agreed to terminate the composting contract at the request of the farm. "(The) Wm H Jordan Farm, LLC (dba Jordan's Farm) has decided that the compost operation at the Recycling Center no longer fits with our business plan," reads a letter from farm representative Carol Anne Jordan. "Therefore, we would like to terminate our contract with the Town of Cape Elizabeth as of December 31, 2017."

Robert Malley, director of Public Works, told councilors that he believed

terminating the agreement would be mutually beneficial. "We've had other contractors expressing an interest in managing the program for us," said Malley.

Malley said he recommended the town continue to contract the program to a third party, "just from a marketing standpoint and from managing the incoming material that comes in." Use of a private compost contractor began as a pilot in 2000, and the program was taken over by the Jordan Farm in 2005.

Plans are to issue a request for proposals from contractors, due in January.

Town offices closed Nov. 23 and 24 for Thanksgiving holiday

Town Hall and Thomas Memorial Library will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 23 and 24. The Recycling Center will have its regular Thursday closure, and will be open regular

hours, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday, November 24. For pool and fitness center hours, please see the Community Services website.

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Cape Elizabeth Middle School concerts on December 13 and 14

The Cape Elizabeth Middle School Music Department will host concerts on Wednesday, December 13 and Thursday December 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the CEMS Cafetorium.

The Wednesday evening concert will feature the 5th Grade Chorus, 6th Grade Chorus, and 6th Grade Band. Thursday's concert will feature the 7th and 8th Grade Bands and Choruses. The

public is invited to attend the concerts, admission is free, and doors open at 6:30pm.

The Middle School choruses are under the direction of Emily Piller and the Middle School bands are under the direction of Caitlin Ramsey.

Cape Elizabeth High School Music Concert to be held December 7

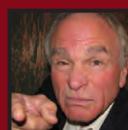
The Cape Elizabeth High School Concert Choir along with the CEHS Symphony Band will present a concert in the CEHS auditorium on December 7.

We invite the public to come and enjoy the concert choir under the direction of Joanne Lee, as they will present a variety of works, including "Babethandaza," "Count the Stars" and Burt Bacharach's "What the World Needs Now is Love."

Following the choir, the Symphony

band under the direction of Tom Lizotte, will perform "Abracadabra" by Frank Ticheli, "Sea Glass" by Rick Kirby and "Mystery and Mayhem" by Terry White, former CEHS band director. Wind Symphony is performing "Galop" by Dmitri Shostakovich, "With Every Winter's Breath" by Randall Standridge and "Puszta" by Jan Van der Roost.

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Pictured are CEHS students Ella Briman (oboe) and Genevieve Rodda practicing for the upcoming concert

CE Basketball Alumni Games on November 25

Welcome back Cape Elizabeth Basketball Alumni games will be held on Saturday, November 25 in the Cape Elizabeth High School Gym. The girls game will take place at 6:00 p.m. and the guys game at 7:30 p.m. Hope to see all our Cape fans there.

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Cape Nordic team hires CEHS coach, seeks coach for CEMS



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Pictured are Jack O'Brian and Calvin Barber at the 2017 State Meet at Sugarloaf

The Cape Nordic Ski Program is growing. The high school is in the process of hiring a new coach. Cape Nordic has recruited John Atwood to provide expert instruction on proper waxing, skate and classic ski techniques. We are grateful to John for generously volunteering his time to the Cape Nordic program. We encourage high school students with and without nordic ski experience to join the team. All High School skiers who pay the \$130 registration fee will receive a 2017-2018 season pass to ski at Pineland Farms. If you are interested, please contact captains; Henry Menz, Peter Dininno, or Helen Vaughan, or CEHS Athletic Director, Jeff Thoreck.

CEMS boys and girls Nordic Ski team is looking for a coach for the 2018 season, starting after Winter Break. You need not have coaching experience, just the desire to help kids learn to love the sport of Nordic Skiing. Practices are held after school on the school campus as well as at Pineland Farms. All

Middle School skiers who pay the \$75 registration fee will receive a 2017-2018 season pass to ski at Pineland Farms.

If you are interested in coaching, please contact: Amy Partridge-Barber at amypb@maine.rr.com or Deb Hatton at deb.scanlon.hatton@gmail.com

CEHS Senior Class holding fundraiser

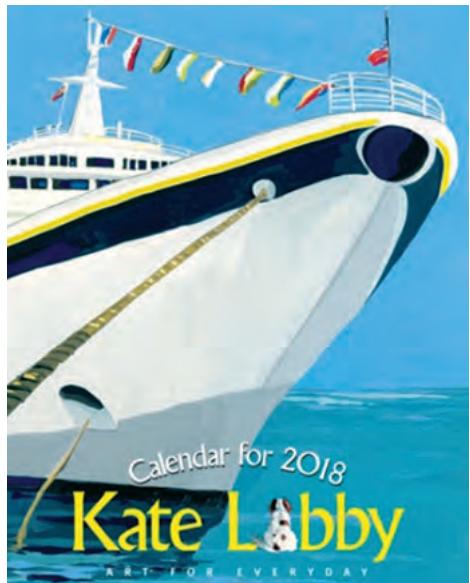
The Seniors at Cape Elizabeth High School are having a fundraiser to support graduation activities. Help support the CEHS Senior class by purchasing a 2018 Kate Libby calendar.

There are several options, listed below. You can stop by the high school main office or contact Joan Moriarty at jmoriarty@capeelizabethschools.org. Checks can be made out to CEHS.

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Students plant garden to promote hope

Pictured on right are CEHS students planting a hope garden in front of the school on November 8 as part of The Yellow Tulip Project. The Yellow Tulip Project is a 501c3 designed to smash the stigma of mental illness and promote hope. The yellow tulip represents happiness and hope. (Contributed photo)



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Cape Volunteer Spotlight: Amy Lombardo and Jen Tinsman

By Marta Girouard

This is the first of a regular feature series highlighting the efforts of volunteers in the Cape community. If you would like to nominate a volunteer for a future piece, please email editor@capecourier.com.

Every year for the last decade or so, in the weeks leading up to Thanksgiving, Amy Lombardo and Jen Tinsman's efforts are focused on helping families who may not have the extra means to have a Thanksgiving meal.

Through their annual Thanksgiving Basket Drive, they collect baskets filled with food items for a complete Thanksgiving dinner such as frozen turkey, pies, stuffing mix, vegetables, etc. Due to the timing this year of the drive, gift cards for turkey were included rather than the actual turkey. "No two baskets (which are more like large rubber maid totes) are the same," said Tinsman. "Each donor adds their own special touch." Lombardo and Tinsman kick off the basket drive with a winter clothing and

diaper drive. Two SUVs full of clothing and diapers are filled and brought to The Opportunity Alliance.

About 95% of the baskets donated come from Cape Elizabeth community members.

The project started with around 40 baskets being donated and now it is close to 160 baskets. "We have families, Brownie/Girl Scout

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Pictured are Jen Tinsman (left) and Amy Lombardo (right) filling up a U-Haul truck with 160 baskets donated as part of their Thanksgiving Basket Drive. The donations will go to families in need who may not have the extra means to have a Thanksgiving meal.

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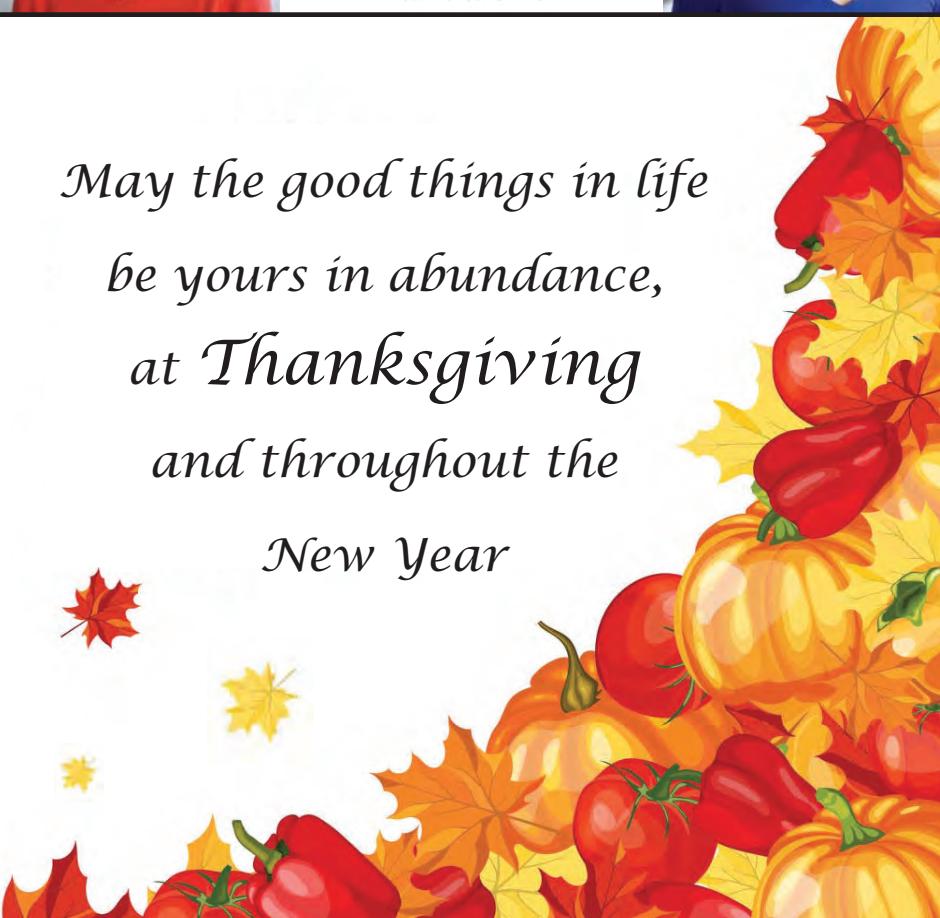


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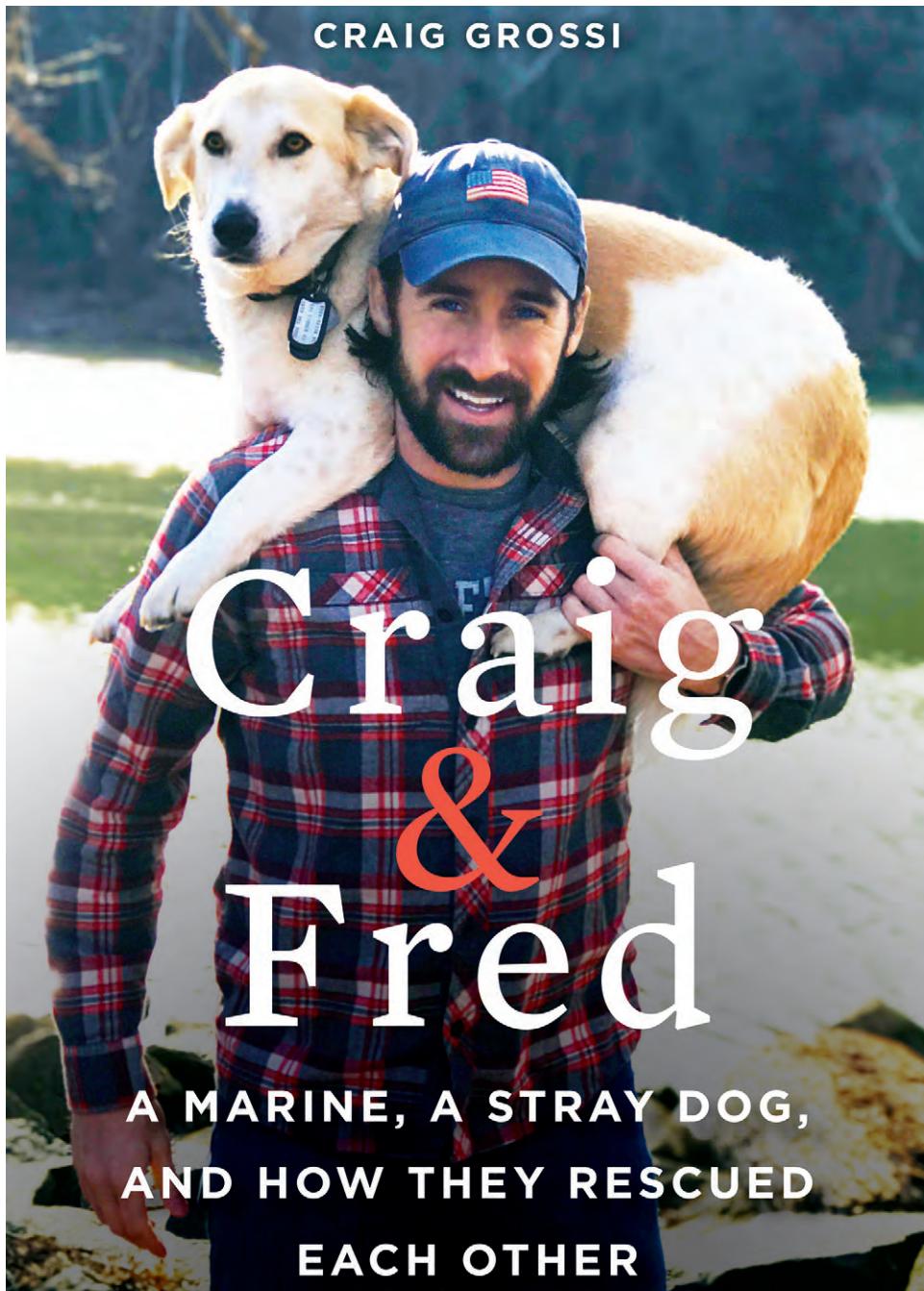
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Cape resident, war veteran, author travels and reads with Fred

By Kevin St. Jarre



In a remote part of Afghanistan in 2010, U.S. Marine Sergeant Craig Grossi fed a piece of beef jerky to a funny-looking stray dog. A few days later, when it was time for Grossi's unit to be airlifted out, the dog – newly-dubbed Fred – was on the helicopter with them, the first leg of an international journey to his new home with Grossi's family in the United States. Today, more than 35,000 people follow the Cape Elizabeth resident and Fred's constant adventures on Facebook and Instagram.

In his new memoir "CRAIG & FRED: A Marine, A Stray Dog, and How They Rescued Each Other," (book cover pictured on left) Grossi invites readers behind the scenes

on this unforgettable and inspiring personal journey. When Grossi concluded his deployment and returned home, he found Fred to be a much-needed source of support. Grossi was faced with readjusting to civilian life, all while coping with the lasting trauma of an injury he sustained in Afghanistan as well as the loss of two of his friends and fellow Marines. A diagnosis of post-traumatic stress disorder followed. But, with Fred by his side, Grossi quit an uninspiring day job and enrolled full-time at Georgetown University. He began opening up to a crew of sympathetic fellow vets. In the book, Grossi recalls

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Craig Grossi is an 8-year Marine Corps veteran and a recipient of the Purple Heart. In 2010, Sergeant Craig Grossi was doing intelligence work for Marine RECON—the most elite fighters in the Corps—in a remote part of Afghanistan. While on patrol, he spotted a young dog “with a big goofy head and little legs,” and against military regulations, offered him a piece of beef jerky. “Looks like you made a friend,” another Marine yelled. Grossi heard: “Looks

like a ‘Fred.’” The name stuck and a beautiful, life-changing friendship was forged. In 2017 Harper Collins published Craig’s story of this life saving friendship, “Craig and Fred, A Marine, A Stray Dog, and How They Rescued Each Other.” When not travelling with Fred, Grossi works intensively with veteran organizations, including the USA Warriors Ice Hockey Program and the Tragedy Assistance Programs for Survivors (TAPS). You can find them online at www.fredtheafghan.com. The event is free and open to the Public. For more information, visit www.localbuzzcafe.com.

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Cape musician Adam Powers still rocking

By Kevin St. Jarre



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Pictured is musician Adam Powers, who plays melodic hard rock, Americana and blues

Cape Elizabeth resident Adam Powers is a musician who plays melodic hard rock, Americana and blues. He is currently writing instrumental music and working on small projects with other musicians.

Powers said, “I am teaching myself how to mix and I am in the process of digitally transferring all of my analog master tapes starting with my high school band up through the first two full length Twisted Roots albums.”

His music is a sort of fusion. He said,

“My playing is heavily influenced by classic rock/blues with jazz cords mixed in.”

While he has improved technically, he finds much in his art is still organic. Powers said, “In re-mixing my high school band’s master tapes I have been very surprised to find that many of my musical instincts were fully present back then. Over the course of time my technique and songwriting abilities

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Powers

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have improved but where I am inclined to go melodically is very much the same."

Venue considerations have influenced his art. "The biggest influence on my songwriting when it comes to business is just playing hundreds of shows. When you are starting out and rehearsing more than playing on stage you haven't developed instincts as to what's really going translate in an impactful way when you're live," he said.

Art meeting business can be challenging. Powers said, "Twisted Roots signed our first record deal in 1992. When our record label mastered our first album it came back with a few edits we did not agree with – parts of songs removed or moved to a different place – and a completely different song order. The edits we never came to agree with, but the song order turned out to be great. We also experienced a few bands blatantly ripping off whole sections of our songs but were not in a position to legally do anything about it."

While his influences are numerous, when pressed, Powers named two. He said, "David Gilmore showed me that solos could be as melodic, memorable and patient as his are. Jimmy Page taught me how brash, diverse and unencumbered by different styles your playing could be."

When asked about up and coming artists he admires, Powers said, "I like what Nothing but Thieves from the UK are doing right now. Sort of a Jeff Buckley type vocalist in more of a modern rock band."

Powers finds his inspiration has never changed. He said, "It can be so many things. It can be an interesting rhythm, a melody line and interesting song I hear or just the mood I'm in. It goes on and on."

If granted one wish, he was unsure what he would do. Powers said, "I really feel like this is kind of a trick question. Most people would say something like money, so I could concentrate on my music, but money doesn't write good songs or improve the way you perform them. Creating music is such a personal thing that I feel everything affects it. I always thought a big record deal would answer all of my problems, but big record deals break up more bands than they actually help. The most important part of creating music is that it satisfies you and your need to create it in the first place."

While running a band is running a small business, and money earned from playing shows almost always went into bills like recording, rehearsal space rental, van repairs gas, food and so on, Powers remembers their first royalty earnings. He said, "I believe it was in 1994 that we received our first ASCAP checks for national radio play of our first single 'Dog' off of our first national release 'Turn To Stone.'"

If someone were to send him someplace to focus solely on his music for a month, he said choosing a location would depend on the situation and what the goal of the project was and who was involved. Powers said, "When we were getting ready to record our second album 'Communication,' our label sent us to stay with a DJ named Gerbil who lived in upstate New York in an old church for a week. It was a really great experience and there were none of the usual distractions that come along with playing in a professional rock band. I think we wrote 3 or 4 songs in that time that made the album."

Those interested can see Powers playing guitar in a music video at:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5rpTPVqYvPA>



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Pictured is a view on CELT's newest property, 52 acres of Robinson family lands off Shore Road, which will connect to the existing 145-acre Robinson Woods Preserve

CELT

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conservation throughout Maine and it's an honor to participate. We're excited to work

with the Town and community members so these special forests, fields, wildlife habitat and pond's edge are preserved and accessible forever."

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troops, neighbors, sports teams, co-workers all working together to put together baskets. We hear over and over again that this is one of people's favorite things to do with their family, said Tinsman. "It wouldn't be possible without this extremely generous community," added Lombardo. The donations go to Opportunity Alliance, Judy's Produce Pantry and My Sister's Keeper.

Both women grew up in Cape, attended Cape schools and have chosen to raise their families here. Tinsman and her husband Patrick have four children: Chris (21), Ashley (20), Brendan (17) and Jake (14). Lombardo and her husband Jeremy have three children: Jacqueline (15), Sam (13) and Luke (10). One of the things Tinsman and Lombardo love the most about the project is involving their families and showing their children how one basket full of food can really change someone's day. "Jen and I love to get our families together to look at her barn when all the baskets are lined up before we load the U-Haul. It is an amazing sight and we are thankful to all the generous donors," said Lombardo.

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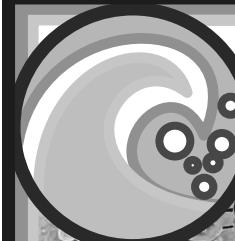
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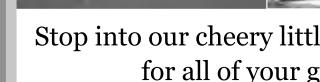
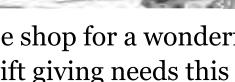
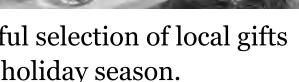
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CAPE CALENDAR

By Wendy Derzawiec

Thursday, November 23

Thanksgiving Holiday. Town Hall, Thomas Memorial Library, Pool, Fitness Center closed. Recycling Center will have its usual Thursday closure.

Friday, November 24

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

Tuesday, November 28

Harbors Committee, 6:15 p.m., Town Hall Lower Level Conference Room

School Board Finance Committee and Workshop, 6:30 pm, High School Library and Learning Commons

Tuesday, December 5

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

Wednesday, December 6

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

Comprehensive Plan 2019 Committee, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Monday, December 11

Town Council, 7 p.m., Town Hall chamber

Tuesday, December 12

School Board Executive Session, 6-7 p.m.,

William H. Jordan Conference Room, Town Hall
School Board, 7 p.m., Town Hall chamber
Conservation Committee, 7 p.m., Town Hall Lower Level Conference Room

Ongoing each week

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

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

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

Cape Elizabeth Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., first and third Tuesdays at the Bowery Beach Schoolhouse (except July and August), Two Lights Road

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

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

Codependents Anonymous (CODA) group at Cape Elizabeth United Methodist Church

Regular meeting weekly on Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. Call 799-4599 FMI.

CABLE GUIDE**CHANNEL 3****Planning Board replay**

Nov. 22 & 23 - 2 pm & 8 pm

Nov. 25 - 10:30 am

Cape Elizabeth Church of the Nazarene

Nov. 25, 26; Dec. 2, 3, 9 & 10 - 9 am

Board of Zoning Appeals (live)

Dec. 6 - 7 pm

Zoning Board replay

Dec. 7 & 8 - 2 pm & 8 pm

Dec. 9 - 10:30 am

Town Council (live)

Dec. 11 - 7 pm

School Board (live)

Dec. 12 - 7 pm

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that through telling Fred's incredible story, he himself was finally able to talk about his own experience at war. The inseparable pair even embarked on a cross-country road trip, sharing their mantra of "stubborn positivity" with everyone they met, from a swampy campground in a Louisiana state park to the streets of Portland, Oregon, and everywhere in between. A poignant and inspiring tale of hope, resilience, and optimism, with a timeless message at its heart—"it is not what happens to us that matters, but how we respond to it"—the book is a shining example of the power of love to transform our hearts and our lives

When asked what Grossi thinks of Cape Elizabeth, he said, "We love it here! It's the kind of place that is special for reasons I could have never anticipated. We knew it was a beautiful place to look at. The tall trees that line the hiking trails and roads combined with the rocky shore line and sandy beaches are no secret. But what really makes us feel at home is the community. Before we even moved in to our rental we were receiving emails from people in the neighborhood welcoming us! It has really made us proud to be here."

Finding a home in Cape Elizabeth was a bit of good luck. "We were living in Sullivan last winter while I finished the book and were on our way back from New York after a meeting at Harper Collins. We quickly realized that while we loved Sullivan and the surrounding area, it was just too far if we were going to be traveling a lot. So my girlfriend Nora started looking on Craigslist for winter rentals for the following season. We found a listing in Cape Elizabeth that looked too good to be true. But we reached out anyway and after one visit we knew we had found where we wanted to be," Grossi said.

"We love Maine and Cape Elizabeth for new reasons just about everyday. But what has really made us feel like this is the place for us has been the people. As a transitioning veteran I've come to realize how important a strong community is to me. It is something that I took for granted while I was in the Marines, the idea that everyone around you is looking out for you and that you in turn are looking out for them. That is something that makes a place special and worth a lifetime," Grossi said.

When asked how he came to adopt Fred in a place like Afghanistan where packs of



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stray dogs wander around, and military regulations discourage taking care of strays while you're in the field - let alone adopting one and sending him back to the United States, Grossi said, "I didn't have a hard time following the regulation forbidding us from approaching strays. Until I saw Fred. He was different than all the other strays we saw. He didn't run in a pack and he carried himself with such confidence and positivity that I couldn't resist. I knew from the beginning that I'd do whatever it took to give him the life that his attitude and positivity deserved. If I hadn't come across Fred his life would have gotten worse by the day. The winters in Afghanistan can be brutal and I hate to think about what his life would have looked like without me. There were some moments when I thought I'd get caught and I was in a constant state of anxiety about what I was doing. But I never let it overcome me, I used it as fuel and motivation to continue to work to get Fred home. The more anxious I felt the more resolved I became."

About the bond with the dog, Grossi said, "I was attracted to Fred instantly. When I approached him that first day I didn't know if he'd let me get close to him but I couldn't help but give it a try. What Fred did as I got closer defines our bond and his message to all of us. He wagged his tail. Since that moment he has continued to surprise me. He patrolled with us into enemy territory, he slept with us every night and when it came time to leave he followed me to the helicopter. He made it clear to me and my fellow Marines that he was worth saving through his daily acts of bravery, humor and stubborn positivity. When I returned home our bond strengthened as we both began to adjust to life after Afghanistan. I left the military just a few months after I came home and immersed myself in a new job and surrounded myself with friends I'd had since grade-school. It made it easy to not talk about war. Nobody around me could relate to what I'd seen and done so I didn't ever bring it up. Coming home to Fred each day, taking him on hikes and runs, sharing my life with him, made it easier. He had been in the same places as me and survived the same things. Eventually I started to talk to people in dog parks and on trails where Fred and I spent a lot of time. And before I knew it I was talking with strangers about war, sharing Fred's story and the story of my fellow Marines with anyone who would listen."

Grossi says Fred has completely adjusted to life in this country. "It didn't happen overnight but together we both worked on adapting to our life together. For him it was about understanding that other dogs weren't competitors, they were friends and that there was plenty of food for everyone. He has retained some of his quirks and habits of life as a stray. They usually come out when we are camping or hiking in the woods. When I try to feed him at a campsite, no matter how hungry he is, he always buries his food. If

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Library to present talks on various wildlife species, discussion on climate change, and to host a Maine author, a decorated veteran and his dog Fred

For all ages

Meet Marine Sergeant Craig Grossi and his dog Fred!

Saturday, December 9, 2-3 p.m.

In 2010, Sergeant Craig Grossi was doing intelligence work for Marine RECON—the most elite fighters in the Corps—in a remote part of Afghanistan. While on patrol, he spotted a young dog “with a big goofy head and little legs” who didn’t seem vicious or run in a pack like most strays they’d encountered. After eating a piece of beef jerky Craig offered—against military regulations—the dog began to follow him. “Looks like you made a friend,” another Marine yelled. Grossi heard, “Looks like a ‘Fred.’” The name stuck, and a beautiful, life-changing friendship was forged. Grossi, a new resident of Cape Elizabeth, along with Fred, will be at the library to share their inspiring story, which is the subject of their new book, “Craig & Fred: A Marine, a Stray Dog, and How They Rescued Each Other.” The book, which is being published in both an adult and young reader’s edition, details the uplifting and unforgettable true story of how one US Marine and the stray dog met on an Afghan battlefield, and how they saved each other and now travel America together, “spreading the message of stubborn positivity.” Both editions of the book will be available for sale and signing after the event.

For Adults

Life with Crows & Ravens

Saturday, December 2, 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Bernd Heinrich, biologist and author of numerous books on the natural world, joins us on Saturday, December 2, for a special weekend event. Bernd will discuss his new discoveries working with crows and ravens. His presentation will be followed by a meet and greet, and book signing. Many of Bernd’s books will be available for sale, including his newest one, co-authored with Nathaniel Wheelwright, “The Naturalist’s Notebook: An Observation Guide and 5-Year Calendar-Journal for Tracking Changes in the Natural World Around You.” This book would make a wonderful holiday gift! (Cash and checks only!)

Squirrel Tales in Maine

Thursday, December 7, 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Learn about the fascinating world of one of the most ubiquitous—and surprisingly mysterious, wildlife species in Maine, the Gray Squirrel. Noah Perlut, professor of biology at the University of New England, heads up Project Squirrel, a student-staffed research program (The Squirrelologists!) conducted on UNE’s Biddeford Campus. Perlut will discuss the project’s findings, and help us appreciate this fascinating denizen of Maine’s backyards, woods, and cities.

The Threat and Consequences of Climate Change to World Order

Tuesday, December 12, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Climate Change or “Global Warming” has enormous implications for the future of humanity and the earth itself. The threat of climate change will have an impact on many aspects of our daily lives and those of future generations. We will see more and bigger storms, floods, higher sea levels, melting ice caps and glaciers, and the disappearance of many species of plants, animals, and insects. In the near future, we can expect the impact of climate change to affect human behavior more and more negatively, resulting in security threats to our country from within and from outside as other parts of the world become destabilized by the effects of climate change. Many present-day conflicts have climate change at their core. These include the droughts in Syria and Iraq and food insecurity in the region of Nigeria, Chad, and Niger that have produced Boko Haram.

Presenter Andrew Stancioff will attempt to look into the near future to underscore potential threats and some of the unintended consequences of what humanity has helped to bring about. What actions can we take today to help? We hope you’ll join the discussion around this vitally important topic.

Maine Author Jeff Ryan on the Appalachian Trail

Thursday, December 14, 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Maine Author Jeffrey Ryan took 28 years to hike the Appalachian Trail. He kept meticulous notes and shot wonderful film, then digital shots of his journey. He’ll be at the library on December 14 to talk about behind-the-scenes stories from his humorous and eventful tale, and read from his highly acclaimed first book: “Appalachian Odyssey: A 28-Year Hike on America’s Trail.” Jeff will also talk about his newly released 2nd book: “Blazing Ahead; Benton Mackaye, Myron Avery, and the Rivalry That Built the Appalachian Trail.” Jeff traveled the country researching the unlikely partnership and rivalry between two men who dreamed of, and then created the AT – an undisputed national treasure. Copies of Ryan’s books will be available for purchase and the author would be delighted to sign copies.

For Older Kids, Tweens & Teens

Magic Monday: Magic the Gathering



Contributed photo

Pictured is Maine Author Jeffrey Ryan, who took 28 years to hike the Appalachian Trail and wrote a book about it: “Appalachian Odyssey: A 28-Year Hike on America’s Trail.”

free play 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Creativity Lab, drop in craft program for elementary and middle school students

Wednesdays, 2:30 - 4:00 p.m.

Crafternoons, for grades 5 and up

Thursdays, 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Teen Writers Group: November 28th from 4-5 p.m.

Dungeons and Dragons: Thursdays from 4-7 p.m.

-Are you brave enough to enter the Vale of Shadows? Can you defeat the Demogorgon? Roll the dice and find out! If you’ve ever been interested in D&D, this is your chance! Join us on Thursdays from 4-7 p.m. to join a campaign run by teens for teens. Open to ages 12 and up. To register, please contact Alyssa at alapierre@thomas.lib.me.us

Tabletop Gaming Club: Tuesdays (starting December 5)

-Session 1 from 2:30-3:30 p.m.

(tweens 11-13)

-Session 2 from 4-5 p.m. (teens 13-18)

Love playing challenging board games? Join our new Tabletop Gaming Club on Tuesdays, December-February after school from 4-5 p.m. We will have games like Catan, Sherlock Holmes, One Night Ultimate Werewolf, Pandemic, Betrayal at House on the Hill, and many more! Each week we’ll feature a new game. Open to ages 11 and up. No registration required.

For Children

Story Times for Fall continue through December 9. There will be no regular story times during the week of December 10 -16. Story times will resume their regular schedule for winter on December 18. For complete details on the children’s weekly story time schedule, please visit the children’s program page on the library’s website.

Coming up on Saturday, December 16 at 10:30 a.m., children’s musician Ann Sparling returns for a winter celebration in song, especially for families with young children.

On display in the Library’s Art Gallery:

November: “Seeing Seeds,” Paintings by Ronnie Wilson

Ronnie lived in Cape Elizabeth for 30 years before moving to Portland. One of her paintings hangs in the library in memory of George Rallis, the much-loved librarian who inspired her to reach for the truth in her work. The current paintings on display represent her fascination with seeds. Both complicated and endlessly puzzling, seeds reveal inner secrets that contain mysteries for the eye and the imagination.

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Theft of a leaf blower, misuse of Swap Shop, and numerous storm-related calls

Reported by Marta Girouard

COMPLAINTS

- 10-22 An officer met with a resident in the Shore Rd area who reported a Toro gas powered leaf blower was stolen from a garage.
- 10-22 An officer met with a South Portland resident regarding a domestic disturbance.
- 10-23 An officer met with a resident in the Forest Road area regarding the theft of a purse from the residence during the night.
- 10-24 An officer met with a resident of the Mitchell Rd area regarding a telephone harassment complaint.
- 10-28 An officer met with a resident of the Bowery Beach Road area regarding an identity theft complaint.
- 10-28 An officer met with a resident of the Shore Rd area regarding an ID theft complaint.
- 10-29 An officer met with a resident of the Ocean House Road area who reported his dog being attacked by another dog.
- 10-31 An officer spoke with a resident in the Spurwink Ave area regarding a child custody issue.
- 10-31 An officer met with a resident of the Ocean House Rd area regarding a harassment complaint.
- 10-31 An officer met with a resident in the Fowler Rd area regarding damage to his mailbox.
- 10-31 An officer received a found wallet from a public works employee. Owner was contacted and property returned.
- 11-4 An officer met with an attendant at the transfer station regarding a nonresident who was trying to use the facility.
- 11-5 An officer received a report of an abandoned bike on Eastman Rd.
- 11-6 An officer met with a resident of the Wildwood area regarding a lost cellphone.
- 11-7 An officer met with a resident of the Mitchell Road area regarding a motor vehicle burglary that had occurred during the night.
- 11-6 An officer met with a volunteer at the Swap Shop at the transfer station regarding a nonresident who has been warned before but continues to remove items from the shop.
- 11-7 An officer met with a resident from the Wildwood area regarding a motor vehicle burglary that occurred during the night.
- 11-9 An officer met with a resident who turned in keys found in the area of 77 and the southern entrance to Old Ocean House Rd.
- 11-10 An officer met with a resident of the Shore Acres area regarding subjects frequently driving over his lawn.

SUMMONSES

- 10-25 Scarborough resident, speeding, (39/30 zone) Fowler Road, \$119
- 10-27 Cape Elizabeth resident, speeding (50/30 zone), Shore Road, \$215
- 10-31 South Portland resident, violating conditions of release, Carriage Hill Road
- 10-31 South Portland resident, refusing to submit to arrest, Carriage Hill Road
- 11-4 Wabun, MA resident, imprudent speed, Route 77, \$119

JUVENILE SUMMONS

- 10-24 Cape Elizabeth resident, uninspected motor vehicle, Route 77, \$133

ACCIDENTS

- 10-25 Gregory Smith, accident on Mitchell Road
- 10-26 Allison Webster, Kowk Yim, accident on Shore Road
- 10-31 Marc Reny, accident on Mitchell Road
- 11-02 Adam Enman, accident on Sawyer Road
- 11-11 Imad Khalidi Imad, accident on Old Ocean House

FIRE CALLS

- 10-26 853 Ocean House, Road Fuel Spill
- 10-27 723 Belfield Road, Arching Wires
- 10-30 431 Ocean House Road, Wires Down
- 10-30 506 Ledgewood Lane, Tree Into House
- 10-30 521 Mitchell Road, Power Line Down
- 10-30 532 Cooper Drive, Fire Alarm
- 10-30 547 Fowler Road, Power Line Down
- 10-30 533 Shore Road, Arching Wires
- 10-30 548 Delano Park, Power Line Down
- 10-30 548 Abaco Drive, Power Line Down
- 10-30 556 Ocean House Road, Power Line Down
- 10-30 603 Scott Dyer Road, Power Line Down
- 10-30 612 Sawyer Road, Power Line Down
- 10-30 601 Farm Hill Road, Power Line Down
- 10-30 622 Spurwink Ave, Power Line Down
- 10-30 723 Ocean House Road, Power Line Down
- 10-30 805 Farm Hill Road, Power Line Down
- 10-30 818 Orchard Road, Power Line Down
- 10-30 540 Woodcrest Road, Power Line Down
- 10-30 714 Olde Colony Lane, Power Line Down
- 10-30 845 Spurwink Ave, Power Line Down
- 10-30 812 Reef Road, Power Line Down
- 10-30 840 Hannaford Cove Road, Water Problem
- 10-30 843 Mitchell Road, Power Line Down
- 10-30 844 MMckenney Point Road, Power Line Down
- 10-30 905 Scott Dyer Road, Fire Alarm

- 10-30 929 Scott Dyer Road, Fire Alarm

- 10-30 932 Ledgewood Lane, Power Line Down

- 10-30 938 Old Ocean House Road, Power Line Down

- 10-30 942 Eastman Road, Power Line Down

- 10-30 1015 Mitchell Road, Power Line Down

- 10-30 1057 Leighton Farm Road, Power Line Down

- 10-30 1100 Leighton Farm Road, Fire Alarm

- 10-30 1329 Shore Road, CO Alarm

- 10-30 1615 Wheeler Road, Power Line Down

- 10-30 1837 Two Lights Road, CO Alarm

- 10-30 1909 Shore Road, Fire Alarm

- 10-31 647 Spurwink Ave, Fire Alarm

- 10-31 1038 Pilot Point, CO Alarm

- 10-31 1150 Lawson Road, Investigation

- 11-01 1832 McKennedy Pt Road, Utility pole fire

- 11-01 1835 Campion Road, Investigation

- 11-01 1843 Wheeler Road, Investigation

- 11-01 1916 Scott Dyer Road, Fire Alarm

- 11-01 1928 Mitchell Road, Investigation

- 11-01 2034 Golden Ridge Road, Tree Fire

- 11-01 2013 Portland, Mutual Aid

- 11-02 2102 Graystone Road, Fire Alarm

- 11-01 2327 Scott Dyer Road, Fire Alarm

- 11-01 2356 Shore Road, Fire Alarm

- 11-02 810 Ocean House Road, Fire Alarm

- 11-02 1004 Cottage Lane, CO Alarm

- 11-02 1430 South Portland, Mutual Aid

- 11-02 1614 Reef Road, Power Line Down

- 11-02 1714 Wainwright Drive, CO Alarm

- 11-03 1619 Webster Farm, Power Line on Limb

- 11-04 1642 South Portland, Mutual Aid

- 11-04 2207 Mitchell Road, Investigation

- 11-05 143 South Portland, Mutual aid

- 11-08 1713 South Portland, Mutual Aid

- 11-08 2134 South Portland, Mutual Aid

- 11-10 1210 Fowler Road, Low Wires

- 11-10 1207 Ocean House Road, Wires Down

- 11-10 1903 Headland Lane, Fire Alarm

- 11-11 930 Wabun Road, CO Alarm

- 11-11 1045 Shore Road, Power Line Down

RESCUE CALLS

There were 31 runs to Maine Medical Center. There were 3 patients treated by rescue personnel but not transported.

Fred

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I give him a treat, he'll carry it off into the woods and bury it until he feels safe to go back and eat. But the most noticeable habit he has maintained from his life in Afghanistan is his sense of gratefulness and positivity. He wakes up each morning with a smile and a bounce in his step, excited by what the day will bring. It is the same energy that attracted me to him back in Sangin and it is something I try to emulate in my own life."

Many organizations work to partner service dogs with military veterans dealing with trauma, but despite helping Grossi, Fred is not a service dog. Grossi said, "Service dogs are important. They provide countless benefits to people with debilitating issues that are often invisible, like PTS . . . It has been important to me from the beginning that Fred maintain his Fred-ness. I am lucky that I do not have an injury or condition that requires a service dog. Fred's energy, personality and loving nature provide a service to me and anyone that meets him or hears our story. That is as close as he'll get to being a service dog. Learning about the programs that help veterans obtain service dogs has helped me see how Fred has served me and it makes me all the more grateful that he is in my life."

On his journey, Grossi said he has learned that there is always something to be grateful about. "Or as Fred would put it, 'There is always something to wag your tail about.' And that we should always look for our commonalities with one another before we let our differences divide us. I have learned that if I can apply these simple lessons to my everyday interactions, that a fulfilling, adventurous, and meaningful life is possible. I have learned and am still learning about what it means to be stubbornly positive. Fred has taught me a lot on our journey together but we are just getting started," Grossi said.

Grossi will be reading at The Local Buzz on Nov. 25 from 4-5 p.m. and Thomas Memorial Library on Dec. 9 from 2-3 p.m. He said, "We are determined to continue to share our story and lift-up those around us who are examples of stubborn positivity. I am looking forward to people reading the book and sharing it with one-another. I am also looking forward to more opportunities to explore, learn and have fun with Fred. There is lots to see and many more adventures to be had with my little Afghan and I can't wait see what the future has in-store for us."

Scam Alert Bulletin Board

Reported by Jessica D. Simpson

Medicare Fraud

Medicare Open Enrollment runs through December 7, and it's a banner time for Medicare fraud. Beware of ads that promise medical equipment covered 100% by Medicare. Medicare only covers durable medical equipment that is medically necessary with a doctor's prescription. Don't share your personal information from someone claiming to be from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), calling to "verify" your information. Need help with Medicare Open Enrollment? Contact your local Area Agency on Aging at

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Charity Fraud

Holidays like Veterans Day become a prime time for bogus charities that like to claim they are benefiting our nation's veterans. Scammers often use sound-alike names (or invent authentic "organizations") to solicit funds. Before donating, check the charity's name and reputation at give.org or www.charitynavigator.org. Be sure your money is truly going to honor our veterans, and not line the pockets of scammers who use their name so disrespectfully.



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Cape Elizabeth Church of the Nazarene 499 Ocean House Road (Route 77) 799-3692 www.capenazarene.org Sunday School for all ages: 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship Celebration: 10:45 a.m. Services streamed live or on demand: watch.capenazarene.org	First Baptist Church of South Portland 879 Sawyer St., South Portland 799-4565 www.spfbc.com Sunday Morning Worship: 9:30 a.m. Awana Clubs (Grades 3-8): Tuesday, 6:20 p.m.	Promised Land World Reach Center 536 Cottage Road, South Portland 799-3152 Sunday Prayer & Intercession: 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Family Bible Studies: Wednesday, 7 p.m. Sermon recordings available to download	Saint Alban's Episcopal Church 885 Shore Road 799-4014 www.stalbansmaine.org Sundays: 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. Celtic Service: Sunday, 5:30 p.m. Nursery: Sundays, 9:30 a.m.	Saint Bartholomew Roman Catholic Church 8 Two Lights Road 799-5528 www.saintbarts.com Sunday Mass: 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Monday & Tuesday Masses: 8 a.m.	First Congregational Church United Church of Christ 301 Cottage Road, South Portland 799-3361 www.fccucc.org Worship: 8:30 a.m., 10 a.m. Sunday School: 10 a.m. Preschool Child Care: 10 a.m.
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints 29 Ocean House Road 767-5000 Sacrament Meeting: Sunday, 9:10:10 a.m. Sunday School: 10:15-11 a.m. Primary: 10:15 a.m.-noon Relief Society, Priesthood: 11 a.m.-noon	The Church of the Second Chance Greater Portland Christian School 1338 Broadway, South Portland 641-3253 Sunday: 10:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.	Congregation Bet Ha'am 81 Westbrook St., South Portland 879-0028 www.bethahaam.org Worship: Friday, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. Family Shabbat Services: Second Friday, 6:30 p.m.			
CELT December Children's Program	CEHS Class of 1968 to hold 50th class reunion				
GOOD NIGHT, CAPE ELIZABETH Children ages 2-6 (with an adult) are invited to the CELT office to enjoy a Holiday themed bedtime hour centered around Eve Bunting's "The Night Tree." This Cape Elizabeth Land Trust event is a great way to kick off the holiday season in a way to focus on animals that spend winter in Maine. Join author & CELT volunteer, Melissa Kim, children's librarian Rachel Davis, and CELT volunteer, Jill Darling for stories, a craft, and a brief visit outdoors to decorate a tree with natural materials. Come in your pajamas, and bring a snack. Parents/Guardians must be present.	The Cape Elizabeth High School Class of 1968 will hold its 50th class reunion on September 15, 2018. The event will be held from 5-9 p.m. at the Purpoodock Club on Spurwink Avenue in Cape Elizabeth. More specifics will be available closer to the event. For more information contact Steve Hill at stevenshill1950@gmail.com or Judith Conway Hill at hilljudith5@yahoo.com .				

Advent and Christmas service schedule at First Congregational Church

The upcoming worship services at the First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, South Portland, are as follows:

December 3 First Sunday of Advent

8:30 a.m. Chapel Worship with Communion

10:00 a.m. Sanctuary Worship with Communion, Meetinghouse Choir and Sunday School. Cindy Maddox will give the message. Fellowship time follows in Guptill Hall.

December 10 Second Sunday of Advent

8:30 a.m. Chapel Worship

10:00 a.m. Sanctuary Worship with Meetinghouse Choir and Sunday School. Cindy Maddox will give the message. Fellowship time follows with the Kids' Quarter Store in Guptill Hall.

December 17 Third Sunday of Advent

8:30 a.m. Chapel Worship

10:00 a.m. Sanctuary Worship with the Children's Christmas Pageant. Fellowship Time follows with the Eskimos' Fudge Sale in Guptill Hall.

December 24 Fourth Sunday of Advent

10:00 a.m. Sanctuary Worship with Meetinghouse Choir. Cindy Maddox will give the message. Fellowship time follows.

December 24 Christmas Eve

5:00 p.m. Family service with carols and a simple telling of the Christmas story, followed by a birthday party for Jesus in Wright Pavilion. ASL interpreted for the hearing impaired.

9:00 p.m. Worship with carols, scripture, and a brief message by Cindy Maddox.

For more information, please visit the church website www.fccucc.org or e-mail the church office at office@fccucc.org.

Cape Elizabeth United Methodist Church to hold annual Christmas Fair

The Cape Elizabeth United Methodist Church will host its annual Jolly Snowman Christmas Fair on Saturday, December 2 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the church. The fair will feature Christmas ornaments, decorations, crafts, wreaths, baked goods, candies, and knit items. There also will be a separate room

for Attic Treasures and a Silent Auction featuring gift certificates from local businesses and restaurants and other special items.

A Lobster Roll/Grilled Hot Dog Luncheon will be held from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. The church is located at 280 Ocean House Road (Route 77).

Interfaith Christmas Concert at Cape Elizabeth United Methodist Church

An Interfaith Christmas Concert will be held at the Cape Elizabeth United Methodist Church on Saturday, December 9 at 6:30 p.m. featuring vocal and instrumental music.

The concert is free and open to the public, and will include a combined choir from the Cape Elizabeth UMC, the Church of Latter-Day Saints, St. Maximilian Kolbe Catholic Church in Scarborough, along with some other faith communities and individuals.

If you would like to participate with

this choir, a rehearsal for adults will be held at the Cape Elizabeth UMC on Tuesday, November 28 at 7:30 p.m. and a rehearsal for adults and children will be held at the same church on Thursday, December 7 at 6:30 p.m. If you have any questions, contact Gail Parker at 329-9268.

Light refreshments will be served after the concert. A good-will offering will be taken to cover the cost of the music. The church is located at 280 Ocean House Road (Route 77).

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Pictured are members of the Cape Elizabeth Lions Club sorting food items for the annual Food Drive Project. Boy Scout Troop 30, Cub Scout Pack 30, The Cape Elizabeth Lions Club, and members of the Cape Elizabeth Police and Fire Department teamed up to collect the donations. Pictured are left to right: Laurie Quamo, Liz Huebener, back of Mark Fleming, Dana Bruns, and Bob Beith.

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The Courier visits London by way of Czech Republic and Lithuania



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Pictured are Cape residents Steve and Joan Tinsley holding the Cape Courier in London. They visited the city for a few days in late September returning from a mission trip to the Czech Republic and Lithuania.

Peoples United Methodist Church to host Christmas Fair

A Winter Wonderland Christmas Fair will be held Saturday, December 2, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Peoples United Methodist Church, 10 Broadway, South Portland. Luncheon will be served from 11am to 1pm and will include chowder, chicken salad sandwiches,

hot dogs, chili, etc. Jewelry, knits, crafts, homemade baked goods and candy, books and trash and treasure will be available for sale at the fair. For more information, please call: 799-1413.

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December:

"TWO SEASONS AT DEVA LOKA, GARDEN SANCTUARY CAPE ELIZABETH"

PAINTINGS BY MICHAEL J. CAUDLE

An art exhibit titled "Two Seasons at Deva Loka, Garden Sanctuary Cape Elizabeth" will be on exhibit in the Steir Family Gallery through December 31, 2017. Michael is a local artist, who has exhibited once before at the Steir Family Gallery, along with two other artists, in July 2016. This exhibit encompasses a significant number of botanicals, and garden room pieces that were painted "plein air" at "Deva Loka". He has used watercolor over pencil throughout this exhibition. His extensive inventory of paintings depict venues along the Maine Seacoast, including a series of both winter and summer scenes of Fort Williams Park. There will be an opening reception on Thursday, December 7 from 6-8 p.m. All are welcome!

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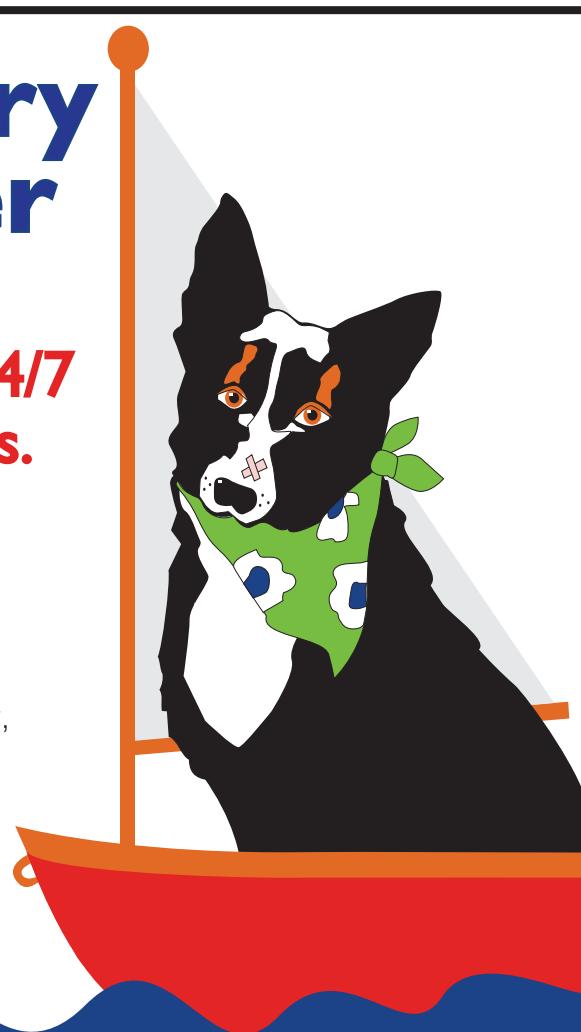
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Pictured is Cape Elizabeth resident Domenic Linnell, who found a cowrie shell at Kettle Cove, a rare find probably washed in by the late October wind and rain storm.

The South Portland-Cape Elizabeth Rotary Club's 55th annual Christmas tree sale



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Pictured are South Portland-Cape Rotarians at last year's tree sale

Fresh cut, Maine grown, Balsam and Frasier Firs and wreaths will go on sale

Friday, November 24 in South Portland's Mill Creek Park, near the corner of Ocean Street and Hinckley Drive. This year's sale runs through December 22 and is once again organized by South Portland-Cape Elizabeth Rotary Club. Trees from tabletop size to 10 feet tall are sold to benefit local Rotary charities, including high school scholarships, youth literacy programs, Maine's homeless veterans and other club efforts. SP-CE Rotary Club member Fran Bagdasarian is spearheading this year's tree sale. "This is our largest annual fundraiser," commented Bagdasarian. "Helping families choose their tree is an immense amount of fun. Also it is a lot of work and very rewarding, considering every penny we raise helps people in our community." Tree sale hours are Monday-Thursday 12-8 p.m.; Friday-Saturday 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.; Sunday 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. For more information on the tree sale, contact SP-CE Rotary website www.sp-ce-rotary.org or Facebook page: www.facebook.com/Rotary.SPCE



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CE Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage to hold annual holiday campaign

The Cape Elizabeth Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage office, through its charitable corporation Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage Cares, is collecting gifts as part of its annual holiday campaign to assist Opportunity Alliance of Maine during the holiday giving season. Opportunity Alliance provides full range of services to children, youth and families in need, serving over 20,000 people annually.

As a designated Drop-off Center, the Cape Elizabeth Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage manager and sales associates are encouraging friends, family, colleagues and neighbors throughout the community, to drop-off new, unwrapped gifts to the Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage office located at 295 Ocean House Rd. Cape Elizabeth now through December 8.

"Opportunity Alliance" is a wonderful organization," said Kathy Duca, manager of the Cape Elizabeth Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage office. "We are very grateful to have been given the opportunity to support their cause by bringing happiness to the families supported by their programs and we hope that our Cape Elizabeth neighbors will join us."