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Cape Cottage Post Office closes doors after 113 years

By Wendy Keeler

This December, for the first time in 113 years, no Christmas cards or packages are being sent from the Cape Cottage Post Office on Shore Road. Wally Burke, 80, the husband of longtime postmaster Annie Burke, 94, closed the post office on Oct. 30. It will not reopen.

Wally had taken over most of the running of the branch in 2010 when Annie, its postmaster for 66 years, broke her pelvis. This fall, Wally's own health became a factor, necessitating more doctors' appointments and less time for post office business.

"Because of health issues, I felt it was time. Business had been very slow, and I couldn't see at our age being tied down five and a half days a week," said Wally, who had taken over "just to accommodate my wife," he said. "I happened to have enough experience in there helping her over the years that I was able to do that."

In recent years fewer patrons had visited the branch, opting for outlets with computerized scales, postage meters, and faster

—see BRANCH, page 4



Ring in the season

Securing a 10-foot, 150-pound wreath to Portland Head Light is a big job! In a driving rain on Dec. 7, officers from the South Portland Coast Guard base – two on the light's catwalk and six on the ground – safely secured the aluminum-framed wreath. Clockwise from bottom left: Officers make sure the six pieces of wreath are bolted tightly together; with a pulley and harness system set up, the wreath is ready to haul up; a view from the catwalk; the wreath nearly in place. Petty Officer Steven Santerre said this third-annual holiday tradition is a hit. "People love it. We get a lot of positive feedback."

Photos by
Patricia McCarthy

Revised plan for new library addresses community concerns, reduces costs

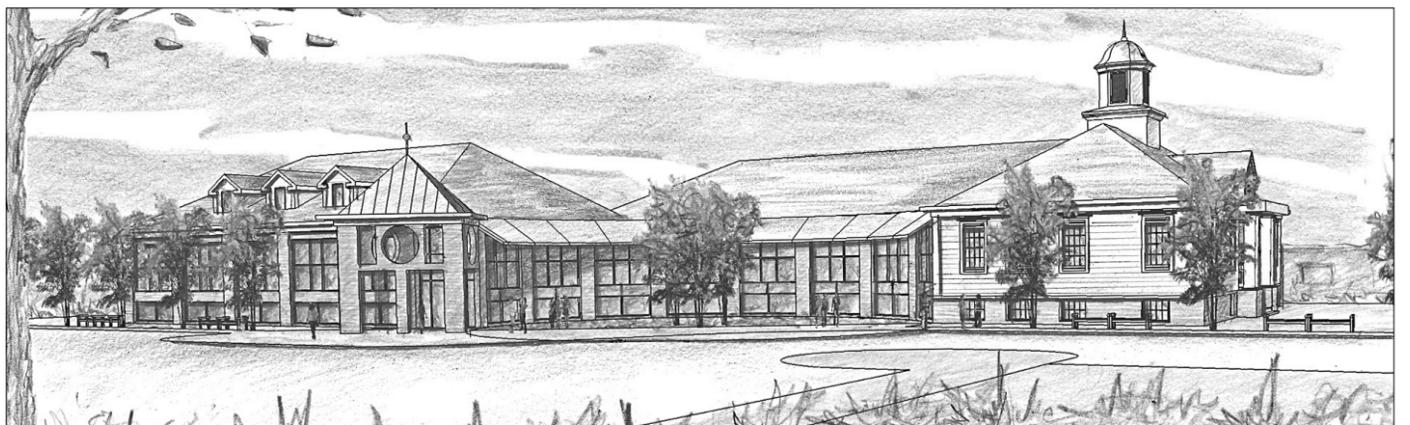
By Patricia McCarthy

A revised concept for renovating Thomas Memorial Library preserves a portion of the old structure, maintains green space and cuts costs, says the library's director.

The new plan was created in response to many concerns expressed by residents about a proposal put forth in July by a town-appointed study committee, Jay Scherma said.

Criticism of that plan included concerns over the loss of open space between the library and Scott Dyer Road, the decision to tear down and replace all of the existing library, and the size of the planned building.

"Basically, people were saying it didn't



Rendering by Cassacio Architects/Art & Design Studios

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This is a view of the latest proposed new Thomas Memorial Library, retaining the 1910 portion of the building at right, facing Scott Dyer Road.

Cape-based online farm market extends season for local foods

By Tina Harnden

The growing season in Maine may appear to have ended with the frost. But, in fact, many farmers across the state are still harvesting from fields and greenhouses, storage crops are abundant, fishermen are still out on the water every day, hens are laying, and fresh-cut meats are arriving from the butcher.

There's no shortage of Maine products in the winter – the challenge has been creating consumer awareness and access.

A new online farm market based in

Cape Elizabeth is now connecting producers with buyers and making it easy to "buy local" year-round.

Cape Farms' Market is run by two long-time farming families in Cape Elizabeth at the Alewives Brook Farm and Wm. H. Jordan Farm. The market opened last winter and featured mainly foods raised on or caught in our coastal plain.

The market now offers products from more than 70 farms from across the state

—see FARMS, page 6

CEHS Mock Trial Team earns state title, again



Photo by Colleen Taintor

The Cape Elizabeth High School Mock Trial Team was in the state championship for a second straight year. And on Dec. 8, it was victorious once again, defeating Hampden Academy in federal court in Portland. This year, 31 students participated in the program. The team will vie for the national title in May in New Mexico.



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What lies beneath!?



Photos by Patricia McCarthy



The Fort Williams Charitable Foundation has raised money to hire an engineering firm to determine whether it's feasible to unearth the lower level of Battery Blair (above). The project would allow the gun battery, including ammunition magazines, to be displayed to the public. The foundation raised \$36,600 to pay for the study, which will assess the condition of the concrete structure, estimate costs and determine what would be needed to make it accessible. At left, from left, foundation members Joe Edgar, Steve Bates and Lois Carlson present a check to Bill Nickerson, chair of the Fort Williams Advisory Commission, and Betty Crane, a former foundation member.

Cape real estate transfers – September 2011

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LUNNER CESTER F.	SIMMS EUGENE JOSEPH II	33 REEF ROAD	\$365,000	SINGLE FAMILY
SHAH, RAVINDRA A.	DUTTON, TIMOTHY E.	7 MANOR WAY	\$550,000	SINGLE FAMILY
WACKSMAN, MITCHELL N.	MCLEAN, MARK A.	9 BAYBERRY LANE	\$294,900	SINGLE FAMILY
VETTESE, ROBERT	TUKI, ARIA	16 BEACON LANE	\$394,000	SINGLE FAMILY
HANNIGAN, ROBERT	GALLI, NORMAN A.	SPURWINK AVENUE	\$ 5,000	VACANT LAND
GRANT, EDWARD W.	SMITH, BARBARA	4 CHANNEL VIEW ROAD	\$309,000	SINGLE FAMILY
BARRETT, ROBERT S.	JOHNSON, EVERETT F.	485 MITCHELL ROAD	\$240,000	SINGLE FAMILY
WILSON, LARRY D.	CONCANNON, STEPHANIE J.	32 CROSS HILL ROAD	\$602,500	SINGLE FAMILY
COLLINS, JEFFREY L.	COLLINS, CHRISTINE L.	16 IVIE ROAD	\$163,000	SINGLE FAMILY
ABCUNAS, WENDY A.	BIRD, B.J.	34 LONGFELLOW DRIVE	\$239,900	SINGLE FAMILY
CHAUDHARI, SONAL K.	SHAH, RAVINDRA A.	7 MANOR WAY	\$ 0	SINGLE FAMILY
MESSERSCHMIDT, MICHAEL	MESSERSCHMIDT, LUCINDA	8 SEA VIEW AVE.	\$ 0	SINGLE FAMILY
HEARD, MARIANNE P.	BRODEUR, RUSSELL A.	96 OLD OCEAN HOUSE RD	\$275,000	SINGLE FAMILY
JOYCE, DANIEL P.	ORDWAY, SHIRLEY F. ESTATE	4 STATE AVE.	\$174,000	SINGLE FAMILY
VIRTUALBANK	DOLLEY, JUDITH TULLOCH	S65 TARBOARD DRIVE	\$ 0	CONDOMINIUM
HARGRAVES, JULIAN T.	JONES, MARION R. ESTATE	50 WILDWOOD DRIVE	\$280,000	CONDOMINIUM

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 from *The Cape Courier* staff**



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Town announces hours for holiday weeks

The town has set its hours for the Christmas and New Year's Day holiday weeks. Thomas Memorial Library will be closed on Saturday, December 24. The Recycling Center will open at its normal 8 a.m. time, but will close two hours early, at 3 p.m. On Monday, December 26, town offices and the library will be closed. The Recycling Center

will open early at 8 a.m. and close at its normal Monday time of 7 p.m. On Saturday, December 31, the library will be closed, but the Recycling Center will be open its normal hours, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Town offices and the library will be closed on Monday, January 2. The Recycling Center will be open 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Parking rules in effect, and move hoops, too

It's time to get the cars and basketball hoops off the road. A town ordinance bans on-street parking between 1 and 5 a.m. from December 1 to April 1. The ban is to make sure the way is clear if plows need to remove snow on town roads. The town also institutes emergency day-

time parking bans when there's heavy snow. Cape Elizabeth's Public Works Department is also reminding homeowners to move portable basketball hoops at least 10 feet away from the road during the winter. The hoops and town plows can be damaged if there's a collision.

Is your dog licensed? Deadline is Dec. 31

The town is reminding Cape Elizabeth residents with dogs that their pets need to be licensed or have their licenses renewed by the end of the year.

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Deadline	Issue Date
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Jan. 13, 2012	Jan. 25, 2012
Jan. 27, 2012	Feb. 8, 2012
Feb. 10, 2012	Feb. 22, 2012

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Dog Licenses

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- Licenses are available in the Tax Office at Town Hall.
- Both renewal and new licenses may be obtained online at www.capeelizabeth.com.

Branch

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service. Nevertheless, when the United States Postal Service announced plans this summer to close 34 Maine post offices, the branch, at one point called, “Cape Cottage by the Sea,” was not on the list.

“I don’t think the branch was costing [the U.S. Postal Service] much, and for old time’s sake they were keeping it open,” said Wally, who continues to live with Annie in the building, which the Burkes own. “Every time anyone even talked about closing it, people would get on the phone and call a senator.”

Cape Cottage branch history

When Joseph Armstrong, the great-grandfather of Wood Road resident Joe Higgins, opened the Cape Cottage branch in 1898 inside his general store, Armstrong’s, the price of a postage stamp was 2 cents. The cost didn’t rise to 3 cents until the early 1930s when Joseph Armstrong’s son, Harvard, was postmaster. Stamps still cost 3 cents in the mid-1940s, when Annie – then Annie Williams – took over from Harvard Armstrong’s wife, Molly.

During Annie’s years as postmaster, she became something of a legend. Known to be spunky and forthright, she hated the term “postmistress,” insisting on “postmaster,” her daughter, Carol Ann Brown, told *The Cape Courier* in 2007.

If Annie doesn’t hold the record for being the longest running postmaster in the country, she’s right up there, her son, Cape resident Phil Burke, said.

“I remember seeing something on the *Today* show a good five years ago about the longest running postmaster of a branch in Texas. He had been postmaster for 40 years and was retiring. – and that made a story,” her son said. “But my mother had him beat by a lot. When she signed off officially, it had been 66 years.”

Visitors to the branch often expressed enchantment with the tiny post office. Annie’s cats made their rounds around the place, where plants abounded along with mementoes of Annie’s postal patrons: their art work, photos, letters and obituaries.

“It’s obvious that she loves this town



Photo by Marie Barwick

Postmaster Annie Burke mans the window of the Cape Cottage branch in July 2007.

and loves the people.” Cape Elizabeth Historical Society Preservation President Ellen Van Fleet said. “She filled the post office with memorabilia from years and years.”

The combination of Annie’s personality, her longevity as postmaster, and the charm of the post office attracted journalists from local and national media outlets over the years. Sometimes Annie agreed – a *Boston Globe* photographer snapped a shot of Annie and Phil on their Harley Davidsons in 1974 – but more often Annie declined interviews.

The Town Council, possibly in conjunction with the U.S. Postal Service, has discussed plans to honor Annie in coming months, Town Manager Mike McGovern said.

It won’t be her first honor. Annie is one of three Cape luminaries – Betty Davis and Robert Ford are the others – celebrated in “Cape Elizabeth Sketches,” a piece commissioned this spring for the Cape Elizabeth High School wind symphony.

Many in town lament the closing of the Cape Cottage branch.

“It was a really a window on the past, on a Cape that’s gone by,” Van Fleet said. “It was not your usual experience at the post office.”

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This is what the new Rudy's of the Cape restaurant on Route 77 across from Broad Cove Road would look like if plans are approved by the Cape Elizabeth Planning Board. The board will hold a public hearing on the restaurant plan, which includes a permit to alter 2,738 square feet of wetland for a sidewalk, at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 20, at Town Hall. Rudy's owner, Paul Woods plans to raze the current building and construct a new 80-seat restaurant, as well as a 1,250-square-foot retail building on the north end of the property. The plans include subdividing the property and creating a new 6,000-square-foot lot for future development.

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FARMS

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and has doubled its buying members to about 900.

Cape Farms' Market is proving to be an innovative tool for farmers to extend their season and expand their income.

"A key part of our mission is about creating viable and sustainable business for Maine farmers and fishermen," said principal Penny Jordan of Wm. H. Jordan Farm. "We have a ways to go, but we are on the ground and have been noticed across the state. We're unique in a couple of ways. We're totally farm run, and we started grassroots with no funding from any outside sources."

Customers place orders every two weeks, through a website (capefarmsmarket.com), and are notified via email when the market is "open" for ordering. Product choices include foods in every category: poultry, eggs and meats; seafood; dairy (from cows and goats); vegetables and fruits that are fresh picked (Brussels sprouts, greens, carrots), stored (squash, cabbages, potatoes, onions, apples), or frozen, canned or dried; breads, cereals and grains (from Maine-grown flour); fresh and frozen desserts; honey, syrups and



Caitlin Jordan of Alewife's Brook Farm, left, and her cousin, Penny Jordan of Wm. H. Jordan Farm have teamed up on a venture that is extending the season – and income – for farmers around Maine.

Photo by Patricia Jordan

saucers; vegan and gluten-free options; even pet treats and coffee.

(Coffee is their only non-Maine grown offering; it's a fundraiser to support sustainable farming and education in Haiti. Penny noted that in the past year, online market sales raised enough to send eight children to schools in Haiti.)

Orders are packed and readied for customer pickup on Thursdays, at two locations, Jordan's

farm market on Wells Road and at Wright Express Long Creek in South Portland. More pick-up sites are in the works in an effort to make local foods an easy buy for consumers.

The Jordans say they'd like to offer home delivery and may test that market in Cape soon.

"We'd love to do it if enough people are interested. I like to think of this whole concept as another step in farm to table," Penny said. "We're offering ease of access and con-

venience from an ordering perspective."

"We also want to continue to expand our offerings, while at the same time keeping it simple enough so that customers aren't overwhelmed and can traverse the system easily. We want to be the premiere distributors for Maine-produced food and an integral part of creating a safe and stable food source for our communities, while creating markets for farms across Maine."

Penny's cousin and business partner Caitlin Jordan, of Alewife's, added, "Without continued support from the public, local farms won't be able to continue to survive."

Penny stressed that eating locally grown food year-round – what's available in our state seasonally – is an important decision consumers can make that can have enormous impact on farms, the economy, and food security.

"Customers need to recognize that farms are shifting and positioning themselves to supply food throughout the winter – through storage, greenhouses, and value-added products like prepared and preserved foods. Now if buying patterns can catch up, Maine will have a strong food system that can help create a resilient state."

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Police deal with criminal mischief, various other complaints in November

Reported by Debbie Butterworth

COMPLAINTS

- 11-15 An officer met with a resident of the Eastman Road area about a daytime burglary. Missing from the residence were a computer and money.
- 11-16 An officer met with a resident of the Mitchell Road area about a missing person report. The resident was later located.
- 11-16 An officer met with a resident of the Mitchell Road area about criminal mischief to a motor vehicle. A window of the car was smashed during the night.
- 11-16 An officer met with a resident of the Mitchell Road area about property the plaintiff found in a wooded area.
- 11-19 An officer met with a resident of the Shore Road area about criminal mischief to a mailbox. The mailbox had been struck with a pumpkin.
- 11-19 An officer responded to the Spurwink Rod and Gun Club for a report of subjects shooting after hours. Club rules require that shooting cease at sunset. The officer contacted subjects leaving the area and will notify the club president.
- 11-19 An officer responded to a residence in the Fowler Road area for report of a possibly suicidal person.
- 11-19 An officer met with a resident of the Shore Road area about a child protection issue.
- 11-21 An officer met with a representative of the Thomas Memorial Library about criminal mischief to library property and persons loitering after hours.
- 11-21 An officer met with a resident about a possible domestic violence issue.
- 11-21 An officer met with a resident of the Spurwink Avenue area as their mailbox was destroyed during the night.
- 11-22 An officer met with a resident about harassing telephone calls.

SUMMONSES

- 11-16 Cape Elizabeth resident, failure to yield, Route 77, \$139
- 11-17 Portland resident, operating after license suspension, Sawyer Road
- 11-17 Cape Elizabeth resident, speeding (44/30 zone), Shore Road, \$137
- 11-18 Portland resident, uninspected vehicle, Shore Road, \$133
- 11-19 South Portland resident, violation of conditions of release
- 11-20 Cape Elizabeth resident, possession of

- alcohol, Belfield Road
- 11-21 Cape Elizabeth resident, failure to produce insurance, Mitchell Road, \$177
- 11-21 Portland resident, passed stopped school bus, Route 77
- 11-22 Portland resident, speeding (50/35 zone) Spurwink Avenue, \$185
- 11-22 Scarborough resident, failure to produce insurance, Ocean House Road, \$171
- 11-23 Portland resident, uninspected vehicle, failure to produce insurance, Ocean House Road, \$304
- 11-23 Cape Elizabeth resident, failure to produce insurance, Shore Road, \$171
- 11-24 Portland resident, failure to produce insurance, Ocean House Road, \$171
- 11-24 Brunswick resident, speeding (46/35 zone), Ocean House Road, \$137
- 11-25 Cape Elizabeth resident, speeding (51/35 zone) Ocean House Road, \$185
- 11-25 Cape Elizabeth resident, failure to stop for stop sign, Spurwink Avenue, \$131
- 11-26 Cape Elizabeth resident, failure to produce insurance, Ocean House Road, \$171
- 11-26 Pownal resident, failure to produce insurance, Ocean House Road, \$171
- 11-27 Cape Elizabeth resident, failure to produce insurance, Scott Dyer Road, \$171

ARRESTS

- 11-17 Portland resident, operating after license suspension, Sawyer Road
- 11-19 South Portland resident, violation of conditions of release

JUVENILE SUMMONSES

- 11-22 Cape Elizabeth resident, operating to avoid traffic control device, Cape Elizabeth High School, \$131

ACCIDENTS

- 11-18 Penney Meader, deer on Spurwink Avenue

FIRE CALLS

- 11-18 Fowler Road, low hanging wire
- 11-18 Forest Road, tree fell on house
- 11-23 Delano Park, cooking fire
- 11-23 South Portland Mutual Aid
- 11-25 South Portland, Mutual Aid
- 11-26 South Portland, Mutual Aid

RESCUE CALLS

There were 17 runs to Maine Medical Center. There were 4 runs to Mercy Hospital. There was 1 patient treated by Rescue personnel but not transported.

Hail to the chief



Photo by Kim Gillies

With his dad Monty Hagen looking on, Cape resident Eben Hagen shakes hands with Police Chief Neil Williams at the Town Center fire station last month during the second annual Cape Elizabeth Community Fire and Police Appreciation Day. Residents turned out to thank volunteers and employees of the police department, fire department, rescue team, and water extrication team.

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Stepping into the Sesquicentennial



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A 2011 Cape Courier series by Ellen Van Fleet follows the development of the Civil War through the eyes of people who lived in Cape Elizabeth 150 years ago. Cape Elizabeth author Paul J. Ledman's book, "A Maine Town Responds," is the main guide. Small entries in the Courier capture the news and concerns as events unfolding outside of Cape Elizabeth thrust their way into the local consciousness. News items from the Portland Transcript are printed verbatim.

Dec. 14, 1861: Letter to the Governor – My Dear Sir: You have just dispatched to the seat of war another regiment, said to be not inferior in soldierly qualities to any that has before left the State ... While this regiment was well furnished in other respects, it was a matter of surprise to some persons, that they were allowed to leave entirely unarmed; especially when there are so many arms in the state ... Edward P. Weston, Gorham

Two thousand men are now at work at Kittery Navy Yard. Since the first of May, 10 war vessels have been built or refitted there. [Portland Transcript]

Mrs. Goddard collected \$101.78 in cash, during her lecturing tour in behalf of the Maine Tenth. [Portland Transcript]

The Penobscot and Kennebec are now entirely closed to navigation. [Portland Transcript]

There are 80 banks in Maine. [Portland Transcript]

The Navy Department invites proposals for clothing our vessels of war with iron plates. [Portland Transcript]

In some places out West corn is so plentiful and so cheap that is used for fuel! [Portland Transcript]

The black measles are having a run in the 10th Maine regiment. There are about 50 men sick. Three deaths have taken place. [Portland Transcript]

Deserters from the rebel army on the Potomac represent the rebels to be in a suffering condition, the roads impassable, and the soldiers anxious to desert. [Portland Transcript]

Across the Continent – The President's message, which was delivered on Tuesday noon, was telegraphed to San Francisco, and published in full on Thursday morning. When we remember how far off California was 10 years ago, this reads like a fairy tale. [Portland Transcript]

Congress – Movement has been made towards correcting the abuse by which colored persons are clapped into the District jails without color of law or justice. The bill to abolish the office of sutler, in the volun-

teer forces, has been introduced. The sutlers have been guilty of great abuses in enticing the soldiers to spend their money for useless articles. ... A resolution of inquiry as to the causes of the disasters at Bull Run and Ball's Bluff has been adopted. ... A bill abolishing slavery in the District of Columbia has been referred. [Portland Transcript]

Our navy now consists of 264 vessels of all sizes, carrying 2557 guns and manned by 22,000 seamen. On the 4th of March last, the government only had four vessels available for service against the rebels. [Portland Transcript]

It is stated that the scouting party captured by the rebels beyond the Potomac a few days since, belonged to the Second Maine, Col. Roberts. Twenty-eight were taken and two killed. [Portland Transcript]

Reduction in Civil Expenses – Sen. Sherman's bill proposed a reduction in the salaries of members of Congress and of clerks. ... Office-holders, who are in a great measure exempt from the burdens of the war, ought to be willing to have their salaries

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reduced. [*Portland Transcript*]

☞ Vaughan's Bridge is again passable having been thoroughly repaired. [*Portland Transcript*]

☞ **Along Commercial Street** – The wharves which were injured by the recent storm are undergoing thorough repairs. ... Central Wharf has been much improved. A railroad track now runs to the foot of the wharf. At the Grand Trunk wharves, ships are loading with grain for Europe, and the Liverpool steamers are discharging and taking cargoes. The long train of grain cars stands near the ships and the wheat in bulk is shoved into bags which are borne on board on men's shoulders and discharged into the hold. [*Portland Transcript*]

☞ The new wing to the Almshouse is now completed. It cost about \$5000 and is capable of accommodating 100 inmates. A new hospital for patients suffering with infectious diseases has also been erected at a cost of about \$1600 or \$1800. [*Portland Transcript*]

☞ Lt. Col Greene's Battalion of two hundred men, belonging to the 17th Regiment U.S. Infantry made a fine appearance while parading through our streets on Thursday week. The battalion was accompanied by an excellent band. [*Portland Transcript*]

☞ The slaves on the plantations around Port Royal now declare themselves their own masters and claim to own everything. Since their masters have run away they are lords of the plantations! [*Portland Transcript*]

☞ **Dec. 21, 1861** – A member of the Cavalry Regiment at Augusta was thrown from his horse and killed a day or two since. It is to be feared that too many of the men are not good riders. [*Portland Transcript*]

☞ Russell [Bertrand], in his last letter, describes the American people as "the most haughty and boastful on the face of the earth." He, as an Englishman, ought to be a good judge! [*Portland Transcript*]

☞ Steel breast plates have been invented for the protection of our soldiers from bullets. [*Portland Transcript*]

☞ The 11th Maine Regiment, now in Washington, are going into winter quarters there, in comfortable wooden buildings. [*Portland Transcript*]

☞ It is said that Gen. Stone, on the upper Potomac, recently sent back two slaves to the rebels under the flag of truce. An officer who returns slaves to a rebel master is no better than a traitor. [*Portland Transcript*]

☞ **Santa Clause** – Is still alive, and will make his annual visit to the little folks this year in spite of war and rumors of war. Our fancy goods dealers have lots of pretty things which will be sure to please the little ones. [*Portland Transcript*]

☞ We have a steam ferry once more between this city and Cape Elizabeth, and on these bright mornings it is quite pleasant to take a trip across to the Fort [Fort Preble]. [*Portland Transcript*]

☞ Eleven hundred of our troops at Port Royal are sick, owing to exposure. [*Portland Transcript*]

Dec. 28, 1861 – Recruiting by the State authorities will be discontinued after the first of January. Then the national government takes it into its own hands. ... Maine has raised 16,143 men which exceeds the number called for by the Federal Government [*Portland Transcript*]

☞ From their official documents it appears that the rebels now have 349,000 men in the field. [*Portland Transcript*]

☞ **Hard on the Barbers** – Since the full beard has become Americanized, the number of barber shops in Philadelphia has fallen away from 200 down to 30. [*Portland Transcript*]

☞ December, this year, is a remarkable month. The first half of it was mild as October, and it will have five Sundays and two new moons. [*Portland Transcript*]

☞ Our poor prisoners in Richmond suffer much now that cold weather has come: Many are in rags and some half naked. It is said that on cold nights many are compelled to walk all night and get their rest in the day time. [*Portland Transcript*]

☞ The Creek Cherokee and Seminole Indians are deserting the rebel cause and joining the loyal Indians, much to the alarm of the rebels. [*Portland Transcript*]

☞ Great distress prevails throughout the South for want of the actual necessities of life. Everything like grain, potatoes and meat has been seized for the army now in the field, and many families acknowledge that they are consuming their seed corn and wheat. [*Portland Transcript*]

Harlem Superstars comedy team to play Dec. 14

The Harlem Superstars comedy basketball team will take on Cape Elizabeth Middle School faculty members on Wednesday, Dec. 14, in the Cape Elizabeth High School gym. The event, which will begin at 6:30 p.m., will include two 10-minute periods, with a show and autograph signing during the half time.

The Harlem Superstars team, made up of professional players, is similar to the Harlem Globetrotters comedy team, but the Super-

stars play only at fundraisers and compete against local players.

Tickets are \$8 at the door. For \$10, people can buy a ticket and dinner in the high school café provided by the Middle School Parents Association.

Community Services and the Middle School Parents Association are sponsoring the event, which will raise money for textbooks for the middle school's literacy program. Call 799-2868 for more information.

Band releases holiday CD, plans Dec. 16 concert

The Don Campbell Band, which includes Cape residents Don Campbell and Tonya Shevenell, will perform at 8 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 16, at The Landing at Pine Point in Scarborough to celebrate the release of the band's new Christmas CD. The band recorded "A Don Campbell Christmas, Volume 2" at a studio in Cape Elizabeth.

The CD includes traditional Christmas music and also songs written by Campbell, a singer-songwriter. Campbell and Shevenell,

who grew up in Cape and plays bass in the band, spend half the year in Nashville, Tenn.

The CD is available at Bull Moose music stores, on the band's website, www.doncambellmusic.com and through other online music retailers. The CD also will be for sale at the concert.

Doors will open for the concert at 6:30 p.m. Tickets range from \$15-\$25. Call 774-4527 or go to thelandingatpinepoint.com to reserve tickets.

Second edition of 'Culinary History' available

The Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society recently published a second edition of "A Culinary History of Cape Elizabeth." In addition to recipes, the book features stories about Cape cuisine, past and present, including what Cape resident Norm Jordan and his family used to eat on Christmas morning.

"Our traditional Christmas breakfast was a 'three-hen chicken pie,' which was so big it had to be cooked in the wash basin," Jordan states in the book.

The book is available for \$20 at the Thomas Memorial Library front desk, or at Nonesuch Books at Mill Creek Shopping Center in South Portland.

A year's membership to the historical society, available for \$15, includes three newsletters a year. Issues feature Cape history and photos. Make out checks to "CEHPS," c/o Thomas Memorial Library, 6 Scott Dyer Road, Cape Elizabeth, ME 04107.

Email cehps@thomas.lib.me.us or call 799-1720 for information about CEHPS.

Senior citizens' forum to address living at home

The South Portland/Cape Elizabeth Triad will host a senior citizens' forum, "Ten Secrets for Thriving at Home" from 2 to 3 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 19, at the Town Center Fire Station, 2 Jordan Way.

Paula Banks and Diane Fazio of Paula Banks Consulting and Two Lights Home Care will offer tips for seniors who want to

"age in their own homes."

Triad is made up of senior citizens, police and community members who work together to find solutions to problems faced by older citizens.

Contact Cape Police Officer Mark Dorval at 767-3323, extension 208, for more information.

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Wednesday, December 14
Harlem Superstars vs. CEMS Faculty, 6 p.m., high school gym
Future Open Space Preservation Committee, 7 p.m., William H. Jordan Conference Room, Town Hall

Thursday, December 15
Fort Williams Advisory Commission, 6:30 p.m., Public Works
Thomas Memorial Library Board of Trustees, 6:30 p.m., Thomas Memorial Library

Tuesday, December 20
Planning Board, 7 p.m., Town Hall chamber

Saturday, December 24
Christmas Holiday, Thomas Memorial Library closed. Recycling Center Open 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. (Closing 2 hours early). Pool, Fitness Center hours TBD.

Sunday, December 25
Christmas Holiday, Pool, Fitness Center Hours TBD

Monday, December 26
Christmas Holiday, Town Hall, Thomas Memorial Library closed. Recycling Center open 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. (Opening 2 hours early). Pool, Fitness Center hours TBD.

Tuesday, December 27
Zoning Board of Appeals, 7 p.m., Town Hall chamber

Saturday, December 31
New Year's Holiday, Thomas Memorial Library closed. Recycling Center hours open regular hours, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Pool, Fitness Center hours TBD.

Sunday, January 1
New Year's Holiday, Fitness Center and pool hours TBD.

Monday, January 2
New Year's Holiday, Town Hall, Thomas Memorial Library closed. Recycling Center open regular hours, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.. Pool, Fitness Center hours TBD.

Tuesday, January 3

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

Thursday, January 5
Recycling Committee, 7 p.m., Public Works

Monday, January 9
Town Council, 7:30 pm, Town Hall chamber

Tuesday, January 10
School Board Business Meeting, 7 p.m., Town Hall chamber
Conservation Commission, 7 p.m., Assessing/Codes/Planning office, Town Hall

Wednesday, January 11
Middle School Variety Shows, 2:20 and 7 p.m.
Town Council Finance Committee and Workshop, 7:30 p.m., William H. Jordan Conference Room, Town Hall

Ongoing each week
Al-Anon, Newcomers' meeting, 6:15 p.m., regular meeting 7:30 p.m. **Thursdays**, at United Methodist Church, 280 Ocean House Road (Route 77). Regular meeting 7 p.m. **Fridays** at St. Alban's Episcopal Church, 885 Shore Road.
Alcoholics Anonymous, 2 p.m. **Saturdays**, First Congregational Church, 301 Cottage Road, South Portland; 7 p.m. **Wednesdays**, St. Bartholomew Church, 8 Two Lights Road; 7 p.m. **Fridays**, St. Alban's Church, 885 Shore Road.
Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society, 9 a.m.-noon **Thursdays**, except holidays, storm days, Thomas Memorial Library, 6 Scott Dyer Road. Public welcome.
Cape Elizabeth Lions Club, 6:39 p.m., **first & third Tuesdays** at Bowery Beach Schoolhouse, on Two Lights Road. Call Mark Fleming, 899-3654, or Bruce Balfour, 831-0166.
Fire-Police meetings, 7 p.m. **third Thursday** of each month at the Cape Elizabeth Police Station, 325 Ocean House Road.
The South Portland/Cape Elizabeth Rotary Club, each **Wednesday** at 6:15 p.m. at the Purpoodock Country Club on Spurwink Road in Cape Elizabeth. Contact Marge Barker, club president, 838-8129 for more information.

Rotary Club's Christmas tree sale under way

The South Portland-Cape Elizabeth Rotary Club's Christmas tree sale runs from noon to 9 p.m. on weekdays, and 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on weekends at Mill Creek Park in South Portland.

Trees range from tabletop size to 10 feet in the fundraiser, which benefits charitable programs, scholarships, improvement projects, literacy programs, food pantries, families at risk, and residents who are experiencing tough times.

At the sale, Rotary members are collecting nonperishable food items to benefit the South Portland Food Cupboard. Contact Rotary member Bob Flynn, who is heading up the fundraiser, at rflynn13@aol.com or go to www.sp-ce-rotary.org for more information.



Photo by Adrienne Murphy

Sporting a pair of holly and ivy sunglasses Cape resident and Rotary member Joan Frustaci takes time out from selling Christmas trees for a snapshot with Santa at last year's sale.

Red ribbons: reminders to 'celebrate responsibly'

Cape Elizabeth residents who want to demonstrate their commitment to celebrating the holidays responsibly can do so by tying red ribbons to their car antennas.

Several organizations have teamed up to spread the message: Cape Elizabeth's community action group, Healthy Outreach for Prevention and Education, the Cape Elizabeth Police Department, Cape Elizabeth High School's Students Encouraging Empowering

Decisions group, and Peoples Regional Opportunities Program, a Cumberland County organization that seeks to help people better their lives.

Organizers remind Cape residents to designate drivers before parties, include nonalcoholic drink options for guests, and stop serving alcohol the last hour of a celebration.

Contact Kathy Pappas at jkpap@aol.com or 767-3976 for information.

Cape musician to perform in holiday concert

Cape resident Eric Kawamoto is part of the 21-voice a cappella ensemble, Renaissance Voices, which will present a holiday concert, "Christmas with Renaissance Voices" at 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18, at the Cathedral of St. Luke, 143 State St. in Portland.

Admission will be \$15 at the door, and \$5 for students. Tickets can be bought for \$12 at Starbird Music or Longfellow Books in Portland, or at www.renaissancevoices.org.

All audience members are invited to a reception after the concert. Call 729-4958 for more information.

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<p>Town Council replay Dec. 14 & 15 - 2 p.m. & 8 p.m. Dec. 17 - 9 a.m.</p> <p>School Board replay Dec. 16 & 17 - 2 p.m. & 8 p.m. Dec. 18 - 9 a.m.</p> <p>Words of Peace Dec. 17-18 - 1 & 7 p.m.; Dec. 24-25 - 1 & 7 p.m.; Dec. 31-Jan. 1 - 1 & 7 p.m.; Jan. 7-8 - 1 p.m. & ?? p.m.</p> <p>Planning Board (live) Dec. 20 - 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Planning Board replay Dec. 21-22 - 2 & 8 p.m.; Dec. 24 - 9 a.m.</p> <p>Zoning Board of Appeals (live) Dec. 27 - 7 p.m.</p> <p>Zoning Board replay Dec. 28-29 - 2 & 8 p.m. Dec. 31 - 9 a.m.</p> <p>Town Council (Live) Jan. 9 - 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>School Board (Live) Jan. 10 - 7 p.m.</p> <p>Town Council Replay Jan. 11-12 - 2 & 8 p.m.</p>
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Cape ballerinas to perform on Dec. 23 in Portland Ballet's 'Victorian Nutcracker'

Five Cape Elizabeth ballerinas will be on stage at Merrill Auditorium in Portland on Friday, Dec. 23, when the Portland Ballet Company performs "Victorian Nutcracker." Vanessa Van Deusen, 15; Rachel Lockwood, 14; Hannah McGill, 10; Emma Wellins, 9; and Nika Johnson, 8, will dance in the ballet, which will have 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. performances.

The ballet is set in Portland during the Victorian Period, with sets, costumes, and characters inspired by historical figures. Dancers include the ballet company's professional dancers and students selected by audition. Sean Newhouse, assistant conductor at the Boston Symphony Orchestra, will conduct the Portland Ballet Orchestra.

Go to www.porttix.com or call 842-0800 for tickets, which range in price from \$17 to \$47. Contact Portland Ballet at 772-9671 or visit www.portlandballet.org for more information.

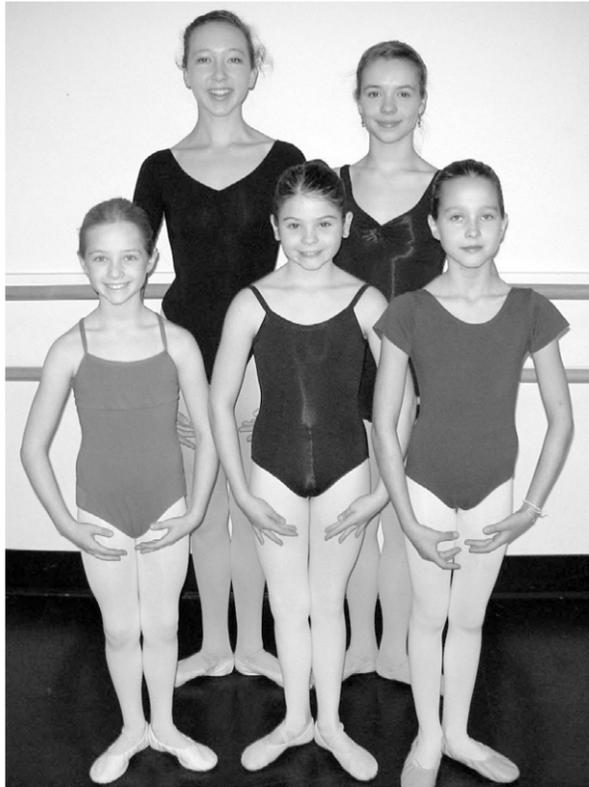


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Cape ballerinas who will dance in the "Victorian Nutcracker" on Dec. 23 are, left to right, front row, Emma Wellins, Hannah McGill, Nika Johnson; back row, Rachel Lockwood and Vanessa Van Deusen.

Reducing seniors' holiday stress topic of sessions

Two Lights Home Care, a geriatric care management and home care business, plans two information sessions addressing ways to reduce holiday-related stress for seniors and their caregivers at 1-2 p.m. and 7-8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 15, in Two Lights' office in the Pond Cove Shopping Center.

"The holidays ... can be overwhelming, especially for seniors who may want to do all that they've always done over the years, but are finding it more difficult to pull it all

together," Two Lights Home Care manager Dianne Fazio said. "It can be equally challenging for caregivers to find the time to shop, cook, wrap gifts, clean, decorate and get ready while also caring for their loved one."

At these sessions, Fazio will offer practical tips on ways to create a happy holiday experience. Go to www.TwoLightsHomeCare.com or call 799-4465 for more information.

Cape girl in Portland Stage Co.'s 'Snow Queen'

Cape Elizabeth Middle School fifth-grader Julia Pilk has a role in the Portland Stage Company's production of Hans Christian Andersen's winter fairy tale, "The Snow Queen" which will run through Dec. 24 at the theater, 25A Forest Ave., Portland.

When Gerda's best friend Kai is bewitched and imprisoned by the mysterious

Snow Queen, the young girl embarks on a journey to the land of winter to save him, encountering magical characters along the way.

Adult ticket prices range from \$30 to \$40, and children pay \$12. Call 774-0456 or go to www.portlandstage.org for tickets or information.

'Christmas Bride' to open on Dec. 15 at Lucid Stage Co.

Snowlion Repertory Company's musical "The Christmas Bride," featuring characters from Charles Dickens' novels, will open on Thursday, Dec. 15, at Lucid Stage Company in Portland.

Cape Elizabeth resident Jim Colby is the show's musical director, and Inn by the Sea hostess Marissa Sheltra plays the lead, Marion Jeddler, who travels from the bright English countryside to the dark underbelly of London.

Performances are planned at 8 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 15; 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17; 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18; 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 20; and 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 21.

Tickets are \$17, and \$15 for students and seniors. Call 899-3993 or go to www.lucidstage.com for tickets or more information.



Photo by Michael Berube

In "Christmas Bride," Brian McAloon plays Michael, Marissa Sheltra is Marion, and Fran Page plays Alfred.

Annual 'WET Dip' planned on New Year's Day

Cape residents who want to brave the frigid Atlantic the first day of 2012 can take the plunge at 11 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 1, at Kettle Cove, at the Cape Water Extrication Team's annual WET Dip.

The fundraiser, held every New Year's Day, benefits Project Graduation and other causes.

Suggested donations of \$10 or more will be welcome. For more information, contact WETeam Capt. John Norton, 831-5714.

Hockey team to pick up Christmas trees

The Cape Elizabeth High School boys' ice hockey team will collect discarded Christmas trees on Sunday, Jan. 8.

Proceeds raised in the fundraiser will help defray overall costs for the season, including ice time and equipment.

Contact Jennifer Caswell at cehockey@earthlink.net or 799-5264 to sign up to have a Christmas tree picked up by the team.

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'Apparent Glimmerings' appear Jan. 2-31

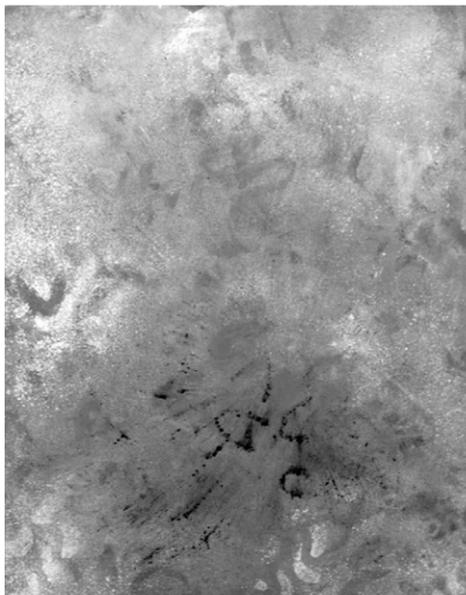
An exhibit of paintings by Boston-based Deborah Barlow will be on display Jan. 2-31 at the Thomas Memorial Library.

An opening reception and artist talk will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 13. The event is free and open to the public.

"Apparent Glimmerings" features both large-scale and small-scale works by Barlow in her first exhibit in Maine. The show follows recent solo exhibitions by the artist in Provincetown, Santa Fe, Brooklyn and San Francisco.

"Barlow's paintings are mysterious and masterful," said Julia Bassett Schwerin, a member of the Cape Elizabeth Arts Commission, which sponsors exhibits at TML. "They can suggest a glimpse through the lens of a microscope as well as a NASA photograph of space."

"I draw inspiration from a rich and complex array of sources that include nature, science, landscape, Western and non-Western artistic traditions, esoterica, language, indigenous cultures and digital imaging to name a few," said Barlow. "I bring these disparate elements together to create a sense of wonder, mystery and enchantment."



"Paloose," mixed media on a 24-by-30-inch canvas, is one of Deborah Barlow's works that will be on display in January at the library.

The exhibit is sponsored by the Cape Elizabeth Arts Commission.

See www.deborahbarlow.com for more information about Barlow.

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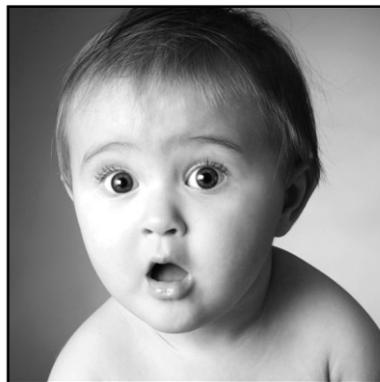
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Library closed Dec. 24, Dec. 26, Dec. 31, Jan. 2

The library will be closed on Saturday, Dec. 24; Monday, Dec. 26; Saturday, Dec. 31, and Monday, Jan. 2.

Story times will end Dec. 23, resume Jan. 9

Story times for fall will end on Dec. 23, and story times for winter will resume the week of Jan. 9, following the regular schedule.



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Socrates Café, meets Jan. 3 at library

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Christmas Eve, Christmas, New Year's services planned at St. Alban's

St. Alban's Episcopal Church will hold three Christmas Eve services on Saturday, Dec. 24, and worship services on Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

An informal 4 p.m. Christmas Eve service, suitable for families with young children, will include a children's sermon and the singing of familiar Christmas carols and Holy Communion.

A traditional Christmas Eve service, with candlelight, a sermon and the singing of Christmas carols, is planned for 6 p.m.

Choirmaster Jim Strand and the Saint Alban's Chancel Choir plan a rich musical offering for the 10 p.m. service, which will include the singing of Christmas carols, special organ music and Communion. The choir will begin festivities at 9:40 p.m.

The Christmas Day service with music will begin at 9:30 a.m.

Child care will be available in the nursery during both the 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. Christmas Eve and the Christmas Day services.

A service of worship will begin at 9:30 on Sunday, Jan. 1, and child care will be provided.

St. Alban's is located at 885 Shore Road. Call 799-4014 for information.

Jan. 7 bean supper at Cape Methodist

The Cape Elizabeth United Methodist Church will host a public supper from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 7.

The price for the supper, which will feature casseroles, beans, salads, breads and desserts, will be \$7.50 for adults, \$4 for children and \$20 for families (two adults and children). Takeout will be available.

The church is located at 280 Ocean House Road. Visit www.ceumc.org for more information.

Church of Nazarene plans candlelight celebration Dec. 23, Christmas service

The Cape Elizabeth Church of the Nazarene's annual Christmas Candlelight Celebration at 7 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 23, will include the singing of carols, concluding with the singing of "Silent Night" by candlelight.

All are also welcome to celebrate at the church on Christmas Day at a 10 a.m. wor-

ship service. The service of lessons and carols will include a brief meditation by the Rev. Jon Twitchell and the celebration of Holy Communion.

Call 619-AMEN or go to www.capenazarene.org for more information. The church is located at 499 Ocean House Road.

Congregational Church to offer Christmas pageant, three Christmas Eve services

First Congregational Church United Church of Christ in South Portland will change its worship times on Sunday, Dec. 18, to 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. The 9 a.m. service will include a children's Christmas pageant. At an 11 a.m. service in the sanctuary, the last Advent candles before Christmas will be lit.

Three Christmas Eve services are planned. To celebrate Jesus' birthday, cake will be served after the 5 p.m. family worship service. The 7 p.m. service will include the tel-

ling of the Christmas story with American Sign Language interpretation. The 10 p.m. service will feature the Meetinghouse Choir.

Services are planned at 10 a.m. on Christmas and on New Year's Day. All are welcome to attend the Christmas service in their pajamas. The New Year's Day service will include communion.

The church is located at 301 Cottage Road in South Portland. Call 799-3361 or go to www.fccucc.org for more information.

Methodists plan two Christmas Eve services

The Cape Elizabeth United Methodist Church will offer two Christmas Eve services. The first, a family service at 6 p.m., will include the "Stars and Angels" Christmas pageant.

An 11 p.m. candlelight service will include Communion.

A special 9 a.m. service on Christmas

Day will combine worship and fellowship. Members of the congregation will bring traditional Christmas breads from their families and share them during a continental breakfast following the service.

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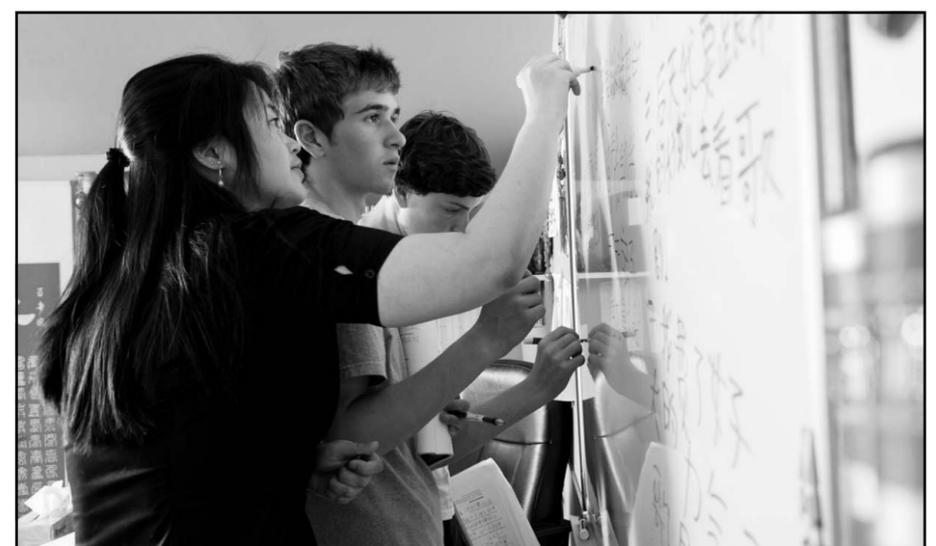
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Chess players prevail at Boston University tournament last month

Cape Elizabeth High School's chess team took top honors in the high school division last month at the Boston University Open, in which 100 top players from New England competed.

The Cape team, comprised of Ethan DiNinno, Brett Parker, Ben Hansel, Matthew Reale-Hatem and Colin Smith, scored nine out of 12 possible points.

DiNinno won every game he played and scored a perfect four points, earning first place in the U-1900 section, a highly competitive advanced level of play.

Reale-Hatem won three out of his four games. Both DiNinno's and Reale-Hatem's United Chess Federation ratings rose by more than 100 points after the tournament, "which is very unusual following a single tournament," said Cape resident Ilene Schuchman, whose son, eighth-grader Matthew Fishbein, played in the middle school division along with Cape seventh-grader Wesley Parker. "They both ended up against opponents who were much higher rated, so their rise in ratings reflects their very strong performances."

Cape Elizabeth High School honor roll for first quarter

Grade 12

High Honors – Ethan DiNinno, Julia Hintlian, William McCarthy, Emily Mitchell, Matthew Pierce, Charlotte Ruty, Lindsay Stephen, Lyndsey Tanabe

Honors – William Alexander, Jessica Allen, Max Aronson, Noah Backer, Samuel Barber, Blake Barritt, Vanessa Blair-Glantz, Nathan Botelho, Thomas Bottomley, Nicholas Breed, Brian Brett, Victoria Brigham, Kathryn Cavanaugh, Donald Clark, Olivia Cooper, Alexandra Dunton, Rebecca Eisenberg, Alexander Enna, Theodore Farnsworth, Kevin Flathers, Sarah Gleeson, Maxwell Gore, Emily Ham, Forest Hewitt, Colleen Howard, Kelsey Jackson, Margaret Jacobson, Alexis Johnson, Zoe Johnston, Caroline Kelly, Sasha Kohan, Heather Kraft, Madeline Kraft, Timothy Lavallee, Alexandra Lengyel, Sasha Lennon, Sara Macdonald, Colby Marvin, Ian McInerney, Edward Melanson, Ziana Merlim, Maria Morris, Claire Muscat, Miranda Newman, William Norris, Lane Parrish, Tara Pinette, Matthew Propp, Maggie Rabasca, Thomas Robinson, Victoria Russell, Elin Sonesson, Timothy Stack, Melissa Stewart, Macklin Sweeney, Catherine Tierney, Jacob Wasserman, Noelle Webster

Grade 11

High Honors – Ian Andolsek, Josephine Barth, Allison Briggs, Elizabeth Coughlin, Daniel Epstein, Robert Freccero, Emma Inhorn, Brett Parker, Samuel Sherman, Alex Silva

Honors – Ryan Allmendinger, Alexa Blaisdell, Jacob Brady, Anna Brogan, Moriah Brown, Abigail Buhrman, Cameron Caswell, Nolan Chase, Harrison Clarke, Meghan Clifford, Jane Coffrin, Travis DeLano, Jamie Dell'Aquila, Marlo Dell'Aquila, Seth Dobieski, Abigail Donnelly, Glenn Findlay,

Michaela Forde, Madeline Gears, Matthew Gilman, Sydney Glazier, Duncan Hanrahan, Cassidy Harrington, Adam Haversat, Zachary Hillman, Anastasia Kouros, Jeanette Lalouche, Charles Laprade, Catherine Macdonald, Laura MacKay, Jennifer McGlynn, Lillian McMullin, Alissa Mitchell, Ali Mohamedi, Meaghan Monaghan, Jessica Morgan, Nolan Morris, Ariana Mortello, Mireia Odlin, Talia Pappas, Chadwick Peterson, Austin Petsinger, Elle Richards, Charlotte Sawyer, Courtney Spengler, Emily Spidle, Rohit Srungavarapu, Brent Staples, Lauren Steidl, Kisa Tabery, Emily Tall, Natalie Underdown, Jenna Wallace, Chelsey Whynot, Cameron Wilson, Jacob Wilson, Nicole Woodward

Grade 10

High Honors – Daniel Brett, Lucas Dvoroziak, Jordan Greer, Kevin Hare, Quinn Malter, Emma O'Rourke, Nicholas Shedd, Addison Wood

Honors – David Allen, Samantha Altnauer, Julian Andrews, Ciara Bethel, Ysanne Bethel, Zachery Bostwick, Allison Bowe, William Britton, Anthony Castro, Heather Chase, Elizabeth Cloutier, Mitchell Cohen, Morgan Connell, Ethan Duperre, Samuel Earnshaw, Dylan Egeand, Trevor Ewald, Matthew Fisher, Sarah Flaherty, Elise Flathers, Lee Foden, Trevor Gale, Henry Gent, Zoe Gillies, Anna Goldstein, Joshua Graessle, Audrey Grey, Pasqual Guarracino, John Hall, Timothy Hartel, Dana Hatton, Caroline Herriman, Kia Hewins, Andrew Hollyday, Dorothy Janick, Isabel Johnston, Omar Khalidi, Mikaela Kohan, Montserrat Kwan, Mackenzie Leighton, Gabriel McGinn, Abigail McInerney, Madeline Miele, Katherine Miklavic, Sophie Moore, Nicholas Moulton, Kayne Munson, Hannah Newhall, Mat-

thew Oberholtzer, Hailey Petsinger, Seth Queeney, Katie Rabasca, Elizabeth Raftice, Natalie Rand, Matthew Reale-Hatem, Margaux Rioux, Deven Roberts, Gwyneth Roberts, Nathan Rose, Hannah Rosenfield, Anne Russell, Stuart Ruty, Ian Schrank, Friederike Selbach, Phoebe Shields, Liam Simpson, Sarah Stacki, Anna Sullivan, Brian Taintor, Jack Thomas, Jack Tierney, Christopher Tinsman, Jane Vaughan, Emily Wasserman, Sydney Wight

Grade 9

High Honors – Sierra Bates, Rhoe Fiutak, Julia Ginder, Robert Harrison, Lily Jordan, Emma Landes, Daniel Menz, Michaela Pinette, Hannah Preble, Hannah Saturley, Aca-dia Stewart, Leo Wing, Claire Zimmerman

Honors – Mustafa Albeshir, Holden Amorello, Mathias Barth, Madison Botelho, Eva Brydson, Paul Calande, Cole Caswell, Isabel Clarke, Alexandra Coggeshall, Mark Coleman, Jack Demeter, Parker Dinsmore, Aaron Dobieski, Jacob Downer, Jack Dri-nan, Katherine Ewald, Edward Galvin, Caroline Garfield, Rachel Garrity, Luke Gilman, Thomas Gleason, Thomas Gleeson, Walker Grimes, Luke Harrison, Noah Haversat, Taylor Herrera, Caroline Kelley, Eamon Kelley, Andrew Kelly, Kyle Kennedy, Rachel Lockwood, Sarah Loring, Emily Lynch, Samuel MacDuffie, Olivia Mantsch, Grady McCormick, Mitchell Morris, Amelia Morrissey, Ethan Murphy, Wyatt Page, Leah Parrish, Nicholas Pellechia, Monica Planinsek, Paige Riddell, Thomas Rioux, Noah Robinson, Kirsten Rudberg, Melissa Rudberg, Maci Russell, Hannah Sawyer, Rachel Seekins, Sairah Shir, Benjamin Stanley, Lindsay Stewart, Conner Sullivan, Charles Tall, Andrew Thomas, Ashley Tinsman, Andrew Volent, Andrew Whynot, Sarah Zuccherro



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Four students win Model UN honors

If Cape Elizabeth High School students Danny Brett, Matt Gilman, Ian McInerney and Brett Parker had represented actual countries last month during the Brown University Simulation of the United Nations in Providence, R.I., they would have put smiles on the faces of government officials in Japan, Iraq, Egypt and Slovakia.

At the event, in which 25 CEHS students participated, awards for outstanding deliberation were won by Danny Brett, who represented Japan in Interpol; Matt Gilman, who represented Iraq on a Middle East Crisis Committee; Ian McInerney, who represented Egypt on a Middle East Crisis Committee; and Brett Parker, who represented Slovakia

in the European Union.

In preparation for model United Nations events, students research a wide variety of countries and issues, prepare position papers, and work on honing parliamentary procedure skills.

Cape students have returned home from model UN meets with many honors in the past few years. Last winter, a CEHS delegation won the "Best Small Delegation" award at a Boston University model UN meet, and the previous spring, a CEHS delegation won the "Conference Award for Outstanding Research" at a model UN meet at Dartmouth College in Hanover, N.H. Twelve students last year won individual honors.

Joint effort

Ben Ostergaard, a student at Aucociso School in Cape Elizabeth, prepares to play with a ball he retrieved from inside the school's new storage shed for playground equipment and gardening tools. The structure is a joint effort of students from Aucociso and the Portland Arts and Technology High School in Portland. Two years ago, two Aucociso students and a teacher designed the double-compartment structure during "shed club." PATHS students spent the 2010-2011 school year building it.



'Owly' takes up residence at Pond Cove

By Wendy Keeler

The Pond Cove Media Center has a lot to offer: novels, poetry, magazines, nonfiction – and now a mounted owl named Owly.

The long-eared owl is a recent gift to Pond Cove from the Cape Elizabeth Land Trust, which received a call from a Cape family last winter after family members discovered a dead owl in the yard.

"Luckily the folks ... thought that some good could come out of the death of such a beautiful animal and thought to call the Land Trust," said Lisa Gent, a member of the CELT's education committee.

The Land Trust had a taxidermist mount the owl and preserve its wings, talons and tail feathers for educational purposes.

"Creating a collection of educational taxidermy mounts has long been on the wish list for both educators at Pond Cove and members of the education committee," Gent said. "It was so exciting to receive this donation, because while long-eared owls do live in Maine, they are not as common as barred, saw whet, or great-horned owls."

The mounted owl, along with its wings, talons and tail feathers, is now at CELT's En-



Owly

vironmental Resource Center, located in the Pond Cove Media Center, and is available for use by Cape educators.

Owly soon will begin making the rounds in Pond Cove classrooms. First-graders, who study nocturnal creatures, will especially become acquainted with the long-eared owl.

Go to www.capelandtrust.org or call 767-6054 for more information about CELT and the efforts of the education committee.

Cape middle school seeks book donations

By Wendy Keeler

Got books?

Members of the Middle School Parents Association hope to get book donations from community members who own or want to buy books on lists that Cape Elizabeth Middle School teachers recently developed for students in each grade. The books will be read in small groups called "literature circles" to promote independent reading among CEMS students.

Recent research has found that students' literacy improves more rapidly when small groups of students read and discuss books, CEMS educators state on a literacy link on

the parents association's website, www.caapemspa.org.

The practice of whole classes reading and discussing books is "detrimental" to students' literacy, the site adds. "Providing students with the opportunity to self-select novels, determine reading pace, and determine discussion group 'jobs' is an instructional strategy that shows promising results."

Book lists for each grade are available by going to www.caapemspa.org/literacy-program, at Nonesuch Books in South Portland, or by contacting Amy Bates at bates7994@gmail.com or 767-3458.

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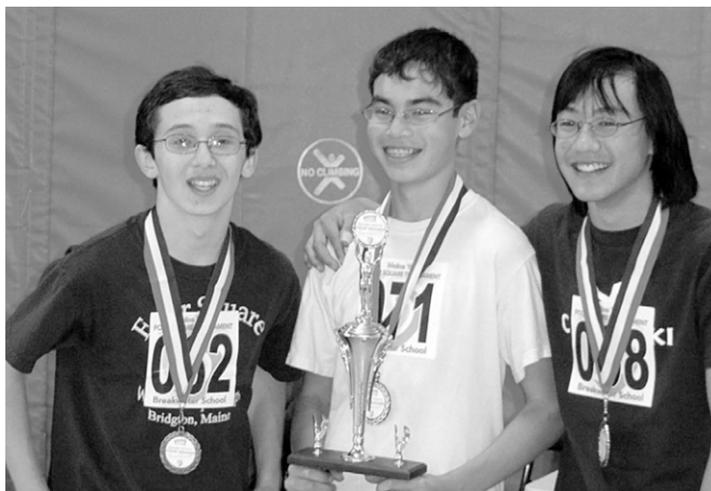
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Cape Elizabeth Middle School eighth-grader Matthew Fishbein, far left, displays the third-place medal he won last month at the Maine Youth Four Square Championship at Breakwater School in Portland. With him are, left to right, Breakwater students, Eliot Youth, the winner, and Hal Ford, who came in second.

Kevin Brady Spirit Award winners

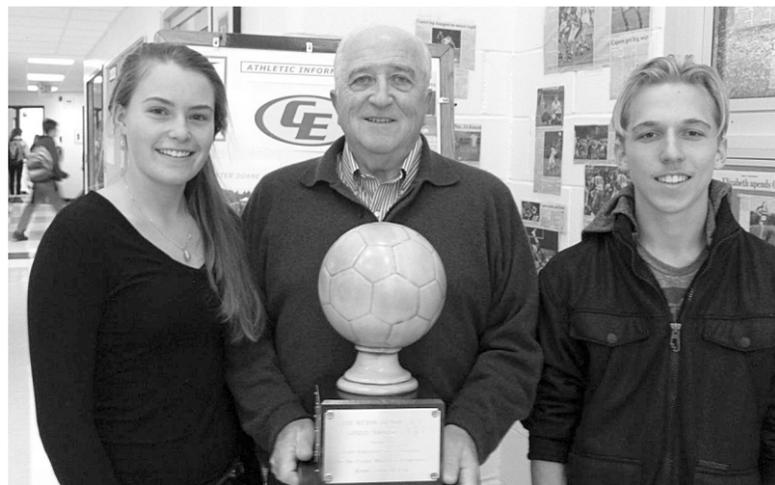


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Cape Elizabeth High School soccer players Sasha Lennon and Blake Barritt are winners of the 2011 Kevin Brady Spirit Award, which honors the memory of CEHS soccer player Kevin Brady. John Brady, center, Kevin's father, presents the award each year.

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Cape Elizabeth High School senior soccer players Sasha Lennon and Blake Barritt are the recipients of the 2011 Kevin Brady Spirit Awards, given each year to CEHS senior soccer players who exemplify qualities possessed by CEHS soccer player Kevin Brady, who passed away in 2000 when he was 17.

"Kevin was very intense on the field, but when he was off the field and the game was over, he could see the lighter side of things. He had a great sense of humor," said Kevin's father, John Brady, who presents the award to students each year.

In June, Lennon and Barritt also will receive \$1,000 scholarships at the CEHS seniors' awards banquet.

Lennon and CEHS boys varsity players Brian Brett, Tim Lavallee and Ian McNerney won the Cape Soccer Boosters' 2011

People on the Hill awards, given to seniors who have demonstrated sportsmanship, citizenship and spirit on and off the field.

Husband and wife Steve and Jean Lavallee, received the 2011 Rollie Moore Award, given each year to community members who have dedicated time and energy to Cape soccer. The award's namesake was a longtime CEHS coach who participated in the development of youth soccer in town.

The Lavallees have been involved with Cape Boosters for the past six years. Steve has served on the board for the last three, and for the past two he has been president of the boys' boosters. Last month, he won the Skip Houghton Award, another volunteerism and service award, from the Cape Elizabeth Soccer Club.

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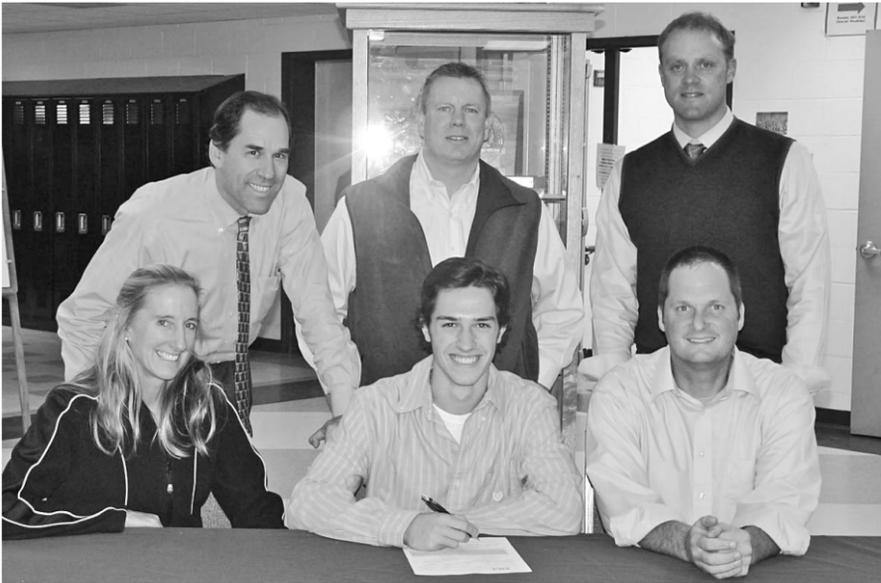
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Sunday, January 1st

Yet another big victory for Cape athlete Tim Lavallee: signing with Division 1 school



Cape Elizabeth High School senior Tim Lavallee, center, signs a "National Letter of Intent" to play Division 1 lacrosse at Providence College with left to right, front row, his mother Jean, CEHS head lacrosse and soccer coach Ben Raymond; and rear, his father Steve, assistant coach Steve Bornick and CEHS Athletic Director Jeff Thoreck.

By Wendy Keeler

Many young Cape athletes spend years dreaming about doing what Cape Elizabeth High School senior Tim Lavallee will do next year: play Division 1 sports, the highest level of intercollegiate athletics.

A month before Lavallee, 17, started his senior year, Providence College's lacrosse coach approached him after watching him play during an exhibition day at the college.

"He said, 'I want you here.' I was really surprised," said Lavallee, who plays mid-field and attack.

Lavallee started playing lacrosse in elementary school and for the past six years he has played club lacrosse during the off season. This spring, he received All State honors from the Maine Lacrosse Coaches Association, earned Western Maine Conference first team honors, and was named Offensive Player of the Year at CEHS.

"Tim's athletic ability, which is outstanding, gave him the head start but his com-

mitment, desire and passion for the game is what got him to such a competitive level. ... If Timmy has it set in his mind that he is going to be an impact player at Providence College then that is what Timmy is going to do," CEHS lacrosse coach Ben Raymond said. "Timmy sets a great example for younger players in knowing that for all the hard work there is a reward at the end."

Lavallee's parents Jean and Steve Lavallee are thrilled for their son.

"It's really exciting as a parent to have your child's dream come true," Jean Lavallee said. "He's worked very hard to get to this spot."

A varsity soccer player at CEHS all four years, Lavallee recently earned All-State honors and is the only Cape boy named to the Western Maine Conference first team this fall. A WMC senior All-Star, he also qualified for the conference's All-Academic team and received the Cape Soccer Boosters' People on the Hill Award [see page 16].

Marathoners!



Cape Elizabeth residents, left, Tania Wood and Susan Haversat, pose for a shot after completing the ING New York City Marathon last month. Haversat, whose mother was diagnosed with multiple myeloma three years ago, ran with her brother and sister to raise money for the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation. Wood, whose father is paralyzed, ran in support of the Christopher and Dana Reeves Foundation.

Matt Rand finishes 19th in nation

Cross-country runner Matt Rand, a junior at Tufts University in Medford, Mass., finished 19th at the Division III National Collegiate Athletic Association Cross Country Championship last month in Winneconne, Wis., earning his second All-America honor this year.

Rand beat his personal record by 19 seconds and led his team to ninth place.

"We've been saying all season that we could be a top-10 team nationally, and we went out and proved that," said Rand, who ran among the top 15 runners for most of the race. "... I got a pretty bad cramp in the last 400 meters, but overall I was happy with the finish."

Rand was named the New England Small College Athletic Conference Performer of the Week twice this season. At the 2011 New England Intercollegiate Amateur Athletic Association Championships in October at Franklin Park, Mass., he was not only named the best performer in NESCAC but he was also the top runner in Division III.

In May, he earned All-America track honors at the 2011 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III Championship at Ohio Wesleyan University in Delaware, Ohio.



Photo by Tom Leonard

Cross-country runner Matt Rand finished 19th at the Division III national championship last month.

Rand, who also runs indoor track for Tufts in the winter, won state and Western Maine Conference titles at Cape Elizabeth High School.

He is not the only CEHS alum who competed in the Division III cross-country championship. Emily Attwood, a sophomore at Middlebury College in Middlebury, Vt., contributed to her team's runner-up performance at the championship.

Sophomore runs in New England

Cape Elizabeth High School sophomore Peter Doane, No. 529, ran his fastest time of the cross-country season at the New England High School Cross-Country Championship meet on Nov. 12 at Ponaganset High School in North Scituate, R.I. The only CEHS runner who qualified for the meet, Doane came in 141 out of 275 runners. Doane was named to the Western Maine Conference's first team for the season.



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LIBRARY

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feel like it fit," Scherma said. "They felt it was too big and too much money."

He noted that the committee had asked architects to address a range of problems the current building faces, including inefficient heating and inadequate ventilation, floors that weren't designed to hold stacks of heavy books, a substandard electrical system and a layout that doesn't meet handicapped-accessibility standards.

But after residents weighed in with their opinions this summer, Scherma said, the committee went back to the architects from Cassacio Architects of Havertown, Pa., and asked them to come up with something that not only continued to tackle those problems, but also was responsive to the criticisms of the design.

The new plan, Scherma said, does "an amazingly good job of addressing all the concerns that were raised."

The revised design would retain the "Pond Cove annex" - the portion of the building that faces Scott Dyer Road and dates to 1910.

That would preserve a structure that many people like, Scherma said, and maintain open space. Since the addition to the library would be to the south of that building - away from Scott Dyer Road - the green space between the building and the road would be left intact.

The floors of the 1910 building would be reinforced to better handle the weight of

books and would now house the children's library, which has shorter stacks and uses more open space than the adult section that is currently in that portion of the library.

The adult section would be at the far side of the addition, with plenty of room for seating and a coffee bar.

Between those two sections would be a room housing young adult books, the circulation desk, offices and restrooms. That central portion of the building would have a semicircular facade on the east side - toward Route 77 - and the entrance would be there, located off a new plaza.

Unlike the current building, the upper floor of the addition would all be on the same level, at the height of the adult section currently. The lower level would house the town Historical Society, meeting rooms, a staff lounge, a storage area and mechanical systems.

Stairways just inside the entry would allow visitors to go to either the upper level or downstairs. Elevators, the width of the aisles and curb cuts will comply with federal accessibility laws, Scherma said, with the goal of making it easier for everyone to get to - and around in - the library.

"The building will be designed so that mothers with strollers, seniors using walkers or adults on crutches and in wheelchairs can have equal access," he said.

The plan trims the size of the library, from about 23,000 square feet suggested this summer to about 22,000 square feet (the existing building is about 15,000), Scherma said, and also reduces the cost to an estimated \$8 million to \$8.5 million from about \$9.2 million.

Scherma said a committee composed of representatives of the library trustees, the Thomas Memorial Library Foundation, the Town Council and the public are developing a "statement of need" to lay out the reasons for the new building.

That statement, he said, will be shared with a sampling of residents to gauge public awareness and support for a new building and help determine how much money might be raised privately to go along with town funding for the project.

A final report, Scherma said, is expected to be sent in January to the council, which then will decide the next steps to take.

Scherma noted that some people have questioned the need for a larger library in an age when many books and magazines are available in electronic form. He said Thomas Memorial Library would actually have a smaller collection in the new structure; accomplished by a review of records and the removal of items that aren't in much demand.

But he said the library needs to expand to take on a bigger role in the community.

"In my opinion, people often over-literalize what a library is," Scherma said. "What libraries aren't, per se, are shelves filled with books. It's the ideas those books contain, brought together in one space. Libraries are places where ideas are exchanged."

A modern, comfortable and inviting library, he said, would become more of a cultural center for the town, and that's why meeting and discussion spaces are emphasized in the new design. "In a society where people are so displaced, it's critical to have

some place where people can offer each other experiences and exchange ideas," he said.

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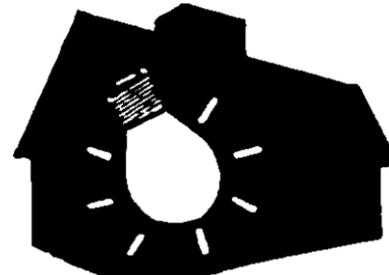
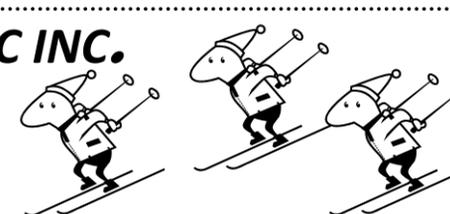


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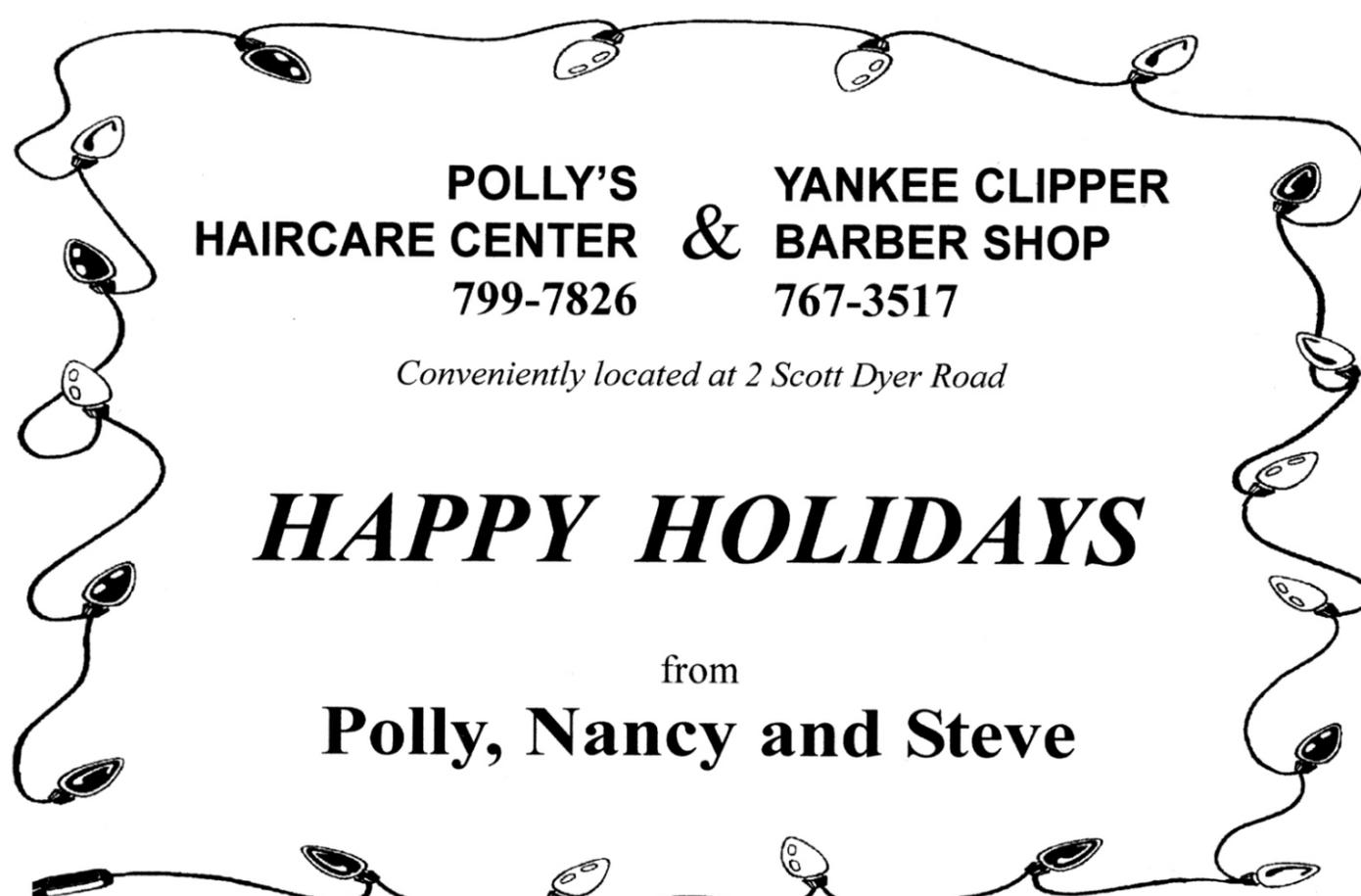
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Then, after learning from Ward that no efforts are under way to protect the nautilus, Utsch started a website, www.savethenautilus.com, which includes information about the nautilus and Ward's research, a link for people who want to make donations to research, and features T-shirts and note cards with nautilus designs by Utsch's friends.

"Due to the beauty of its shell, this living fossil is under threat of extinction," Utsch states on the web site. "Please help us raise awareness of the plight of these beautiful creatures and stop the senseless killing for their coveted shell."



Josiah Utsch

Dianne Fazio is the new manager of **Two Lights Home Care**, a geriatric care and companion agency in the Pond Cove Shopping Center. Fazio, 58, previously was the manager of marketing and communications for a senior-living community in Portland and a community-outreach manager for a local home care agency.

"Dianne is a true advocate for seniors and has a great deal of experience in this industry. We're delighted to have her here," said Two Lights Home Care owner Paula Banks. "This is the perfect time to add Dianne to our dedicated team, as we expand our services and educational offerings in our community and Greater Portland."



Dianne Fazio

Cape resident **Matthew Little** was named to the spring semester dean's list at Biola University in La Mirada, Calif.

Tommy Houge, a 2007 Cape Elizabeth High School alumnus now attending and playing soccer for the University of Maine at Farmington, has created a video-based social networking site, fipeo.com, designed for one-on-one video chatting.

Unlike Facebook, where people post pictures and exchange written messages, Fipeo users do not post their names.

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While sailing around the world on the *MV Explorer* before attending UMF, Houge and fellow crew mates discussed the benefits of a video-based social networking site. Eighteen people from around the world make up the Fipeo team.



Tom Houge

Marianna Tyler Millar graduated this spring from Fort Lewis College in Durango, Co. Millar, who was named to the school's dean's list, received a bachelor of arts degree in business administration. She is the daughter of **Mark and Tory Tyler-Millar** and a 2007 graduate of Cape Elizabeth High School.

Three Cape Elizabeth lawyers from Pierce Atwood were recognized in "Benchmark Litigation," a guide that offers information and assessments about U.S. litigators: **William Kayatta, Jr.**, for commercial litigation; **Robert Stier, Jr.**, for intellectual property litigation; and **Jeffrey White** for intellectual property and antitrust, civil and commercial litigation.

Signature moment

Author **Gerry Boyle** autographs his latest crime novel "Port City Black and White," for Cape Elizabeth resident **Karla Whitney** last month at the 10th Annual New England Crime Bake Conference, in Dedham, Mass. At the conference, seasoned crime novelists, including Boyle, a resident of China, Maine, shared inspiration and tips about mysteries, thrillers and other crime genres with fellow writers.



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3. Create a cozy mood by tossing throw blankets across a sofa or chair and place winter flowers around the house, to give your home a cozy feel.
4. Emphasize the senses by making your home sparkling clean. Add photographs of the home in summer. Play inviting, soothing music. Keep the heat on and make your home smell "warm", but avoid strong scents from sprays or plug in air fresheners.
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