Town develops draft ordinance for short-term property rentals

By Patricia McCarthy

A Town Council committee is recommending restrictions on short-term house rentals to address complaints about noise, traffic and negative impacts on Cape Elizabeth neighborhoods.

Town Planner Maureen O’Meara said that some property owners who rent their homes on a weekly basis are upset at the prospect of new regulations on their rentals.

But residents who have complained about the problems are concerned that the proposal adopted by the council’s Ordinance Committee doesn’t go far enough.

The committee’s proposal would require property owners to get a town permit before renting out a house for a short term, defined as 30 days or less; have their property inspected by the code enforcement officer; and meet rules for a minimum number of parking spaces.

Property owners with a house on less than 30,000 square feet of land (about ¾ of an acre) would face additional restrictions, including a limit on the number of tenants – two for each bedroom in the house, up to a maximum of 12. Day guests (not sleeping overnight) would be limited to half the number of tenants allowed in a house (a maximum of six).

The committee has been dealing with the issue since residents lodged complaints about short-term rentals last summer. Many of the complaints came from the Sea Barn Road-Lawson Road area off Shore Road, where residents said a house had been rented on a short-term basis to a variety of groups – including students from a private

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Cape swimmers break state record

Cape Elizabeth High School’s speech team captured its third straight Maine Forensics Association championship on Jan. 28 at Brunswick High School.

By Wendy Keeler

Cape Elizabeth residents might add another January tradition to the list that includes cross-country skiing at Gull Crest, skating at the Fort, and sanded roads: high school state speech championship.

Cape Elizabeth High School’s speech team won its third consecutive Maine Forensics Association championship on Jan. 28 at Brunswick High School, beating Edward Little High School of Auburn and Bangor and Skowhegan Area High schools. “A state championship is a high achievement for any program, but to win states three years running is exceptional,” said Coach Richard Mullen, who relaunched Cape’s

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Speech team earns third straight state title

Happy Valentine’s Day, readers! Residents share their ‘how we met’ stories

Editor’s note: Given the timing of this issue, we asked readers to send in the stories of how they met, saying they could be anything from sincere to sappy to sweet.

We got all that and more. Enjoy these four stories from readers, and... Happy Valentine’s Day to all Cape residents.

Janel & Michael Voelker

My husband Michael and I grew up in a small town in Wisconsin, a little smaller than Cape Elizabeth.

I was a year ahead of him in high school, which was the reason we met. After high school, we both went to college in Wisconsin, married, and Michael became a Marine. We came to Cape Elizabeth, ME in 1990. We have two children, a daughter, Colette, 18, and son, Ian, 15.

By Patricia McCarthy

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Rotary names Town Manager McGovern to international board

By Patricia McCarthy

Town Manager Michael McGovern has been named a trustee of the Rotary Foundation, overseeing the charitable arm of the international service organization. McGovern said he was asked late last month to serve as one of the foundation’s 15 trustees by Sue Tanaka, the incoming president of Rotary International.

McGovern became a member of the Rotary since 1986 and has attended over 100 Rotary conferences around the world. He has been a member of the Rotary Club of Cape Elizabeth since 1989.

McGovern is a graduate of Colby College and received his law degree from the New England School of Law. He has been a member of the Town Council since 2004 and has served as mayor since 2009.

McGovern and his wife, Heather, have two children, Ben and Emilia, and reside in Cape Elizabeth.

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High School hockey boosters thank community for donations, support

The Cape Elizabeth boys’ ice hockey team would like to thank the community of Cape Elizabeth for its generous support of the fourth annual Christmas tree pickup fundraiser. Donations from more than 170 families will help fund the cost of ice time and team equipment.

Skating rink, other fun can peacefully coexist

After last week’s snowstorm, my 11-year-old son and I, along with a neighbor and his son, cleared a skating rink on Great Pond. The boys both worked hard to help shovel a large rectangle to skate and play hockey on.

A couple of days later, we went down to check the ice and found that four ice-fishing holes had been drilled in the rink, and a snowmobile had spun around in the middle of it.

We once again cleaned off the light snow and scraped the mounds of frozen slush from around the holes in an effort to save the rink. The rink managed to melt nicely and refreeze this past week. Except for a few deep prints, the ice is smooth and nicer than the rest of the pond.

A skating rink provides fun and exercise for the whole community. And if we all take care, it is possible to make a rink that lasts through thaws and snowstorms. If the ice is mushy, stay off until it has frozen again. If there is snow on the ice, please stay off the rink, as the footprints, ski tracks and snowmobile tracks all freeze to the ice and make it impossible to clear the snow again.

Please don’t throw rocks or sticks on the rink, as these will melt into the ice and ruin it. If the rink interferes with ice fishing, please let us know.

We only want one small rectangle of the pond for pickup hockey and skating for all to enjoy. I think all the uses for Great Pond can coexist nicely if people stop and think.

We urge people to respect the pond and the rink, as these will melt into the ice and ruin it. If the rink interferes with ice fishing, please let us know.

Jon Chaffant

Residents: Permitting short-term rentals has serious consequences in family neighborhoods

Imagine that you live in a small neighborhood on small, grandfathered lots.

Three short-term rental properties invite people over the Internet to share your narrow roads, your rights of way, and your small, deeded beach.

You are surprised to learn that your “single-family” zoning allows temporary “families” of transient individuals to lease homes for short durations. There could be as many as 10 or 40 strangers and their guests vacationing in your neighborhood.

They visit any time of year for a night, a weekend, or a week, and there is no one permanently on the premises supervising.

You do your best to ignore them, blocking out the extra noise and traffic they create while you try to maintain what little privacy you have. How would you be able to answer police questions should a child go missing or a crime be committed?

Soon, we expect the Town Council to vote on an ordinance making dramatic changes in the permitted uses in RA zone neighborhoods. These changes will permit short-term rentals in residential neighborhoods, something previously not specifically allowed.

In neighborhoods with small lots, the ordinance allows two guests per bedroom, and restricts automobiles to the number that can be parked on the property.

We urge you to contact your town councilors. Ask them to consider the short-term rental ordinance carefully. Comment direct to us at: capezoningissues@yahoo.com. Mary Violin, Dave Violin, Frank Luongo, Jon Aldrich, Patty Grennon, Chris Grennon, Jeannine Forget, Jac Littlefield, Howard Littlefield, Dee Schmitt, Jim Phillips, Melissa Burke, Mary Giftos, Dick Buttler, Connie Buttler, Stephanie Clifford, Pete Clifford, Jeff Croft
Town OKs four vendors at Fort Williams

After a first year judged to be a success, vendors will be back at Fort Williams this spring and summer.

Frank’s Franks, run by Frank Marston, has been assigned the spot at the south side of the the lighthouse circle in front of Portland Head Light, and Carl Dittrich’s Atlantic Cookie Co. cart will set up on the north side of the circle.

An ad hoc town committee also decided on Feb. 1 that Bite into Maine, run by Karl Grazia Zanardi, will be on a new site, next to the beach near the swing set.

All four vendors will have full-season permits, allowing them to operate from May 1 to Oct. 31, and the committee has given permission to start April 1 if desired.

Town Manager Michael McGovern said the permits will generate $15,950, about $3,000 more than last year, when the town offered a mix of full-season and half-season permits. Four vendors applied to sell food at the park this year. McGovern said the committee reviewed applications to make sure the vendors met town requirements and the menu offerings didn’t conflict.

Cape real estate transfers: November 2011

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school, and while we knew each other, we definitely ran in different social groups. I was the book-smart goat-two-shoes, and he was quite a bit on the rebellious side. Fast-forward to six years after graduation. We both happened to be living back in that same small town.

I had resolved that I was never going to date or marry anyone from that town, so I decided to try Match.com. He emailed me, noticing that I enjoyed the water and said that he did, too, and he asked me out.

He did not recognize me from my profile picture. I responded to him that he could not ask me out because he already knew who I was. He responded that he was sorry and could not place me. I told him to check his high school yearbook.

Once he figured it out, we then agreed to meet for a date. Our friends were all shocked at the idea of the two of us dating—thinking we had nothing in common. We ended up realizing that we had both changed dramatically since high school, fell in love, got married, honeymooned in Maine, and the rest is history!

Sending all of my Valentine’s love to my husband Michael!

Janel Voelker

Jean Ginn Marvin & Bob Marvin

After graduating from Cape Elizabeth High School, I headed out to Interlochen Arts Academy for a postgrad year. I was at Interlochen I was generally rated near the bottom of the list. When looking at colleges the next year, I chose Syracuse, in large part because the music teacher there assured me I would be the first-chair trombone player. After a year of continually being on the losing end of auditions, the promise of going back to the top of the heap was very attractive to me!

When I arrived for my freshman year at the end of August, it was explained to me that over the summer there had been an upper classman who transferred into the program so that I was going to be second chair, not first. Even after they explained to me that the new student had transferred from New England Conservatory and was going to be playing with the Syracuse Symphony, I was very unhappy with the turn of events. According to Bob Marvin, the first time he saw me, he observed a very tall woman with long blonde hair standing in the band room trombone in hand. I looked over at him and his trombone and snapped, “That’s him!” and stormed out of the room.

Bob tells a very different version of this story. He simply says “we slid into each other” and leaves it at that.

We met in August of 1978, married in June of 1982, and once in a while we still pull out our trombones. Bob still is a far better trombone player than I am, but don’t tell him I said so!

Jean Ginn Marvin

Gail Osgood & Peter Pressman

Gail and I met Downeast; she seemed a guileless kid. I was in college, pretending to be worldly, full of world-saving ideals. In her blue-checked Friendly’s Ice Cream uniform, Gail was about the prettiest thing I’d ever seen. And still is. She was quiet, but her eyes spoke volumes. They really did sparkle.

The pure harmonic in which she moved through life somehow ambushed me. And ambushed me she did, always surprising me with her intelligence, spontaneity, her decency, bravery, her automatic class and character. She never wavered in the way she navigated and engaged people and situations. She was an unending source of joy and real inspiration.

But she was 15 and I was 23. And we were both driven. She would become a great photographer, a triathlete, and eventually a mother.

Life pulled us in different directions. I ended up in the military, qualifying as a Special Forces operator, then finally, after nearly dying at the hands of the enemy, I made it to medical school and fatherhood.

We lost track of each other. We both made the decision to establish meaningful life with marriage and children, and while each set of kids were jewels, our marriages were eerily similar and difficult.

In a twist of fate, we located and reached out to each other recently. We were both free of relationships. I learned that she had survived multiple vicious assaults by cancer. Gail was given days to live at one point. We revealed that at various key points in our life trajectories, victory over all odds was attributed to dreaming of the other.

Our reconnection was seamless. Never forgetting each other for almost four decades, now in sync in the life course, our Valentine’s Day this year will be a celebration of love, of the endurance of a fit so right that all previous history, all present obstacles, all future challenges only serve to cement a mature bond.

This is a bond made extra special with the familiarity of time, the richness of experience, and the freshness of new love.

Peter Pressman

Rachael Flaxman & Todd Brydson

My wife was working as a cashier in the lodge at Arapahoe Basin ski area in Colorado when we met. It was love at first sight for me, so I kept going through her register line buying one thing at a time.

Whatever it took, so I could continue chatting with her! We met in 1990 and have been married for 17 years. Still going strong!

I love you Rachael! — Todd Brydson

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Online registration for B2B opens March 14 for Cape residents

Limber up your fingers. Lightning-fast online registration for the 15th annual TD Bank Beach to Beacon 10K Road Race begins at 7 a.m. Wednesday, March 14, for Cape Elizabeth residents.

Within an hour, the 600 first-come, first-served slots for Cape residents will be filled. Last year, it took 51 minutes.

The race from near Crescent Beach to Portland Head Light will be Aug. 4. The registration fee is $40, the same as last year.

For Cape residents, the race kicks off at 7 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 2. There will be $12,000 in prize money and $15,000 in corporate and non-profit sponsorships.

Gull Crest trail closed for boardwalk construction

The Gull Crest Outer Loop Trail will be closed while a boardwalk is installed over an often muddy section of the trail.

The Conservation Commission recommended late last month that the town contract with L.P. Murray Construction to install about 1,100 linear feet of hemlock boardwalk from the floating bridge, just south of the marsh, toward the Fowler Road connector. The commission has had many discussions about the need for improvements to the part of the trail where the boardwalk will be constructed.

The work will be paid for from the existing budget for the town’s Greenbelt trails.

Town officials said doing the work during the winter, when the ground is frozen, will allow L.P. Murray to more easily move material into the area and minimize the impact to the wetlands around the trail.

Construction is expected to be completed around Feb. 15.

3 years later and 4 trillion dollars in debt.......had enough?

Calling All Cape Republicans!

The Cape Elizabeth Republican Town Committee will hold the Town Republican Caucus Saturday, February 11, 2012, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the CE Middle School Cafetorium

Registered Cape Republicans will caucus to:

* Vote Presidential Candidate Preferences
* Elect Local Delegates to the State Party Convention in May 2012

Those interested in being a delegate will need to bring their checkbook for a nominal delegate fee.

Not a Registered Republican? A Town Clerk will be present for registration from 8 a.m. - 9 a.m. for all non-registered and unenrolled voters only; proof of identity and proof of residency is required to register to vote.

Let’s Make Sure That 1.20.13 is Change For The Better!

Cape’s new Superintendent of Schools Meredith Nadeau will be guest speaker at the February 21, 2012 monthly meeting of the Cape Elizabeth Republican Town Committee, 7 PM at Purpoockod Club. All Republicans welcome!

Email the Cape Republicans at capegop1h@aol.com with any questions or to be included on our email list.

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Did you know that ... the next issue of The Cape Courier marks the start of the newspaper’s 25th year?
Police deal with an array of crimes, from theft to violence to OUI

**COMPLAINTS**

- An officer met with a resident in the Scott Dyer Road area about the theft of jewelry.
- Two officers responded to a residence in the Old Ocean House Road area for a harassment complaint.
- An officer met with a resident about a well-being check.

**SUMMONSES**

- Cape Elizabeth resident, failure to produce insurance, Scott Dyer Road, $171
- Portland resident, uninspected vehicle, Ocean House Road, $133
- Portland resident, failure to produce insurance, Sawyer Road, $171
- Portland resident, unregistered vehicle, Shore Road, $133
- Cape Elizabeth resident, failure to produce insurance, Scott Dyer Road, $171
- Cape Elizabeth resident, speeding (51/35 zone), Route 77, $185
- Cape Elizabeth resident, domestic violence, aggravated assault, criminal threatening with a dangerous weapon, criminal restraint, Two Lights Road
- Cape Elizabeth resident, operating under the influence of alcohol, leaving the scene of an accident, failure to report an accident, violating conditions of release, Spurwink Avenue
- Portland resident, failure to produce insurance, Sawyer Road, $171
- Portland resident, possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia, Sawyer Road
- Portland resident, failure to produce insurance, unregistered vehicle, Scott Dyer Road, $241
- Portland resident, uninsured vehicle, Fort Williams, $133
- Cape Elizabeth resident, failure to produce insurance, Scott Dyer Road, $171

**ARRESTS**

- Cape Elizabeth resident, domestic violence, aggravated assault, criminal threatening with a dangerous weapon, criminal restraint, Two Lights Road
- Cape Elizabeth resident, operating under the influence of alcohol, leaving the scene of an accident, violating conditions of release, Spurwink Avenue
- Cape Elizabeth resident, operating under the influence of alcohol, Spurwink Avenue

**JUVENILE SUMMONSES**

- Cape Elizabeth resident, failure to use a turn signal, Wells Road, $137

**ACCIDENTS**

- Arthur Hendrick, accident on Spurwink Avenue
- Logan Jones, accident on Fowler Road
- Brad Stephenson, Ellen Best, accident on Pond View Road
- James Green, accident on Scott Dyer Road

**FIRE CALLS**

- Cape Woods, fire alarm
- Spurwink Avenue, car accident
- Ocean House Road, chimney fire

**RESCUE CALLS**

- There were 14 runs to Maine Medical Center.
- There was 1 run to Mercy Hospital.
- There was 1 patient treated by Rescue personnel but not transported.

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HISTORY

Stepping into the Sesquicentennial

A 2011-2012 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.

Feb. 8, 1862 – Eight soldiers died at Augusta last week. Total number sick, 837. [Portland Transcript]

The Old Town tribe of Indians are represented in our Legislature by Joseph Nicolai, a red man, and consequently the aboriginal, if not the original member of the House. He does not vote, but is received with respect, and is consulted in regard to the needs of his people. [Portland Transcript]

The Bangor Times says Col. Goddard insulted a countryman at Augusta and was arrested and fined $5. The Times thinks that, according to all accounts, Col. G. had better be put on the retired list. [Portland Transcript]

At the 2nd Parish Church [in Cape Elizabeth], Dr. Carruthers reports that 30 persons were admitted members of the church, by profession. The youngest was about 16 years of age. [Portland Transcript]

Feb. 15 - Gen. McClellan has been relieved of the direction of all the operations of the army and will henceforth command only his own division in Virginia. [Portland Transcript]

Accident to a Portland soldier – On the 2nd installation, Orderly Sergeant S.H. Fernald, of the Maine 12th, fell down the hatchway of the steamer Constitution, at Fortress Monroe, and was so badly injured that his recovery is said to be doubtful. He was a printer well known in this city. [Portland Transcript]

The President did not attend to much business on Tuesday, owing to the severe illness of his son William, to whom he gave the most constant attention. [Portland Transcript]

The recent victories, together with the intelligence from Europe, that Louis Napoleon will not interfere to break the blockade, are cheering to every loyal heart. [Portland Transcript]

This clipping from The New York Times, printed on Nov. 29, 1889, tells the story that the Portland Transcript reported on Feb. 8, 1862.

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Cape artist’s paintings on display

“Crescent Beach Sunset” is one of 20 gouache paintings by Cape Elizabeth painter Holly Ready on display at the Holly Ready Gallery, 6094 Congress St. in Portland, during the gallery’s annual Valentine’s Day exhibit, when paintings, matted and framed, are available for $200 apiece. Ready’s paintings focus on the changing light and patterns of the Maine landscape.

Know these Purpoodock golfers?

By Wendy Keeler

The golfers are no strangers to members of Cape Elizabeth’s Purpoodock Club. Sporting knickers, cardigans and ties, the six men gaze down day after day from a photograph prominently displayed on a wall in the clubhouse.

But who are they, and when was the picture taken?

That’s what club member Jim O’Connor has been asking since the photo was found in a box a few years ago while Purpoodock members were preparing to renovate the clubhouse.

So far, no luck.

“Unfortunately, no one seems to know who the gentlemen are,” but O’Connor is determined. To aid his search, he has gathered clues, both historical and sartorial.

Not before 1926

“Purpoodock Club started in 1922 but did not have golf until 1926-1927 when the front nine holes were opened for play. Not before 1926,” said O’Connor.

But who are they, and when was the picture taken?

“I am sure time is running out on there being people out there who would have known them in life.”

Anyone with information about the golfers can contact O’Connor at 772-5220, extension 202, or jim@thebayagency.com; or Heather Dusty at 799-2273 or heather@purpoodock.com.

By Anne Belden

Cape Elizabeth resident Lisa Naseef is the Cape Elizabeth coordinator for the Center for Cultural Interchange, a nonprofit that organizes educational exchange programs for high school students around the world.

CCI seeks Cape families interested in hosting students for a few weeks at a time, for a semester, for a whole school year, or during the summer.

Students, ages 15 to 18, come from more than 60 countries and speak English, bring their own spending money, and have their own medical and accident insurance. Families can choose students from a database that includes pictures and profiles.

Contact Naseef at 799-5399 or regal@mainetrr.com and or go to www.cci-exchange.com/usprograms/host.aspx for more information.

Elena Castro was named to the fall-semester dean’s list at St. Mary’s College of Maryland in St. Mary’s City, where she is a freshman.

Julia Hewes was named to the fall-semester dean’s list at the University of Massachusetts in Boston, Mass.

Karyn Barrett received faculty honors for the fall semester at Trinity College in Hartford, Conn., where she is a freshman.

Anne Belden

Anne Belden has opened a practice, Sea Changes Life Coaching, at 17 South St. in the Old Port in Portland. Belden coaches people through the transitions of fertility, adoption and motherhood, and also works with teens and young adults who have attention deficit hyperactivity disorder. Belden has a master’s degree in human development and family relationships.

Belden will introduce Martha Beck’s book, “Finding your Way in a Wild New World,” at 7 p.m. on Feb. 15 at Books A Million in South Portland. The event is free.

By Karyn Barrett

Cape Elizabeth resident Anna Jorgensen was named to the fall-semester dean’s list at Emmanuel College in Boston, Mass.

Jennifer S. Hewes was named to the fall-semester dean’s list at Emmanuel College in Boston, Mass.

Cape Elizabeth resident Amelia Bothel was named to the fall-semester dean’s list at Mount Ida College in Newton, Mass.

Jennifer S. Hewes was named to the fall-semester dean’s list at Emmanuel College in Boston, Mass.

Cape Elizabeth resident and real estate agent Jennifer DeSena was named Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage real estate office’s “Top Producer” for 2011.

An Oakhurst Road resident, she is a graduate of the University of New Hampshire in Durham and DePaul University College of Law in Chicago, Ill. She and her husband, Danforth, have three grown daughters.

By Mary B. Conlin

Members of the Purpoodock Club hope to identify the names of the six golfers pictured in this photograph, found in a box a few years ago when the club was preparing to renovate the clubhouse.

By Wendy Keeler

The golfers are no strangers to members of Cape Elizabeth’s Purpoodock Club. Sporting knickers, cardigans and ties, the six men gaze down day after day from a photograph prominently displayed on a wall in the clubhouse.

But who are they, and when was the picture taken?

That’s what club member Jim O’Connor has been asking since the photo was found in a box a few years ago while Purpoodock members were preparing to renovate the clubhouse.

So far, no luck.

“Unfortunately, no one seems to know who the gentlemen are,” but O’Connor is determined. To aid his search, he has gathered clues, both historical and sartorial.

Not before 1926

“Purpoodock Club started in 1922 but did not have golf until 1926-1927 when the front nine holes were opened for play. There was ... a tennis court, which can be seen behind the golfers,” he said. “Knowing there was no course at Purpoodock until 1926, and judging from the golfers’ attire, I believe the picture was taken sometime in the late ’20s.”

O’Connor learned the following by going online to www.livestrong.com/article/37816-historical-golf-clothing:

“Knickers were the rage until the 1930s in the United States. Heavy wool coats kicked off the earliest golf fashions and stuck around until a heat wave during a 1930s match,” the site states. “The cardigan entered the golfing scene in the 1920s. Early golfers wore a button shirt and tie, a trend that lasted until the 1930s.”

Time is running out

“All of the above clothing styles are prominent in the photo,” said O’Connor, who hopes that people will check out the photo closely: “I am sure time is running out on there being people out there who would have known them in life.”

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**Fort Williams to be topic of Feb. 21 program**

The care and cultivation of Fort Williams Park will be the focus of the first in a four-part series about the landscape of Greater Portland sponsored by the Maine Historical Society and Greater Portland Landmarks.

The program is set for 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 21, at the Maine Historical Society, 489 Congress St. in Portland.

Landscape architect Terrance DeWan will moderate a panel of three speakers representing a variety of perspectives related to the topic. The discussion will focus on current initiatives that seek to find sustainable funding models for Fort Williams; preserve the park’s history, character and architecture; and define and provide appropriate visitor amenities. Efforts include maintaining the rains of the Gardiner Mansion, establishing an arboretum, and keeping access to the park free to visitors.

The series is part of the Maine Historical Society’s efforts to consider the role that landscape plays in defining and understanding Maine, and Greater Portland landmarks’ work to encourage appreciation for and preservation of the architectural fabric, history, and character of Greater Portland.

The organizations suggest a donation to the program, but there is no required admission fee. Call 774-1822 or go to www.mainehistory.org/programs for more information about the series.

**‘Play Again’ film to be screened on Feb. 15**

“‘Play Again,’” a documentary about what happens when children lose a connection with nature, will be screened at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 15, in the Cape Elizabeth High School auditorium.

Admission is free to the 80-minute film, recommended for children older than 10.

CELT is sponsoring the screening with the three Cape Elizabeth schools and their parents’ associations. Contact Ang Foley at angfoleypca@gmail.com or 329-3867 for more information about the event.

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**CABLE GUIDE**

**CHANNEL 3**

**CELT offers outdoor programs, seal discussion**

The Cape Elizabeth Land Trust will offer two outdoor programs and a discussion in the next few weeks.

CELT volunteer Brian Guthrie will lead a two-hour cross-country ski outing through the CELT trail network from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, conditions permitting. The group will meet at the Shore Road entrance to Robinson Woods. The program is designed for intermediate skiers with their own equipment. The cost is $8.

Bird walk

Cape resident Bob Cash will lead a walk focused on winter shore birds at Pond Cove from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 25. The program will be held rain or shine, so walkers should dress appropriately. The cost is $5 per person, with a $12 family maximum.

To register for the programs, go to www.cape.k12.me.us/commserv.htm and click on the “Register Now” box, or go to the Community Services’ office at 343 Ocean House Road, Cape Elizabeth. Call 774-2868 for more information.

**SEAL TALK**

Cape Elizabeth resident Erika Rhile, a marine ecologist, will discuss seals that can be found in Maine during the winter, at a 7 p.m. talk planned Thursday, March 1, at the CELT office, 330 Ocean House Road.

Rhile will present species identifications and discuss the natural history of seals that frequent the beaches and rocky coast of Maine at this time of year. She also will talk about the Marine Mammal Protection Act.

Rhile has been conducting intertidal research for the University of Pennsylvania on Swan’s Island, Maine, for 13 years. She chairs the science department at Cheverus High School in Portland.

A contribution of $5 is suggested, to be donated to the nonprofit organization, Marine Mammals of Maine.”

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**CABLE GUIDE CHANNEL 3**
‘Dirty Rotten Scoundrels’ musical opens Feb. 24

“Dirty Rotten Scoundrels,” a musical comedy based on the 1988 film of the same name, will open Friday, Feb. 24, and run through Saturday, March 10, at Lyric Music Theater in South Portland.

In the play, which Vince and Denise Knue direct, con man Lawrence takes the less sophisticated grifter Freddy under his wing, but not necessarily out of the goodness of his heart.

Shows are scheduled at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, and 2:30 p.m. on Sundays. The theater is located at 176 Sawyer St. Call 799-1421 or visit www.lyricmusictheater.org for more information or to reserve tickets.

Lions plan pancake breakfast, spaghetti dinner

The Cape Elizabeth Lions Club plans a pancake breakfast and a spaghetti dinner this month at the Lions’ clubhouse, the Bowery Beach Schoolhouse, located on Wheeler Road near the intersection with Route 77.

The breakfast is planned from 7:30 to 11 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 12, and will include a choice of pancakes, French toast or scrambled eggs and toast, plus a serving of sausage, coffee and juice. The cost is $5 for adults, and $4 for children 12 and younger. Proceeds will go to Lions’ charities.

The dinner – all-you-can-eat spaghetti, garlic bread, salad and dessert – is planned from 5 to 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 18. Soft drinks will be served, and diners may bring their own wine or beer. The cost is $10 and $5 for children 12 and younger. Proceeds will benefit maintenance of the clubhouse.

Contact Lions’ President Mark Fleming at 899-3654 for more information.

Trip to Cape Cod, Nantucket offered May 1-3

A Community Services excursion to Cape Cod and Nantucket, Mass., planned for May 1-3 will include everything from sightseeing tours to a museum visit, and a choice of a whale-watch excursion or a dune tour.

The trip will begin with a high-speed ferry ride to Nantucket for lunch and a tour of the island. Group members will return that day to Cape Cod, where they will check into a Hyannis hotel. On Cape Cod, the group will visit Provincetown, tour historic Route 6A, visit galleries and shops, and go to restaurants. A choice of either a whale-watching adventure or a dune tour in a Suburban will be offered.

Whaling museum

On the last day, the group will drive to New Bedford to visit the New Bedford Whaling Museum, the largest museum in the country dedicated to the history of American whaling.

The cost, $356 per person, will include custom coach transportation, two nights of lodging, two full breakfasts, one lunch, two dinners, the ferry ride to Nantucket, the island sightseeing tour, a whale watch or dune tour, admission to the museum and the services of a guide escort. Meal and room taxes, meal gratuities, and baggage handling also will be covered.

A $150 deposit will be due by March 16, and final payment by April 13.

The group will leave at 7 a.m. on May 1 from the parking lot behind the Community Center. Call 799-2868 for more information.

Scouts race lean, mean machines at derby

Cub Scouts who belong to Cape Elizabeth’s Pack 30 gather at Cape Elizabeth High School on Jan. 28 with the medals they won that day in the 2012 Pinewood Derby, an annual event in which Scouts build cars from wood and then race them.

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Library offers Henry Lappen’s interactive ‘A Passion for Birds’ during February break

The Thomas Memorial Library will present “A Passion for Birds,” a comic, interactive, educational show, on Wednesday, Feb. 22. The show, at 1 p.m., is suitable for ages 5 and up.

Created and performed by Henry Lappen, “A Passion for Birds” (formerly Birds in Their Habitat) uses realistic, handmade masks to explore how different birds have developed different shapes and behaviors to adapt to their environment.

Participants get a chance to try on the masks and soar as eagles, swim as puffins, and stalk as herons. Henry Lappen has been performing comedy for more than 25 years. He has been an avid student of nature since childhood. In this show, he combines his love and knowledge of birds with his comic timing and artistry in making masks and performing.

Lappen studied mime, mask and clowning at California’s Dell’Arte School of Physical Comedy. He is a member of the Hampshire Bird Club and the Northeast Hawkwatch. He has said he believes he was a great blue heron in a past life.

Lappen also will be performing his juggling show for all ages on the same day at the South Portland Public Library at 4 p.m.

Both shows are free and open to the public.

For details, visit the library’s website at www.ThomasMemorialLibrary.org.

Henry Lappen soars like an eagle, wearing a handmade eagle mask. He will be performing, “A Passion for Birds,” for ages 5 and up on Wednesday, Feb. 22 at 1 p.m. in the library’s Community Room.

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A panel of elder care professionals will present a program, “What is ‘Aging in Place’ all about?” from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, March 6, at the Community Center.

Panel members will include an elder care attorney, a registered nurse from the Comfort Keepers elder care company, and representatives from the Southern Maine Agency on Aging, a visiting nurse company, hospice, and a nonmedical care company.

Discussion will focus on services that can help people support loved ones at home, legal resources, and options available when home care is no longer an option.

There is no fee for the event, but registration is required.

Call Community Services at 799-2868 for more information.

Panel of elder care professionals to discuss ‘aging in place’

Buttered Biscuit lunch, Bingo offered March 8 at Community Center

Culinary tour of North End set for April 26

Community Services will offer adults the opportunity to take a culinary adventure through the North End of Boston, one of the oldest Italian communities in the nation, on Thursday, April 26.

Trips will be led by custom chef to Boston for a tour led by Michele Topor, a North End chef who does walking tours through Boston’s Little Italy. Tours have been featured on CNN and the Food Network. In addition to sampling flavors at five specialty food shops, the group will get tips on Mediterranean-style cooking, learn about traditions of Italian cuisine, and find out how to identify top ingredients, as well as where to buy them.

After the tour, group members will have time to have lunch on their own at a location of their choice before heading back to the parking lot behind the Community Center.

The cost, $74, includes custom coach transportation and the tour. Space is limited, and payment is due when making reservations, which are required.

Cape Elizabeth seniors are invited to play Bingo and have lunch at the Cape Elizabeth Community Center on Thursday, March 8. Lunch, which will begin at 11:30 a.m., will be catered by the South Portland prepared food takeout, the Buttered Biscuit, and will feature soup, a sandwich, dessert and a beverage. Bingo will begin after lunch and will include prizes.

The cost for lunch is $9 per person. People who plan to play Bingo pay $1.50 at the door.

Call 799-2868 by March 1 to make reservations.

Senior nutrition, fitness to be topics on April 12

A panel of elder care professionals will talk about nutrition and fitness for senior citizens on Thursday, April 12, in the Community Room at the Cape Elizabeth Town Center Fire Station. The program is sponsored by TRIAD, a group of senior citizens, police, and community members who work together to find solutions to problems that senior citizens face.

Lunch will be provided by Cape Elizabeth Schools’ food services department and will include lasagna, salad, bread, dessert and a beverage. The cost for lunch is $6, payable at the door. Call 799-2868 to make reservations, which are required.

Feb. 16 Triad meeting to focus on elder abuse

Elder abuse will be the focus of a presentation planned Thursday, Feb. 16, at the Town Center Fire Station. Meg London and Barbara Foley of Family Violence Services, an organization that seeks to end abuse, will discuss what steps people should take if they believe someone is a victim. The presentation will include a short video, “A Lifetime of Walking on Eggsplits,” an open discussion, and will run from 2 to 3 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.

The program is sponsored by TRIAD, a group of Cape senior citizens, police, and community members who work together to offer ways of dealing with problems faced by older citizens.

Parking is at the rear of the fire station, located at 2 Jordan Way. Contact Cape Police Officer Mark Dorval at 767-3323 for more information.

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Parents should register now for kindergarten

Parents of children who will turn five before Oct. 15, 2012, should contact Pond Cove School immediately about enrolling their children in kindergarten for the 2012-2013 school year.

Parents of children now attending kindergarten at other schools should notify school officials if their children will attend first grade in the Cape schools next year.

Birth certificates and immunization records are required at registration. Call Pond Cove at 799-7339 for more information.

Buy pizza to keep kids safe on graduation night

To help Cape Elizabeth High School seniors stay safe on graduation night, say six words when buying a large pizza at Freshies: “Cape Elizabeth High School Project Graduation.”

Freshies will donate 10 percent of profits from sales of large pizzas bought through the end of April to Project Graduation, a graduation-night trip organized by senior parents to give newly graduated seniors a safe night of fun. The Maine high school that tops all others in pizza sales will receive double the dollars that it raises in the program.

Visit www.freshiesforfunds@rhfoster.com or contact Project Graduation Committee member Kathleen Pierce at kathleen-op@maine.rr.com or 767-5741 for more information about the program or Project Graduation.

Freshies is located near the corner of Route 77 and Shore Road.

CEHS technology scholarship honors volunteer

To honor longtime volunteer Ann Waecker, Cape Elizabeth High School’s Technology Department has named an annual scholarship given to a graduating senior after the Cape Elizabeth resident. Waecker has volunteered for the department more than 10 years.

“Given Ann’s generous and dedicated commitment to volunteering at the high school, specifically in my classroom, for over 10 years, it seemed fitting that the tech scholarship be in her name,” said Betsy Nilsen, who chairs the CEHS Arts and Technology Department. “She gives in many ways. Of course, her time and assistance in the classroom is a wonderful gift; but she is always tuned in to what’s happening in the business and technology fields. She donates books and supplies, tapes relevant shows, and shares links to great resources. She is always learning and genuinely has an interest in what the students are learning.”

Unum, the Portland-based insurance company where Waecker worked in data communications for years, donates money, through its Matching Gifts Program, to the CEHS Technology Department for every hour Waecker volunteers. The money, which will vary in amount from year to year, will help fund the Waecker Technology Scholarship.

“We’re delighted to name this scholarship in Ann’s honor,” Nilsen said. “I’m thrilled that she has agreed to let us do this.”

– Wendy Keeler

Ann Waecker is no stranger to the Cape Elizabeth High School technology lab, where she has volunteered for more than 10 years.

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Students to sweeten up Valentine’s Day

Chelsey Whynot, far right, will be Cupid, and Claire Mucat, second from right, will be “Legal Eagle” during the Cape Elizabeth High School mock trial team’s Valentine’s Day fundraiser, when the two, pictured here with Michaela Forde, left, and Hannah Brewster, will deliver chocolate hearts with messages to students for $2 each to help raise $8,000 for the state-championship-winning team’s trip to the National Mock Trial Championship in New Mexico in May. Contact co-chair Mary Page at mpagoe@capeelizabethschools.org, or fill out a form available at the CEHS front office. To make a donation, to the team, make checks out to “Cape Elizabeth Mock Trial-Nationals,” and send to the attention of Page at CEHS, 345 Ocean House Road, Cape Elizabeth, ME 04107.

Fundraiser planned on Feb. 9 at Ann Veronica

Cape Elizabeth High School’s junior class plans a Valentine fundraiser on Thursday, Feb. 9, at Ann Veronica, where 15 percent of sales made that day will benefit the class. The shop, which features bags, clothing, accessories and jewelry made by Cape Elizabeth artists and small-business owners, will be open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Cape artists with items for sale in the store include Ann Veronica owner Ann Perrino, Diane Brakely, Jerrann Fremont, Lisa Gent, Nina Houghton, Rose Kenneally, Melissa Knowles, Marcia Livada, Cyndi Whalen and Michelle Whitney.

Contact Mary Steidl at msteidl@gmail.com or 347-0661 for more information about the fundraiser. The store is located at 535 Shore Road.

Five Cape Elizabeth seniors selected as 2012 U.S. Presidential Scholar candidates

Five students from Cape Elizabeth — four from Cape Elizabeth High School and one from Waynflete School in Portland — have been named candidates in the 2012 United States Presidential Scholars Program. CEHS students Ethan DiNinno, Gregory Howard, Maggie Rabasca and Melissa Stewart, and Waynflete student Chris Burke are among about 3,000 candidates selected from current U.S. high school seniors across the country.

The Presidential Scholars Program was established in 1964 by Executive Order of the President to recognize and honor the nation’s most distinguished graduating seniors. Candidates are selected for exceptional performance on either the College Board SAT or the ACT assessment. The White House Commission on Presidential Scholars makes the final selection of scholars, who are chosen on the basis of accomplishments in many areas: academic and artistic success, leadership and involvement in school and community. Annually, up to 141 students are chosen to become Presidential Scholars, one of the nation’s highest honors for high school students.

Five hundred semifinalists will be named in early April, and the U.S. Department of Education will announce the Presidential Scholars in May.

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Zachary Culver, Nidal Fall, Yannse Bethel and Robert Mackay. This year, Mullen, the high school’s theater director, and fellow coach Lisa Melanson, a CEHS English teacher, brought debate back to CEHS — with promising results.

“Cape’s young team has emerged as a strong force. ... [Freshman] Lily Jordan won second place in junior varsity Lincoln Douglas debate at the state tournament,” Mullen said.

CEHS debaters also include Nolan Chase, Tim Hartel, Barrett Hess and Matt Reale-Hatem.

The healthy participation of Cape students involved in speech and debate says something about Cape Elizabeth High School, Mullen said.

“The long list of students speaks well of the academic strength of CEHS. Students are making choices that will impact their futures,” he said.

25!?!? The Cape Courier starts its 25th year with the next issue, Feb. 22.
Student immigrants to speak on March 12

By Wendy Keeler

Cape Elizabeth students who are immigrants will share their personal stories from 7 to 8 p.m. on Monday, March 12, at the Cape Elizabeth Community Center. All migrants will share their personal stories in the community are welcome to attend the “Hear Our Stories Café and Lecture” sponsored by the Cape Elizabeth Middle School World Language Department.

“All of the panelists will be Cape Elizabeth residents who are middle or high school students or young adults,” said CEMS Spanish teacher Susan Dana, who helped organize the first Hear Our Stories series three years ago. “We thought it would be a good change from our usual adult panels to learn about the immigrant experience from student perspectives. Also, our Cape Elizabeth students are classmates with our panelists and they might not be aware of their stories and how they came to the U.S. and Cape Elizabeth.”

After the program, audience members will be able to meet and chat with panelists and try out international foods.

The nonprofit Cape Elizabeth Education Foundation, which funds programs that fall outside the school budget, funded the first “Hear Our Stories” series during the 2008-2009 school year. Since then, the Middle School Parents Association has supported the program.

“The purpose of the series is to give Mainers an understanding of the experiences of Maine immigrants by hearing their stories firsthand,” said CEMS French teacher and organizer Lisa Leonard.

“We believe that cultural literacy is a critical skill for citizens of the 21st century,” said CEMS Eng-lish teacher Susan Dana, who helped organize the series.

This year, organizers are coordinating with Cape Elizabeth resident Joni Hewitt, the teacher who heads up Cape Elizabeth’s English Language Learner program and works with immigrant students in the district.

Contact Dana at sdana@capeelizabeth-schools.org for more information.

Flatbread Pizza fundraiser planned on Feb. 14

A fundraiser benefiting Cape Elizabeth High School’s 2012 Project Graduation is planned at Flatbread Pizza Co. in Portland from 5 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 14. Flatbread will donate $3.50 for every whole pizza and $1.75 for each half-pizza sold that night, and the fundraiser will include takeout pizzas.

Project Graduation is an event organized by parents of the graduating class to provide a fun and safe way for seniors to celebrate after their graduation ceremony.

The restaurant is located at 72 Commercial Street, and takeout orders can be made at 772-0333.

Contact 2012 Project Graduation committee member Michele Howard at 221-6681 or michelle@howards.org for more information about Project Graduation or the fundraiser.
Cape Elizabeth swimmers who are members of the Coastal Maine Aquatics swimming club competed last month in meets in Maine and New Jersey.

At the Swim Your Own Age meet Jan. 14-15 in Westbrook, several Cape swimmers placed and received trophies: Ben Steinberg, 7; Keegan McKenney, 8; Rohan Freedman, 10; Sam Loring, 12; and Sarah Loring, 14.

In Piscataway, N.J., the same weekend, Cape CMA swimmers Rhyian Cloutier, 12; Colby Harvey, 15; Hannah Homans, 15; and Harry Homans, 11, competed at the CerVe Invitational.

CMA offers a guided swim program for children 6 years and older.

Austin Brown, a 2007 Cape Elizabeth High School graduate who received an engineering degree in May from Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn., has temporarily traded his calculator for canine pursuits. Pictured here in late January during a 30-mile dog-sled race during the Winter Willow Carnival in Willow, Alaska, Brown has been training sled dogs since October for the 1,049-mile Iditarod Sled Dog Race in March in Alaska. In the Willow Winter Carnival, Brown came in sixth, earning $275. Portions of the race were a tad beastly, his father, Cameron Brown, said. “He had a bit of a rough time due to a large moose running in the middle of the track and knocking over his dogs and leaping over Austin as he ducked behind his sled. It happened quickly as he was rounding a corner. It was a bit scary.”
school who turned it into a party house and upset the normally quiet neighborhood. Complaints from other parts of town have also been made.

Sea Barn Road resident Patty Grennon says she has seen increasing numbers of problems in her neighborhood in the past five or six years. She lives in the home that her parents bought in 1979; she and her husband bought the house from her father in 1993.

Grennon said one property owner is renting out a home for $5,500 a week, and it’s been used for a variety of events, including weddings, bachelorette parties and business meetings.

“It’s not all wild and crazy parties, but it does take away from the tranquility,” she said.

Grennon said she recognizes that the town has to walk a fine line between allowing property owners to do what they want with their houses and restricting uses to reduce the impact on neighbors.

“I am for people’s property rights and for people making money, but at some point, we need to make a decision about what’s an appropriate use and find a balance,” she said.

“We have to figure out what a residential zone means and what we want our community to look like.”

Town Planner Maureen O’Meara said the committee took up the issue last fall, beginning with research she did on regulations on short-term rentals in 10 other municipalities around the country. She said that most of the towns and cities she looked at required at least a permit for short-term rentals and had restrictions on the maximum number of tenants.

O’Meara said most residents she’s spoken with don’t have an issue with longer-term rentals of several months or a year, which would not be affected by this ordinance. People renting houses for longer periods generally are working and have families, with a lifestyle that fits the pattern of most residents in a neighborhood, she explained.

But those renting for a few weeks or a month generally are on vacation, and the rhythm of those tenants’ days usually differs from the neighbors’, she said, and that causes friction.

Grennon said she and many neighbors see things the same way.

“There’s a big difference between long-term rentals – which are completely appropriate, where people come here and work and raise families – and people renting for a week and making the most of the property with all of their vacation energy,” she said.

Grennon said she is glad the town has begun to tackle the issue, even though there’s likely to be a lot of debate about whether the committee’s proposal will solve the problem.

“It hasn’t gone far enough yet,” Grennon said, “but limiting the number of people and limiting the number of cars is a great first step.”

O’Meara said that it will take some time before even those first steps can be taken.

Because the proposal calls for the town’s zoning ordinance to be amended, the proposal from the committee will first go to the full Town Council, where it will be referred to the Planning Board.

Planners will take up the issue, hold a public hearing and, if it votes in favor of the changes, approve the proposal and send it back to the council for another public hearing and final vote.

O’Meara noted that the complete draft ordinance can be reviewed at the town website: capelizabeth.com.

McGovern said he likes the fact that the Rotary focuses on solving problems that are global in reach as well as those that are primarily local.

“You see so much good being done in the Rotary,” he said. “You see people solving problems, community by community.”

McGovern said he will continue to be able to manage the town while also contributing to the work of the Rotary, as he has done in the past. He said the main time commitment due to serving on the foundation board for a four-year term will be the need to attend occasional board meetings and the Rotary International’s convention.

“I will continue to be sure that serving the town remains my top priority, although a meeting or two may have to be missed each year,” McGovern told the Town Council in a memo about his appointment. “Rotary Foundation board members’ expenses connected with attending meetings or conventions are reimbursed. Members aren’t compensated for their time, but McGovern said he finds the organization’s efforts deeply rewarding.

“It does such good work, and it’s where my friends are in so many places,” McGovern said. “Through Rotary, I have friends throughout the world.”

Selecting a Broker

Choosing a real estate agent to handle a large financial transaction can be a daunting process. The chemistry between client and real estate professional is important, but the history of the company, an agent’s individual success rate, and the local market should also impact the decision making process.

Here are some guidelines and questions that can help open any communication with a potential partner:

• An agent’s individual success rate, and the local market should also impact the decision making process.
• What percent of the agent’s listings have sold in the last 12 months? A higher percentage of completed transactions is preferable. • What was the average amount of time it took to sell those listings? • How did the agent’s or broker’s days on market compare to the market as a whole? • What was your agent or broker’s company’s list-price to sale-price ratio? • Again, compare to the market as a whole. Significant differences between original listing prices and ultimate sale prices can be an indication that original list prices were unrealistic.

The answers to these questions will help you determine which agent is right for you and your home ownership goals.

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William Kayatta, Jr., has been nomi-
nated by President Obama to be a circuit
court judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals
for the First Circuit. In May, Maine Rep-
resentatives Mike Michaud and Chellie
Pingree forwarded his name to Obama
for consideration to replace Judge Kermit
Lipez, a former Cape resident, who is
retiring.
Kayatta has been a partner at the Port-
land law firm, Pierce Atwood, for more than 25 years. He is currently serving by special
appointment of the Supreme Court of the
United States as “special master” in a case,
Kansas vs. Nebraska and Colorado, involv-
ing an interstate water-rights dispute.
Kayatta was raised in South Portland,
received a bachelor’s degree from Amherst
College in Amherst, Mass., in 1976 and in
1979 a law degree from Harvard Law
School, where he served as an editor and
officer of the “Harvard Law Review.”
At Pierce Atwood his practice has focused on complex trial and appellate lit-
gation. He has argued two cases before the
U.S. Supreme Court and about 35 cases in state and federal appellate courts.
He is a regent in the American Col-
lege of Trial Lawyers, a fellow of the
American Bar Foundation and a member
of the American Law Institute. In 2010, the
Maine Bar Foundation presented him
with the Howard H. Dana Award for his
pro bono efforts on behalf of low-income
Maine citizens. He has also received awards from the Disability Rights Center
of Maine, the Maine Equal Justice Part-
ners, and the Maine Children’s Alliance
for his pro-bono rep-
resentation of disabled
Maine children. He is
a former chair of the
Professional Eth-
ics Commission for
Maine lawyers.

Annie Murphy was named to the fall-
semester dean’s list at Marylands Institute
College of Art in Baltimore, where she is
a freshman.

Rebecca Stratou, a 2011 Cape Elizabeth
High School graduate, made the fall-semes-
ter dean’s list at Colby-Sawyer College in
New London, N.H., where she is majoring
in graphic design. Rebecca is the daughter
of Andy and Kelly Stratou of Bowdoin.

Three Cape Elizabeth students were
named to the first-semester dean’s list at the
University of Vermont in Burlington.

Thomas P. Lishness is a junior majoring in
English in the College of Arts and Sciences.

David M. Luonge is a junior majoring in
theater in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Sophomore Colleen M. Whitcomb is
majoring in environmental studies in the
Rubenstein School of Environment and
Natural Resources.

Skyler Dunley was named to the fall-
semester dean’s list at Wheaton College in
Norton, Mass., where she is a freshman.

Two Cape Elizabeth students were
named to the dean’s list at Springfield Col-
lege in Springfield, Mass.

Sean Meagher is studying applied exercise science.

Ryan Ayers, the son of Cynthia and
Mark Ayers, was named to the dean’s list
for the fall semester at Saint Michael’s
College in Colchester, Vt., where he is a
first-year business administration major.

Alexander Frustaci was named to the
fall-semester dean’s list at Western New
England University in Springfield, Mass.,
where he is a sophomore majoring in
English.

Abigail Bryant Danceau was named to
the dean’s list at the University of Connectic-
the Medical Center.

Cape native opens flower, gift shop

Born and raised in Cape
Elizabeth, Lauren Springer
just opened Fiddleheads, a
flower and gift shop, at 546
Shore Road. The store car-
rries fresh flowers, candy,
plants, and “vintage gifts.”

Before opening Fiddle-
heads, Springer managed a
flower shop in Portland
after spending 11 years in
Boston. A floral designer,
she will continue to design
flowers for weddings. Fel-
low Cape resident Cathy
Peabody, who has worked
in the flower industry for
more than 30 years, will also
work as a designer for the
shop.

Jewelry by Cape Elizabeth resident
Maggie Bokor will be on display from
12 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 11, at
SoPo Art Studios, 855 Sawyer St. in South
Portland. The studio also will be open by
appointment from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Feb.
12, 13, and 14. Contact Bokor at 899-5939
or info@maggiebokor.com for more infor-
mation.

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