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After tragedy at Recycling Center, town is looking for 'a better way'

By Elizabeth Brogan

The Recycling Center will be assessed for short-term safety improvements by the engineering firm of Woodard and Curran, Town Manager Michael McGovern said in a letter to the Town Council on Dec. 1. McGovern, said he anticipates also contracting with the firm for a longer-range study to begin "right away," and which will require "some intense citizen involvement" and formation of a citizen review group.

McGovern's decision, made in consultation with Public Works Director Bob Malley, came in the wake of the Nov. 24 tragedy in which Herbert Dennison, 79, of Spurwink Avenue, a former Public Works Director for Cape Elizabeth (1968 to 1981) was struck by a Ford Explorer driven by Christine Sharp-Lopez, 72, of Hunts Point Road, as she backed into one of the three parking spaces in the shed that provides access to the

trash hopper/compactor. According to police, Dennison was putting his trash into the hopper when Sharp-Lopez's vehicle backed into the area at a high speed, pushing Dennison into the hopper/compactor, where he died of his injuries prior to arrival of police and emergency medical technicians at about 10:30 a.m.

Investigation ongoing

According to Cape Elizabeth Police Captain Brent Sinclair, a vehicular autopsy on Sharp-Lopez's Ford Explorer will be performed on Dec. 4 (as this newspaper goes to print) to determine whether there was a mechanical failure. Sinclair confirmed that no charges had been filed and that once the investigation is complete, a report will go to the Cumberland County District Attorney's

—see RECYCLING CENTER, page 14

New beach crowd



Photo by Martha Agan

Canada geese drink from a freshwater stream on Crescent Beach in late November.

Town formalizes relationship with historical preservation society

By Elizabeth Brogan

The Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society recently moved from its basement digs in the Thomas Memorial Library to a temporary space in the Public Safety Building, 325 Ocean House Road, and also now, for the first time, has a formal relationship with the town.

The Town Council, at its Nov. 6 meeting, unanimously approved the formalization of a records management agreement with the society under which the town will continue

to provide a shared municipal space for storage of both records and artifacts owned by the society and for public records of the town.

The society, for its part, will provide access to the records during normal business hours to all individuals authorized by the town and the society. At a minimum, the public will be provided reasonable access to public records as required by the Freedom of Information Act.

Mutually agreed upon town officials and

historical society members will have round-the-clock key-card access to the stored records. Together, the town and society will work to create an indexed list of all collections, artifacts, and private and public records stored in the society's space, to be reviewed annually.

The term of the agreement is for five years, but may be terminated upon 60 days' notice by either party.

"The good thing about this is we've had a relationship with [the society] for about

25 years," said Town Manager Michael McGovern. "This is the formalizing of the informal relationship."

In response to a question from Councilor Jamie Wagner, McGovern said that the town would also look into digitalization of the historical society-housed records, some of which are both very old and cumbersome.

Councilor Molly MacAuslan was assured by McGovern that accessibility would be

—see HISTORICAL SOCIETY, page 14

Planning Board approves new look for 80-seat Rudy's of the Cape

By Wendy Derzawiec

Neighbors seem to like the look of the new Rudy's restaurant, and there were enough votes on the Planning Board Nov. 18 so that the developer, Paul Woods of 517 Ocean House Road LLC, won't have to remove the weathering-steel siding that has been on the yet-to-open restaurant since August.

Rudy's bid to change the siding on the lower portion of the building, along with other minor changes to the site plan, was approved by the board, 5-1. Board member Henry Steinberg voted against the changes, and Chairwoman Victoria Volent abstained from voting.

Speakers at a public hearing Nov. 18 heavily supported the decision by developer Paul Woods to use Cor-Ten weathering steel siding, rather than the gray, anodized metal that was demonstrated as the chosen material when the project was first approved back in 2011.

Many speakers, like Ocean House Road resident Katie Fairbanks-Cliffe, compared the new Rudy's to the old restaurant and convenience store that was razed by Woods in 2012. "Let's be honest, we all remember how it used to look," she said. "This is way better."

Several speakers said they didn't understand what the fuss was about.



Photo by Elizabeth Brogan

Rudy's of the Cape, still under construction, with Cor-Ten steel siding on lower level.

Last August, as construction was finishing at the new 80-seat restaurant at 517 Ocean House Road, passersby noticed that the gray siding on the lower portion of the building was weathering into a brown color — different from what was presented to the Planning Board in 2011. Code Enforcement Officer Ben McDougal found that the material was not what the board approved, so Woods asked the board to amend the ap-

proved site plan.

Of the 12 residents who spoke at the Nov. 18 hearing, only one, Masefield Terrace resident Todd Colpitts, said he disliked the building's appearance. "I think if you look at it in the right angle it looks like Darth Vader's helmet," said Colpitts, who said he drives by two-to-three times a day. He said he did not think it was compatible with other structures in the neighborhood, but,

"the thing that bothers me most about the situation is how the applicant has been operating ahead of his approvals." For example, Woods was also asking to use different curbing material, material that, along with the weathering-steel siding, had already been installed. "That's not how things are supposed to operate, you're supposed to seek approval, get approval, install. And I don't see this applicant operating in that manner," Colpitts said.

The vast majority of speakers however said they loved the new building. "To me it is reflecting the nature of Cape Elizabeth," said Hannaford Cove Road resident Richard Berman, who compared the weathering steel to the browns and tans of Cape's open spaces this time of year. "It's organic, it's going to change, it has like a texture to it — so I think it's a stroke of genius," said Berman, who said he trained as a landscape architect, and as a developer has worked with many architectural professionals in the area. He also said the creativity of the building reflects the creativity of the people of Cape Elizabeth.

The board, however, was looking for Woods to demonstrate how the steel siding was compatible with materials used on other buildings in the neighborhood, and

—see PLANNING, page 14



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Clockwise from left, volunteer proofreaders Sheila Zimmerman, Suzanne Higgins, Diane Brakeley (also copy manager), and Anita Samuelsen take a break Dec. 4 from reviewing this issue of *The Cape Courier* to wish the community a happy holiday season. Below, staff members and volunteers for the paper gather Dec. 3 at Town Hall to do the same. Front row, from left: Jerry Harkavy, board member; Bob Dodd, board member; Ann Kaplan, photographer and photo finisher; Martha Agan, photographer; Tracy Northrup, paper distributor; Debbie Butterworth, board secretary; Wendy Derzawiec, webmaster and writer; Patricia McCarthy, publisher and photographer. Back row, from left, Andy Tabor, technology manager; Elizabeth Webster, board member; Trish Brigham, board treasurer; Elizabeth Brogan, editor; Wendy Keeler, community editor; Dorothy Stack, bookkeeper; Martha Kelley, board member; Bill Springer, board chairman; Missing from photo: Jess Leclair, advertising manager, and photographers Joanne Lee, Sarah Beard Buckley, Jenny Campbell and Katherine Urbaneck.

Top photo by Patricia McCarthy / Bottom photo by Eric Tirrell



50 years! Happy anniversary, Fort Williams Park!

On Dec. 1, 1964, Cape Elizabeth's offer of \$200,000 to acquire Fort Williams was accepted by the General Services Administration and Fort Williams Park was born (although not officially designated such until a Town Council vote on July 23, 1979.)

The fort, which dates back to 1872, when its original 14 acres were purchased to establish a sub-post to Fort Preble at Spring Point, became known as Fort Williams on April 13, 1899, by order of Army Headquarters, according to Fort Williams centennial pages on the town website.

It was fully manned by artillery companies and National Guard troops during WWI and served as the headquarters of the Harbor Defenses of Portland during WWII.

Officially closed on June 30, 1962, the then-90 acres were turned over to the General Services Administration to be sold.

According to the centennial website, a special town meeting was held on June 29, 1964, at which the residents of Cape Elizabeth voted to buy Fort Williams for a price



An aerial view of Fort Williams taken in 1964.

Photo courtesy of Ken Thompson

of \$200,000.

On Dec. 1, 1964, the offer was accepted. On July 23, 1979 the Town Council decided to officially designate the 90-acre area as Fort Williams Park, having rejected proposed uses which included a coastal sci-

ence park and low income housing.

So happy anniversary, Fort Williams Park, and thank you to those forward-looking Cape Elizabethans who voted "Yes" 50 years ago!

Elizabeth Brogan, editor

Third decade of Cape affordable housing program sees new stock added for sale

By Maureen O'Meara, Town Planner

Like many desirable Southern Maine communities, Cape Elizabeth has a shortage of affordable, workforce housing. Unlike most communities, however, Cape Elizabeth adopted an affordable housing program in 1992 that continues to create a small number of new affordable homes.

Six moderate and three low-income homes are approved for construction in the Eastman Meadows and Cottage Brook neighborhoods. In Eastman Meadows, the condominiums are affordable to moderate income households, which are families with an income of up to \$114,563. Moderate income homes can sell for up to \$395,022.

In Eastman Meadows, this can be a savings of \$80,000 to \$100,000 in purchase price. Going forward, savings in property taxes are also realized because the home value must remain affordable to moderate income families.

The Cottage Brook neighborhood will include homes affordable to families with an income not to exceed \$61,100 and a maximum sale price of \$210,678.

Since the program began, two affordable homes have resold, one in a single day. Affordable homes have also accrued equity, in many cases well over \$100,000 since they were sold. Many affordable homebuyers are current Cape residents, ranging from retirees to veterans to local and state government employees.

For anyone interested in purchasing an affordable home in Cape, the process is almost identical to purchasing a market-rate home. You or your realtor should contact the home seller/realtor directly.

The town's involvement in the sale of affordable homes is deliberately minimal. Once a buyer and a seller have agreed on a sale, the buyer will need to provide to the town documentation of income. The town will also confirm that the sale price does not exceed the low/moderate maximum price.

For more information about how the affordable housing program has worked, please contact the town planner.

To inquire about a purchase, you may want to start with the new Eastman Meadows and Cottage Brook neighborhoods.

Town's computer servers to be moved from moldy Town Hall basement

Town Councilors agreed to allocate \$35,000 from the undesignated fund balance to relocate computer servers from the Town Hall basement to the former 911 communications room at the Town Center Fire Station. Mold has been detected in the basement of the 113-year-old building, rendering the space unfit for both humans and the computer servers.

The servers had been installed in the Town Hall basement about 10 years ago. "I think one of the reasons we are getting bad molds now is

the fact that in the basement there's been a lot of closets (added) and things that don't get as much air circulation," McGovern said.

An insurance claim has been filed, but McGovern said he anticipates that insurance would only cover the cost of killing the mold and not long-term costs to reopen the space, such as wall removal, to make it usable again.

"My guess is we could easily spend \$100,000 dollars on this problem by the time we get done," McGovern said.

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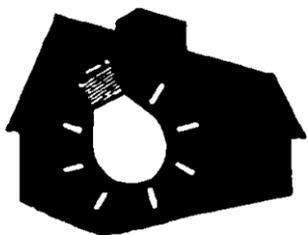
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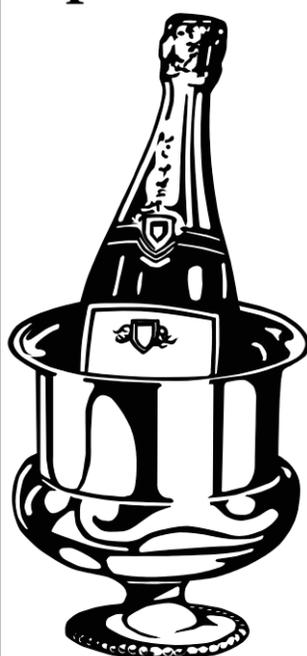

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Boardwalks and bridging installed in newest section of Robinson Woods



Photo by Jim Tasse

Volunteers from the New England Mountain Biking Association and CELT executive director, Chris Franklin, right, install a bridge in Robinson Woods in late September.

By Maureen O'Meara, Town Planner

It takes a village, in this case many users, to install the latest addition to the Cape Elizabeth greenbelt. The Cape Elizabeth Conservation Commission and heavy representation from the New England Mountain Biking Association (NEMBA) responded to a call from the Cape Elizabeth Land Trust (CELT) for volunteers.

During the weekend of Sept. 27-28, substantial trail work was done and bridging installed in the newest section of Robinson Woods.

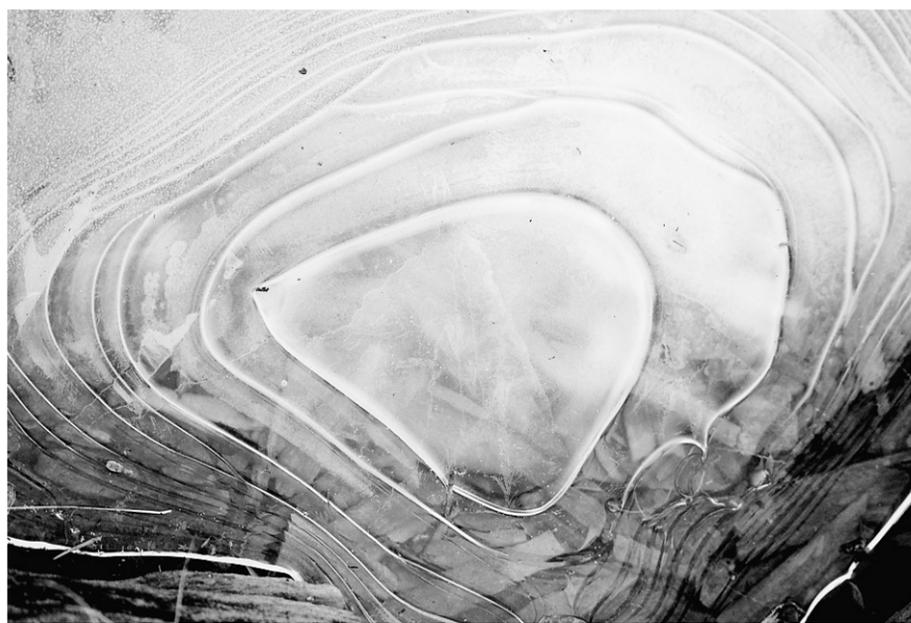
On Saturday morning, five CELT volunteers were joined by 10 NEMBA and Conservation Commission volunteers to haul in the prebuilt aluminum bridge segments and posts approximately one-half mile to the new crossing. Each segment weighed around 150

pounds and required teams of three and four to haul in. Other volunteers raked and cleared the trail approaches to the bridge. On Saturday afternoon, four NEMBA volunteers assisted in the installation of about half of the bridge. On Sunday, a half-dozen NEMBA volunteers worked on the north side of the crossing, clearing the trail approach.

Chris Franklin, CELT executive director, thanked the Conservation Commission and NEMBA "for your great recruitment efforts." Jim Tasse, Conservation Commission member and NEMBA volunteer, hailed the cooperative effort.

"I'm glad that we were able to rally enough people to get it done. I am glad to work with CELT on trail work, both as a Conservation Commission member and as a mountain bike rider. We look forward to the next event."

Ice sculptures



At top, early ice at Trundy Point and, directly above, ice at Two Lights State Park, both captured by Martha Agan at the end of November.

Classifieds in *The Cape Courier* work! See page 15 for details.

On behalf of the Fort Williams Park Foundation, the Children's Garden Education Committee wishes to say an enormous

* THANK YOU *

to all who turned out to help us make "lasagna"!

Our compost layering activity was an enormous success, and we could not have done it without many willing hands. You have helped us get one step closer to making our wildflower meadow a reality!

To all who participated in our newspaper collection drive: we appreciate your contributions. They were put to good use!

Special thanks to those who donated materials: Jordan's Farm, Maxwell's Farms and Ram Island Farm (hay/straw bales), and The Local Buzz (coffee grounds)

Gratitude to Melissa McCain and Linda Paul for providing home-baked sweets- the importance of fuel cannot be understated!



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Motor vehicle accident at Recycling Center; theft of money reported on Shore Road

Reported by Debbie Butterworth

COMPLAINTS

- 11-14 An officer met with a resident at the police department about a well-being check.
- 11-14 An officer spoke with a resident of the Old Ocean House Road area about a possible harassment.
- 11-14 An officer spoke with a resident about the theft of money from a residence in the Shore Road area.
- 11-15 An officer met with a resident of the Fowler Road area about a harassment complaint.
- 11-18 An officer met with a subject at the police station about a civil custody issue.

ARRESTS

- 11-16 Portland resident, operating under the influence of alcohol, violating conditions of release, Ocean House Road
- 11-20 Cape Elizabeth resident, domestic violence assault, Breakwater Farm Road
- 11-22 Cape Elizabeth resident, warrant, Old Fort Road

SUMMONSES

- 11-13 South Portland resident, speeding (50/30 zone), Sawyer Road, \$215
- 11-13 Georgia resident, towing unregistered trailer, Brentwood Road
- 11-16 Scarborough resident, failure to produce insurance, Bowery Beach Road, \$171

- 11-16 Portland resident, operating under the influence of alcohol, operating after license suspension, violation of conditions of release, unregistered vehicle, Ocean House Road
- 11-20 Cape Elizabeth resident, domestic violence assault, Breakwater Farm Road

JUVENILE SUMMONSES

- 11-20 Portland resident, speeding (60/50 zone), Route 77, \$137

ACCIDENTS

- 11-16 Ginette Desmarais, accident on Wildwood Drive
- 11-18 Setupuasev Te'o, accident on Ocean House Road
- 11-18 Alan Schock, Catherine Miller, accident on Ocean House Road
- 11-18 Constance Burns, accident on Ocean House Road
- 11-20 Paige Carter, accident on Two Lights Road

FIRE CALLS

- 11-17 Scott Dyer Road, investigation
- 11-13 Red Oak Road, investigation
- 11-15 Stonybrook Road, structure fire
- 11-16 Wildwood Drive, motor vehicle accident
- 11-18 Old Fort Road, gas leak
- 11-18 Sea View Avenue, chimney fire
- 11-19 Birch Knolls, chimney fire

- 11-20 Pine Point Road, investigation
- 11-22 Mutual aid, South Portland
- 11-22 Wainwright Drive, carbon monoxide alarm
- 11-24 Dennison Drive, motor vehicle accident

RESCUE CALLS

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

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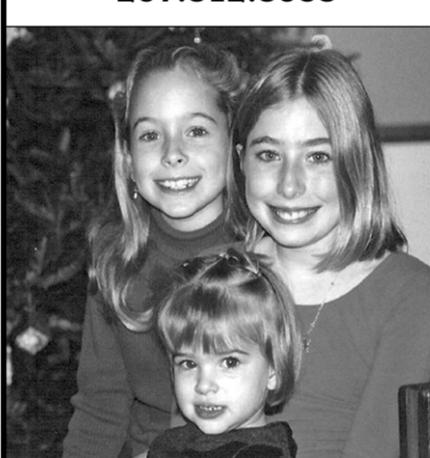
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Stepping into the Sesquicentennial



Edward I. Woodbury

A Cape Courier series by Cape Elizabeth resident Ellen Van Fleet follows the Civil War through the eyes of people who lived in Cape Elizabeth 150 years ago, when the Civil War was in its third year. Using Portland author Paul Ledman's book, "A Maine Town Responds," as the main guide, the series includes both short entries from the Portland Transcript, a newspaper, and letters from a local soldier who served on the western front. Items from the Portland Transcript and from soldiers' letters are reported verbatim.

Dec. 10, 1864 – The official statement of the vote for President in this State is as follows: Lincoln, 63,930; McClellan, 46,254; Soldier's vote, for Lincoln 4,174; McClellan 788. Total majority for Lincoln: 21,012. [Portland Transcript]

☞ The Rebel papers abstain as much as possible from giving us any information concerning Gen. Sherman's progress, but enough leaks out to show that he is triumphant marching to the sea. In his march through the State he must have inflicted great damage on the entire railroad system of the South. [Portland Transcript]

☞ The vandals have invaded Washington. Several were arrested the other evening while cutting off pieces of the tapestry of the East room as mementoes of their visit. [Portland Transcript]

☞ President's message – The annual message of President Lincoln, delivered to Congress on Tuesday last, is a brief, plain, straight-forward and ingenuous exhibition of the present state of our national affairs.

First ... our relations with foreign nations. He refers to the social and political progress of Liberia, and asks authority to furnish that

republic a gunboat, at moderate cost, to be reimbursed by installments. [It] is needed as protection against the native tribes and to operate against the slave-trade.

On the subject of our public growth the President shows that the steady progress of population and improvement over our new territory has scarcely been checked by the war. Another development is the fact shown that the war has not exhausted us of men. The total vote shows a new increase of 142,751 men during three years and a half of war. Thus we have more men than we had when the war began; we are neither exhausted nor in process of exhausting; we are gaining strength, and may, if need be, continue the contest indefinitely. As to how peace can be obtained, the President is of opinion that no attempt at negotiation with the insurgent leader could result in any good. [Portland Transcript]

☞ On Tuesday night the police found Mr. John Littlejohn, of Cape Elizabeth weltering in blood at the corner of India and Sumner streets. He said he had been struck with a knife by one of the crew of schooner *Otter Rock*, of Rockland. The chance for his recovery is a narrow one. [Portland Transcript]

Dec. 17, 1864 – The coasters are gener-

ally hauling up for the winter. The cost of running through the cold weather, and the risk and uncomfortableness are more than the vessel can earn. It is melancholy to think of the vast amount of suffering and hardship endured by our sea faring people in beating about on this coast in the winter. We trust the time will soon come when all the winter coasting business will be done by stout sea going steamers. [Portland Transcript]

☞ There are constantly from 800 to 1200 patients under treatment in the U.S. General Hospital, at Augusta, and great quantities of cotton bandages are needed. Send your old sheets, shirts, etc., to the Augusta Ladies' Aid Society. [Portland Transcript]

☞ At Nashville the other day, a Negro saved two gunboats that had been captured by the rebels. [Portland Transcript]

☞ Our prisoners come back from Dixie filthy, ragged, or naked, and swarming with vermin, but overjoyed that they have reached "God's country" once more. [Portland Transcript]

☞ The *Richmond Examiner* is highly indignant that Negroes are permitted to bid at the auction sale of slaves. That, of course, is exclusively a white man's privilege. [Portland Transcript]

☞ A Western chemist claims to have discovered a process by which sugar may be made from corn. A great discovery, if true. [Portland Transcript]

☞ Rum Rows are getting to be quite too common in our streets of an evening. It was in one of these that Littlejohn was killed last week, and many other fights have taken place, all caused by drunkenness. [Portland Transcript]

Editor's note: From 1847 to 1853, Cape Elizabeth resident Scott D. Jordan was a mariner, plying trade routes in New England, England, the West Indies, the Caribbean, and the southern coast of the United States. In 1863, he left his wife Judith and their three children to serve as a naval ensign in the Civil War. After the war, he farmed

and served for a while as the superintendent of Cape Elizabeth Poor Farm. Jordan wrote to his wife in 1864.

*U.S. Steamer Carondelet
Below Nashville, Tenn.*

Dec. 15, 1985

Dear Wife,

Today has been an exciting time in the army and Navy in this vicinity. The two armies engaged each other this morning at daylight, and continued the fight until sunset. Our forces drove the Rebs four miles in the course of the day. The Gun Boats took a part in dislodging two Batteries on the river. The Neosho & Carondelet were the ones engaged, we met with no damage. I have had a good chance to see soldiers fight today, and saw them charge on the enemy several times. I had never seen it done before, and I assure you it is very exciting. So many men marching right up to the muzzles of the enemies' guns, and all firing at once on the enemy, then with their bayonets all fixed every one rushed with full force upon them, each one giving a yell at the top of his voice, the noise of which alone is enough to frighten the enemy. Each time our men charged on the Rebs today they were successful. I expect tomorrow morning the battle will begin bright & early.

Now ... all is perfectly still, not the sound of a musket anywhere. How different from what it was through the day, when not a moment elapsed that the roar of Artillery and musketry and the whistling of shell & Shrapnel was not heard. I think the Gun boats could have been of much more service today had they been handled differently. But somehow it seemed to me that Capt. Fitch the commander of this Cumberland River fleet, was afraid to put the ships under the batteries for fear we might get crippled. Could Capt. Miller, or any other man on board the ship, had their own way in the matter, we should have done much more fighting than we did....

*U.S. Steamer Carondelet
At Nashville, Tenn.*

Dec. 18, 1864

Dear Wife,

I have not heard the particulars of yesterday's battle though judging from the sound

—see SESQUICENTENNIAL, page 9

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Cape Elizabeth resident **David S. Sherman, Jr.**, recently joined the board of directors of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Southern Maine. The clubs have five locations in the Portland area.

Sherman, a partner at Drummond Woodsum in Portland, was recently selected for inclusion in the 2014 edition of "New England Super Lawyers" in the areas of general litigation, business litigation, and estate and trust litigation. Lawyers are chosen based on research, and nominations and evaluations by peers.

Sherman just completed his second term on the Cape Elizabeth Town Council and previously served on the town's Planning Board and on the boards of ecomaine and the Cape Elizabeth Education Foundation.



David Sherman

Cape Elizabeth native **Kim Ortengren**, the daughter of **James and Jamie Ortengren** of Mountain View Road, is the director of design and production at Crane & Lion, a new fitness and fashion brand based in Boston. The clothing line is geared to active women who want their clothing to be both chic and versatile. Pieces can worn from fitness classes to meetings and social engagements.

Ortengren, who previously worked for Donna Karan in New York City and Spyder in Boulder, Colo., is a 2005 graduate of Waynflete School in Portland and Colorado State University in Fort Collins, where she earned a degree in apparel design and production.



Kim Ortengren

Sesquicentennial

Cont. from page 8

of the guns, our army must have been driving Hood all the time, as at sunset they were so far away we could just hear the guns. All the Gun boats except ours, went down the river this morning. The Rebel prisoners keep coming in to Nashville. Also the wounded Soldiers. All the carriages in the city are employed in bringing them in. All the churches are used as Hospitals. And many people are on the battlefields of yesterday and day before, burying the dead on both sides. I have not learned the number of killed or wounded, though it must be great on both sides....

*U.S. Steamer Carondelet
At Bowling Green, Tenn.
Dec. 21, 1864
Dear Wife,*

We are now on the sharp lookout for the Rebel Gen. Lion, who is some where in this vicinity and our boat is from Clarksville to Fort Donaldson, a distance of 45 miles. Our intention is to prevent him from crossing this river, with his army, which he is very anxious to do as he is hotly pursued by our Gen. McCook, whom he has met twice, and twice shipped by him. We shall change our position at daylight

tomorrow morning, and continue to change so often that the Rebs will be puzzled to make any calculation as to our whereabouts. This place is called Bowling Green, but for what reason I have never heard. There are but six houses in sight, five of which are so poor, that were they in the North, a man would disgrace his hogs by putting them in them.

The other is a nice large brick house, with a nice front yard and large garden [in] which I counted twenty too large hogs, and an innumerable number of small ones. In the front door of the house, four ladies exhibited themselves, waving white handkerchiefs as we passed by, and from which we infer that they are for the Union. It lacks but for days of Christmas and we have a good supply of turkeys on hand for the occasion. And in coming down here today we might have increased the number very easily, for we saw eighteen in one flock standing by the river, and we passed within twenty yards of them at one shot.

Dec. 22 at daylight we got underway down river. At 9 A.M. met the U.S.S. Fair Play [and] immediately exchanged with her. A new Capt, by the name of Clark, a Portland man, came on board, and took command. I like his appearance much, though I may be deceived.

Lions, Scouts continue to collect nonperishables

This Thanksgiving, 10 Cape Elizabeth families in need received Thanksgiving food baskets filled with nonperishable food items collected by Cape Elizabeth Lions Club members and Boy Scouts. Cape Lions and Scouts continue to collect for baskets to be given to families before the holidays.

Community members can donate nonperishable food – soup, pasta, canned vegetables, canned fruits and more – in the Lions' food collection box located in the lobby of IGA at Pond Cove Shopping Center.

"The baskets do make a difference to recipients, and one former recipient mentioned how grateful the family was to have received one many years ago and that it really was a godsend at the time," Cape Elizabeth Lions Club member Lee Taylor said.

Contact Rich Brooks at 767-2733 or rich@brookscapmaine.com for more information.



Photo by Lee Taylor

Cape Elizabeth Boy Scout Johnny Gray unpacks and sorts food items for Thanksgiving baskets last month in the Lions' clubhouse.

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CAPE CALENDAR By Wendy Derzawiec

Wednesday, December 10
Zoning Board of Appeals, 7 p.m., Town Hall chamber

Tuesday, December 16
Planning Board, 7 p.m., Town Hall chamber

Wednesdat, December 17
Firing Range Committee, 4 p.m., Public Safety Building

School Board Workshop, 6:30 p.m., High School Library and Learning Commons

School Board Finance Committee, 8 p.m., High School Library and Learning Commons

Thursday, December 18
Thomas Memorial Library Board of Trustees, 6:30 p.m., Thomas Memorial Library

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<p>Zoning Board of Appeals (live) Dec. 10 - 7 p.m.</p> <p>Town Council Replay Dec. 11 - 2 p.m. & 8 p.m. Dec. 13 - 9 a.m. Dec. 14 - 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.</p> <p>School Board replay Dec. 12 - 2 p.m. & 8 p.m. Dec. 14 - 9 a.m. Dec. 15 - 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.</p> <p>Words of Peace Dec. 13, 14, 20 & 21 - 1 p.m. &</p>	<p>7 p.m.</p> <p>Zoning Board of Appeals replay Dec. 13 - 2 p.m. & 8 p.m. Dec. 15 - 9 a.m. Dec. 19 - 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.</p> <p>CE Church of the Nazarene Dec. 13, 14, 20 & 21 - 11:30 a.m.</p> <p>Planning Board (Live) Dec. 16 - 7 p.m.</p> <p>Planning Board replay Dec. 17 & 18 - 2 p.m. & 8 p.m. Dec. 20 - 9 a.m.</p>
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'Christmas Story' to run through Dec. 21



Photo by Kristen Peters

The Portland Players' "A Christmas Story, the Musical," includes cast members, clockwise from top, Amy Torrey, Tommy Waltz, William Pearson and CJ Marenghi.

"A Christmas Story, the Musical," will run through Sunday, Dec. 21, at the Portland Players, 420 Cottage Road, South Portland.

A musical adaptation of the film, "A Christmas Story," the story takes place in small-town Indiana in the 1940s and focuses on nine-year-old Ralphie, who desperately wants a "Red Ryder carbine-action 200-shot range model BB rifle with a com-

pass in the stock" for Christmas. The play is suitable for adults and children.

Joelle Clingerman directs the play, and David Delano provides musical direction.

Showtimes are at 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and at 2:30 p.m. Sundays.

Go to www.portlandplayers.org, or call 799-7337 to buy tickets. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$18 for senior citizens, and \$15 for students with identification.

Rotarians collect gift cards for homeless vets

The South Portland/Cape Elizabeth Rotary Club, in conjunction with the Veterans Affairs, Maine Homeless Program in Togus, is seeking donations of gift cards, household items and cash for homeless veterans in the state.

Rotarians are collecting transportation

passes, gasoline gift cards, Hannaford gift cards, bedding sets, prepaid TracFone mobile phones and household items.

Contact Rotarian Dan Davidson at 767-4682, or South Portland/Cape Elizabeth Rotary Club President Kathy Cotter at kcotter1@yahoo.com to donate.

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‘Victorian Nutcracker’ to feature 10 ballerinas from Cape Elizabeth

Ten Cape Elizabeth ballerinas will dance in the Portland Ballet Company’s “The Victorian Nutcracker,” which is set in Victorian-era Portland with costumes and stage sets inspired by the Victoria Mansion in Portland.

Katarina Weissbach, Christianna Weissbach, Olivia Weissbach, Ellie Crocket, Emma Halter, Nika Johnson, Bella O’Brien, Helena Rieger, Sydney Silva and Sophia Toon will perform at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, and Sunday, Dec. 14, at the Westbrook Performing Arts Center, 471 Stroudwater St., Westbrook, and with the PBC’s full orchestra at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 17, at Merrill Auditorium, 20 Myrtle St., Portland.

After the two Westbrook performances, audiences are invited on stage to meet the dancers.

Tickets, \$20-\$55, are available at www.porttix.com or by calling 842-0800. Go to www.portlandballet.org for information.

Cape tenor to sing in Dec. 21 concert

Cape Elizabeth tenor Eric Kawamoto is part of a 21-voice a cappella ensemble that will present two performances of “Christmas with Renaissance Voices,” at the Cathedral of St. Luke, 143 State St., Portland.

Concerts are planned at 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20 and at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 21. Harold Stover directs Renaissance Voices.

The choir’s namesake period will be represented by music of Renaissance composers, and the concert also will include music by modern composers, and plainsong, carols, and seasonal readings by the singers.

Admission will be \$15 at the door. Discount tickets, \$12, are available through 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19, at Starbird Music and Longfellow Books in Portland, the Book Review in Falmouth, or at www.renaissancevoices.org. Admission will be \$5 at the door for students with identification.

A reception is planned after the concerts. Go the group’s website or call 729-4958 for more information.

Rotary tree sale continues at Mill Creek Park

The South Portland-Cape Elizabeth Rotary Club’s 52nd annual Christmas tree sale is underway at Mill Creek Park in South Portland.

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

“Every penny raised is used for community and international endeavors such as

scholarships, local improvement projects, donations to local food pantries, Rotary humanitarian projects and many other charitable programs,” said Rotary member Scott Irving, who is heading up the tree sale.

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

Cape Elizabeth actors in ‘A Christmas Carol’

Some Portland Stage Company productions of Charles Dickens’ “A Christmas Carol,” which runs through Wednesday, Dec. 24, at the theater, 25 Forest Ave., Portland, include Cape Elizabeth ensemble members, Jack Hagan, Claire McDonald, Julia Pilk, Lexi Pilk, and Ryan Strack.

The Cape Elizabeth cast members will perform in shows planned at 7 p.m. on Dec. 12, 13, 19, 20, and at 5 p.m. on Dec. 21. Go to the Portland Stage Company website, www.portlandstage.org, for the complete per-

formance schedule.

Children younger than 15 years pay \$15 per ticket with the purchase of an adult ticket. Students 16 and older pay \$20, adults pay \$45, and senior citizens pay \$41.

Discounts are available for groups of 10 or more. Ten percent of tickets that Cape Elizabeth residents bought for the Nov. 29 and 30 shows went to the Pond Cove Parents Association.

Call 774-0465 or go to www.portlandstage.org to buy tickets.

Real estate agents collecting through Dec. 12

Agents at two Cape Elizabeth real estate agencies are collecting gifts and toys through Friday, Dec. 12.

RE/MAX Oceanside agents are collecting toys to give children at Barbara Bush Children’s Hospital in Portland after they have medical procedures. Contact Vicki Kennedy at 799-7600 or vicki@oceanside-maine.com for more information.

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agents are collecting holiday gifts for families in need served by Opportunity Alliance of Maine, which provides early education and child care, nutrition programming, advocacy, mental health and substance-abuse treatment, and basic needs.

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1. Preheat oven to 400° F. Coat small (about 2 1/2-cup) oven-proof baking dish with cooking spray. **2.** In large bowl, beat Neufchâtel with electric mixer until light and airy, about two minutes. Beat in 4 teaspoons of basil, pepper and salt. Add 1 cup of cheddar and breadcrumbs; beat until blended. **3.** Spread mixture in prepared dish. Top with remaining 1/4 cup cheddar. **4.** Bake for 15 to 17 minutes or until heated through but not bubbling. **5.** Let cool on wire rack for about 10 minutes. Serve warm, topped with tomatoes, red onions and remaining 2 teaspoons basil.

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Special ‘Magic of the Holidays’ to be performed twice on Dec. 16



Markus and Angelique Steelgrave

By Rachel Davis

For the past several years, the library has substituted regular children’s programs with special holiday craft programs and other programs. This year, because of impending construction, the library is unable to offer its full slate of special holiday events.

Instead, in one final hurrah for the library’s current building, the library will offer two free performances of the “Magic of the Holidays,” a fun, festive family-friendly show by Markus and Angelique Steelgrave.

This 50-minute show featuring Maine’s only professional magical duo includes amazing magic and illusion, juggling, live

animals, upbeat music, clean comedy, and plenty of good-natured audience participation.

Markus and Angelique have performed at schools, libraries, theaters, Scout groups, corporate and civic events, festivals, and private functions throughout the state. Television appearances include “Good Day Maine,” “The Nite Show with Danny Cashman,” and Fox 25 Boston’s morning show.

The two performances will take place at 3:30 and 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 16. All ages are welcome. Visit the library’s website for more details and to watch video clips of the duo in performance.

‘Read to a Dog’ program continues

The library’s popular Read to a Dog program is continuing as usual. Winston and Maddie, the library’s two therapy dogs, will continue to meet with children in grades K–8 on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons after school.

Children must be registered in advance to read to the dogs. You may register for a 15-minute reading session online by visiting the library’s website, or call the library at 799-1720 to register over the phone.

‘Stay & Play’ programs for little ones continue through December



‘Stay & Play’ program preparations in the library Community Room.

While preparations are underway for the library’s temporary quarters to be complete, most of the library’s regularly scheduled children’s programs have been suspended.

While the library’s Community Room is still accessible, the children’s department is offering a number of “Stay & Play” programs in place of regular story times.

The Community Room will be set up with a variety of educational toys and activities, and families with young children will be invited to drop in and play.

A librarian will be on hand to interact with kids and parents and read stories to anyone who would like to listen.

The library is offering four two-hour sessions per week through December: two for families with children from birth to age three, 10 a.m. to noon, Wednesdays and Fridays; and two for families with children ages 3–5, 10 a.m. to noon, Mondays and Tuesdays.

No registration is necessary – drop by at any time during the program time to hang out and have fun!

Musical Story Hour continues; final World Music program is Dec. 18

Rob Duquette’s busy performance schedule is making it difficult for him to continue with the library’s monthly program, but he will be back for occasional special events in the future.

All ages are invited to attend his last regular performance from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 18.

Musical Story Hour with Jud Caswell will continue to be offered monthly, although the January date may be postponed due to the library renovation plans.

Details about January events will appear in the Dec. 24 issue of *The Cape Courier*, or you may check the library’s website for updates.

Library launches winter reading program

As an offshoot of its popular adult summer reading program, the library is hosting its first winter reading program called “The William Widgery Thomas Winter World

Tour.” The program will run from December through Feb. 28. The program is open to all ages – children, teens and adults. An older traveling companion may assist pre-readers.

Participants will receive a passport in which they can record the titles of books they have read and where in the world each book took them. In addition, everyone who signs up will receive a “Flat W.W. Thomas” in order to take photos of themselves with W. W. Thomas on any real or literary journeys. Photos may be emailed to the library or posted directly on the library’s Facebook page.

To join in the excitement, visit the library or its website to sign up. Registration began Dec. 1.

Participants who have logged at least one item in their passport by the end of the program will receive their choice of a travel-themed gift.

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Cape Education Foundation awards grants totaling \$17,500 to all three Cape schools

By Jim Britt

The nonprofit Cape Elizabeth Education Foundation recently announced a \$17,500 package of grants aimed at encouraging professional development, invention, artistic enrichment and historical exploration in the three Cape Elizabeth schools.

"We are as excited as ever about this new package of grants," CEEF Grant Committee Co-chair Ken Barber said. "The grant committee was moved by the teachers and administrators who came to the table with new models and ideas about how to help our children. We wish we had a bottomless pool of grant dollars to fund every great idea."

A \$6,000 grant will support the reconfiguration of Cape Elizabeth Middle School's industrial technology classroom into the "Open Minds Studio Makerspace." In the new space, CEMS educators envision students doing hands-on exploration at learning centers that will include opportunities for woodworking, textiles, electronics, computer programming and multimedia creations.

A \$2,000 stipend will support a five-week professional development program at Takste International School in Sikkim, India, for Cape Elizabeth High School Psycholo-

gist Alina Perez. Through the program, Perez intends to "stretch her communication and professional skills to their utmost," so she can share her experiences with the community and apply what she has learned to the curriculum.

A \$3,000 grant will help fund an original band composition by Andrew Boysen based on the book "The Devil in the White City." CEHS band director Tom Lizotte's hope is to motivate students "to reach beyond the usual parameters of performance and propel them to new musical heights and insights."

A \$6,500 stipend will support an interdisciplinary study of Cape Elizabeth history through a study of Portland Headlight and marine resources by Pond Cove School's six first-grade classes. Principal Kelly Hason hopes to foster a greater appreciation among young students for Cape Elizabeth's natural marine resources and the community's history by the sea.

Go to www.ceef.us for more information about the 13-year-old organization's mission to fund initiatives that fall outside the Cape Elizabeth school budget or for information about volunteering for CEEF.

Cape Nordic volunteers to wax skis, show film

Cape Nordic volunteers will wax Nordic and Alpine skis for \$25 a pair from 5 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 17, in the Cape Elizabeth High School cafeteria.

At the same time skis are getting base preparation work done and being waxed, filmmaker Warren Miller's "Ticket to Ride," which features top U.S. skiers skiing in exotic destinations around the world, will be screened in the CEHS auditorium. Donations will be accepted for the film.

Proceeds raised through the event will benefit the CEHS and Cape Elizabeth Middle School Nordic ski teams.

Contact colettehowe17@gmail.com for more information.

Tinsman commits to play softball at UMO



Cape Elizabeth High School senior Ashley Tinsman signs a "National Letter of Intent" to play Division I softball at the University of Maine in Orono to the applause of her parents, seated, Patrick and Jennifer, and her CEHS softball and basketball teammates and coaches. Tinsman has racked up numerous softball honors: 2013 Western Maine Conference Player of the Year; First Team All-State, 2013 and 2014; First Team All-Conference, 2012-2014; Maine High School Softball Association Underclass All-Star, 2012-2014; and team MVP, 2012-2014. Tinsman and her team, the Massachusetts-based Polar Crush Gold National team, finished 17th in the nation this summer at the American Softball Gold Nationals in Oklahoma.

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Ross concludes record-breaking season of football at Sacred Heart University

By Wendy Keeler

Cape Elizabeth resident Jamie Ross, who broke four school records during his football career at Deering High School in Portland, has continued his streak at Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, Conn., where he is a senior majoring in business administration.

This season, Ross captured three records for the Pioneers, who won their second straight Northeast Conference Division 1 Football Championship last month and made it to the first round of the NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision Playoffs.

This season, in addition to kicking the longest punt in school history – 78-yards – Ross kicked 82 punts, the most in any Sacred Heart season, and racked up 2,991 yards, the most punt yards in any Pioneers season.

His additional school punting achievements include fourth in punt yards in a game, second highest punt average in a game, sixth in punt yards in school history, ninth highest punt average in a season, and sixth highest punt average in a career.

Because Ross wasn't able to play football his sophomore year after surgery for a shoulder injury he sustained freshman year, he has a redshirt year of eligibility he could exercise next year while enrolled in a graduate program at Sacred Heart. He is weighing his options.

"I have a meeting ... to find out and see if it is something that would be beneficial for both me and the team," Ross said on Dec. 2. "Regardless, I do see myself staying for grad school either way and pursuing a master's in



Jamie Ross, rear left, and fellow kickers on the Sacred Heart University football team, display the Northeast Conference Division 1 Football Championship they captured on Nov. 15 after beating Bryant University 14-7 at Sacred Heart.

sports communication."

No matter what he decides about next year, Ross is clear about what he wants to do.

"Obviously my passion is and always will be sports. I'm currently looking at internships in event management where I can be behind the scenes and helping put on great sporting events and concerts," he said.

Despite the sacrifices D1 football has required him to make, Ross is grateful for his experience at Sacred Heart.

"I have made lifelong friends and memories here," he said. "It's not an easy commitment to make, not being home for holidays like Thanksgiving and cutting every summer short and not being able to see family and friends as much as I would like, but I know that they all have my best interest at heart and everyone has been so supportive to me and my career over these past years."

Soccer players win Kevin Brady Award

Cape Elizabeth High School senior soccer players Kathryn Clark, Eddie Galvin and Griffin Thoreck are recipients of the 2014 Kevin Brady Spirit Awards, given 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," said Kevin's father, John Brady, who presents the award annually. In the spring, the players will receive a \$1,000 scholarship at the senior awards banquet.

Thoreck, Galvin and CEHS senior player Emma Landes won the Cape Soccer Boosters' 2014 People on the Hill awards, given to senior soccer players who have demonstrated sportsmanship, citizenship and spirit on and off the field.



Cape Elizabeth High School senior soccer players, from left, Eddie Galvin, Kathryn Clark and Griffin Thoreck display their Kevin Brady Spirit Award trophies.

Church of Nazarene to host free dinner Dec. 16, Christmas service on Dec. 21, weekly program

The Cape Elizabeth Church of the Nazarene plans a free Christmas dinner on Tuesday, Dec. 16, and a candlelight Christmas service the Sunday before Christmas.

The community Christmas dinner, which will be open to all, will run from 6 to 7 p.m.

The church's annual Christmas Candlelight Service, set for 6 p.m. Dec. 21, is patterned after a Christmas Eve service and will feature carols, scripture lessons, and the singing of "Silent Night" by candlelight.

Loaves and Fishes

Starting in January, the church will offer "Loaves and Fishes," a weekly opportunity for people to gather and share a simple meal and fellowship. Meals will be free and served at the church from 6 to 7 p.m. on Tuesdays from Jan. 6 through March 31. All are invited.

Call the church office at 799-3692 or email pastorjon@capenazarene.org for more information. The church is located at 499 Ocean House Road.



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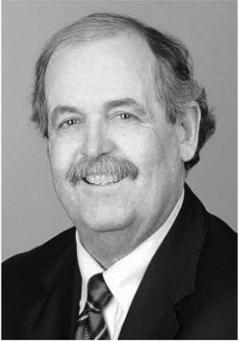


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St. Alban's offers new Sunday 'Eventide' service

St. Alban's Episcopal Church, at 885 Shore Road in Cape Elizabeth, now offers a 5:30 p.m. Sunday "Eventide" service of prayer and music in the Celtic tradition, in addition to the church's 8 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. services that day.

The new service, which both lay and ordained ministers will lead, includes meditation, candlelight, and Celtic music performed by Portland musicians, Mike Albert on oboe, Nicole Rabata on flute, cellist Robin Jellis, and Tom Kovacevic on piano. Communion is served from an open table.

"With Eventide, we are creating a dis-

tinctive service for peoples of all faiths to enjoy with the quieter, contemplative Celtic style, including beautiful music, thoughtful words and a time for prayer," said the Rev. Tim Boggs, the church rector. "The Celtic tradition acknowledges that we find God and each other in moments of reflection and calm. We hope this will be a rich experience for the churchgoer and those who have never attended church, as well as those who no longer do so for whatever reason."

Call 799-4014 or go to www.stalbansmaine.org for more information.

Congregational Church plans pageant, caroling, service for people struggling with holidays

During the Advent and Christmas season, First Congregational Church United Church of Christ plans caroling, Advent Vespers, a special service for people struggling this season, a Christmas pageant, and a "birthday party for Jesus."

The Rev. Cindy Maddox will lead the church's regular 8:30 a.m. chapel service and 10 a.m. sanctuary service on Sunday, Dec. 14. Advent Vespers are planned that day at 5:30 p.m.

On Sunday, Dec. 21, Maddox will lead the regular 8:30 a.m. chapel service. The 10 a.m. sanctuary service will include a children's pageant, and a cookie and fudge sale organized by the Eskimo Men's Club will follow.

A "Blue Christmas" service is planned at 4 p.m. that day for people struggling with the holidays, and Christmas caroling is planned at 5:30 p.m.

On Christmas Eve, the church will hold a 5 p.m. family service with carols and a simple telling of the Christmas story, along with a surprise for each child. A "birthday party for Jesus" will follow for children.

The 7 p.m. Christmas Eve worship service will include carols, readings, special solos, and for members of the deaf community, the service will include American Sign Language interpretation. The 10 p.m. candlelight service will include a scripture lesson and carols with the Meeting House Choir.

St. Alban's plans three Christmas Eve services, pageant, classes focused on Handel's 'Messiah'

St. Alban's Episcopal Church's Advent and Christmas season plans include adult education classes centered on Handel's "Messiah," a Christmas pageant, and three Christmas Eve services. During the season, parishioners also will serve the poor throughout Cumberland County.

The Rev. Kelly Moughty, the church's associate rector, will lead 7 p.m. classes on Mondays, Dec. 15 and 22, focused on the "Messiah." The classes will use music, art, the ancient words of Isaiah, and contemporary reflection to explore the oratorio titles, "Almighty God," on Dec. 15, and "Prince of Peace" on Dec. 22.

The children of St. Alban's will present a Christmas Pageant at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, Dec. 21. St. Alban's three Christmas Eve services – set for 4:00, 6:00 and 10 p.m. – will include carols and candlelight.

St. Alban's parishioners will serve the poor in Cumberland County now through the winter. "We are highly conscious that our gifts to those most in need are a central feature of commitment to the community," the Rev. Boggs, St. Alban's rector, said.

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Recycling Center

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office to determine whether charges should be filed.

Well-known community member

Dennison was well known in Cape Elizabeth. McGovern said he first met Dennison “when I served as an intern here during the summer of 1977. In 1978 he was serving as Acting Town Manager and he and then Council Chairman Henry Adams concluded that I might be available to assist him ... It was about a month after I started that I can remember standing with Herb watching the last fire at our open-burning dump and watching the first few cars come into our new transfer station.”

Dennison Drive, on which the Recycling Center is located, was named for Dennison.

“Herb was a fine man and was completely dedicated to his community,” said McGovern. “He always put serving the public first and his legacy of having the best roads during winter and a good pavement management program will forever remind all who knew him of what he accomplished.”

McGovern said Dennison was a “key person” in converting Fort Williams into a park and was also in charge of the major sewer projects in the northern end of Cape Elizabeth. “Truly, he made a huge difference to his community.”

McGovern, who had been traveling overseas the week of the accident, extended his sympathies to the Dennison family and praised town personnel for their professionalism and compassion following the tragedy.

Malley, who had strong personal and professional ties to Dennison, credited Dennison with instilling values of dedication, perseverance and work ethic in him.

The agenda for the Dec. 8 Town Council meeting includes a remembrance of Dennison, who, in addition to his directorship of Public Works, served as Sewer Superintendent and Road Commissioner, also from 1968 to 1981; had several stints as Acting Town Manager; and was a member of the Fire Department’s Hose Company No. 2.

‘A better way’

A long-range study of the town’s 36-year-old Recycling Center, now an immediate priority, had been planned for July 2015. The Town Council had unanimously accepted a Capital Stewardship Plan for the next ten years at its Sept. 6 meeting, with \$25,000 budgeted for a study to modernize the Recycling Center and transfer station.

McGovern addressed the need to revamp the Recycling Center specifically at the meeting and in a cover letter for the Capital Stewardship Plan.

“The traffic over there is a mess,” McGovern told councilors on Sept. 6. In his Aug. 21 cover letter, McGovern highlighted the problem further.

“The transfer station compactor building and the genesis of our current recycling program dates from 1978 ... We were planning to replace some of the compacting equipment and hopper in fiscal year 2016 but it is clear that the site has more challenges than just the condition of the compactor. It is proposed to undertake a study of the property and program to determine options for the future.

The plan for fiscal year 2017 envisions that over \$300,000 will be spent for a modernization ... One major issue we have is the age of the equipment and another, quite frankly, is the age of the population and the increasing problem we see many are having with backing up into the hopper area. There must be a better way.”

Planning

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the majority said he’d succeeded. Prior to the hearing, project architect Phil Kaplan compared the base, scale, roof pitch and siding of Rudy’s with surrounding structures including the Good Table restaurant, St. Bartholomew Church, Cape Co-Op and other nearby residential and commercial buildings.

Board member Joe Chalot, himself an

architect, said that although the weathering steel is different from materials found on neighboring buildings, Kaplan’s discussion of “the spirit of the materials, how they age, how they weather” was compelling. “To me I think he really satisfied the basic requirement of this hearing, which was to demonstrate the compatibility of the Cor-Ten siding,” he said.

Board member Liza Quinn said, “I think the applicant did an excellent job of showing this compatible mix.” She, like many who spoke at the hearing, said she was proud to

have the building in our town. “And most importantly, it meets the standards of the ordinance,” she said.

Not everyone on the board agreed. Board member Henry Steinberg said the steel siding gave the building an industrial look, and Chairwoman Victoria Volent said, “This is an industrial material, a rusting, industrial material right down to its exposed bolts.”

She said the metal, discouraged by the town’s design standards for use in this business district, was not compatible with the subtle grays and silvers of the weathered wood on neighboring buildings.

Along with the siding, board members approved other minor changes to the Rudy’s site plan including the upgrade in curbing material, added light fixtures in the parking area, reduced diameter of water lines, possible addition of a generator to the site and possible addition of raised beds for growing herbs and vegetables to be served at the restaurant.

Hearing on boardwalk in critical wetland set for Dec. 16

In other matters, the board set a public hearing on an application from Rams Head Partners LLC to construct a 2,046-foot boardwalk at 20 Rams Head Road, off of Charles E. Jordan Road. The application requires a permit to construct within a critical wetland.

Landscape architect Stephen Mohr, representing applicants John Higgins and

Nancy Chatfield, said the structure would replace an existing sand-dune footpath, and is also subject to Department of Environmental Protection regulation.

Town Planner Maureen O’Meara, said the Conservation Commission has also discussed the application and will provide a recommendation for the hearing.

Plants to replace parking spots in Latter-day Saints lot

On Nov. 18 the board also approved an application from the town to replace two parking spaces in the lot at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 29 Ocean House Road, with a biofiltration unit that will filter runoff going into Trout Brook.

The project is part of a grant administered by the Cumberland County Soil and Water Conservation District.

Although the town applied for the church’s site-plan amendment, the church is a “complete partner” with the request and is contributing to the purchase and installation of native plants for the biofiltration unit, O’Meara said.

Blueberry Ridge buffer application incomplete

In other matters, the board found an application from Srinivas Srungavarapu for an amendment to the Blueberry Ridge subdivision to replant a buffer and install a fence at 10 Blueberry Lane to be incomplete.

Board members said they needed more accurate drawings and better description of materials.

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Historical society

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Suzanne is the daughter of Cape Elizabeth residents Nancy and Doug Bagin. Michael is the son of Maxim Bohlmann and the late Valrie Bohlmann of Granada Hills, Calif.

Karina Soden was the matron of honor, and the bridesmaids were Kelly Greenlaw, Alison Lorusso, Lauren Ledbetter, Tali Kraus, Melissa Lefkowitz, Katherine Earls, Alison Bates and Brennan Smith.

Anthony Fagenson was best man, and the groomsmen were Mark Meatto, Charles Myers, Chiqui Matthew, Nikolas Johnston, Drew Bagin, Ognjen Kravazovic and Andrew Campelli.

The bride's godchild, Riley Soden, was the flower girl, and Owen Gibbon was the ring bearer.



Suzanne and Michael Bohlmann

A tented reception followed the ceremony. After a family brunch the next day, the couple headed off on an African safari honeymoon.



Courier visits Dublin

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