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MacAuslan will chair council

By Elizabeth Brogan

"I am certainly honored," said Molly MacAuslan on her selection as Town Council chair by unanimous council caucus vote in November (the position will become official upon formal council vote on Dec. 14, after this newspaper goes to print). "To be honest, I am also a little intimidated," the president of H&M Associates, a Maine-based real estate investment and advisory firm, and a councilor since 2013, added. "It is a big responsibility to do public process right."



Molly MacAuslan

Over several cups of tea at the Inn by the Sea, MacAuslan explained her view of the leadership role she is about to undertake. "I am not one to stake out territory. I am much more interested in being a leader for the community. I want to do public process well and strive for consensus. I want to accentuate the positive."

All of which MacAuslan understands sets the bar high in a town full of "people of good intent, highly educated and engaged in the community," with a diversity of opinions and enthusiasm for sharing them.

MacAuslan will be relying on good communication. "Communication is the best part

—see MACAUSLAN, page 18

Cape filmmaker's series, 'Mercy Street,' to air on PBS

By Wendy Keeler

Lisa Wolfinger may live in Cape Elizabeth, but for a good part of the time during the past four years, the Shore Road filmmaker has had her mind on a very different place — a Union-occupied hospital in Alexandria, Va., in 1862.

That's the setting of "Mercy Street," the PBS miniseries that Wolfinger created and executive-produced. The six-episode drama, which Wolfinger describes as "'Gone with the Wind' meets 'MASH,'" will premiere on Sunday, Jan. 17, at 10 p.m., right after "Downton Abbey."

Wolfinger created the show, the first original PBS drama in more than a decade, with "ER" executive producer David Zabel. Her co-executive producers are Ridley Scott of "The Martian" and "Gladiator," and David M. Zucker of "The Good Wife." The cast includes Josh Radner of "How I Met your Mother" and Mary Elizabeth Winstead of "Scott Pilgrim vs. the World."

"'Mercy Street' has been over four years in the making. It's been a long, tortuous road but thoroughly worthwhile," Wolfinger said on Dec. 9 at the South Portland office of Lone Wolf Media, the television production company she co-owns with husband and fellow filmmaker Kirk Wolfinger. "I'm so thrilled that all six hours of Season 1 is everything I hoped it would be — compelling, dramatic, funny, informative and provocative."

Based on true events, the show focuses



Photo by Stephanie Berger/PBS

Cape Elizabeth filmmaker, Lisa Q. Wolfinger, standing, third from left, with fellow "Mercy Street" executive producers, far left, David Zabel, and, third from right, David M. Zucker; and cast members, from left, seated, Hannah James, Norbert Leo Butz; standing, McKinley Belcher III, Mary Elizabeth Winstead, Josh Radnor, Gary Cole, Tara Summers, AnnaSophia Robb and Jack Fallahee

on the lives of a diverse group of characters in the spring of 1862 in Alexandria: members of a wealthy Confederate family whose hotel is taken over and transformed into a Union army hospital, a volunteer nurse who is a staunch New England abolitionist and another who is a naive Confederate belle, escaped slaves, doctors, Union and Confederate soldiers, and civilians.

Wolfinger originally pitched the idea of a docudrama to PBS.

"I pitched a character-driven documentary about Civil War medicine to PBS

because I thought PBS was only looking for documentaries," said Wolfinger, the Emmy-nominated producer and director of documentaries that include The History Channel's "Fire on the Mountain," "The Mayflower," and "The Conquest of America."

"Because I had David Zabel, the executive producer and writer of 'ER,' on board as a consultant, the folks at PBS said, 'Why

—see WOLFINGER, page 13

Happy holidays!



Photo by Kim Case

Courier staff and volunteers gather to wish the community a happy holiday season. Front row from left: Sheila Zimmerman, Wendy Keeler, Elizabeth Brogan, Debbie Butterworth and Jess LeClair. In the back, from left: Diane Brakeley and Kim Case. For a complete list of Courier staff and regular volunteers, please see our masthead on page 2.

New director 'proud' to lead land trust

By Wendy Keeler

South Portland resident Cindy Krum, who has kayaked and ridden her bike in Cape Elizabeth for decades, now leads the organization responsible for preserving 660 acres of land in the town she has visited for years for "solace and recreation."

On Dec. 15, Krum became executive director of the 30-year old Cape Elizabeth Land Trust. She succeeds Chris Franklin, who spent 12 years leading the nonprofit, which conserves and provides stewardship for town properties and also offers educational and volunteer programs.

"Now when I ride my bike over the hill on Wells Road and see Jordan Farm, which the land trust preserved, I feel so proud to be part of the organization that has done such incredible work," Krum, 54, said a week and a half before starting as director. "I'm excited about working in an area where there are still land parcels that could be protected."

Krum was working for two organizations when the CELT board hired her.

She spent a year and a half as the South Portland Land Trust's part-time program manager, the nonprofit's only paid position. In the job, Krum directed conservation



Photo by Basil Steele

Cindy Krum, the Cape Elizabeth Land Trust's new executive director, in Robinson Woods on Nov. 11.

projects and fund development, managed media relations and outreach, and obtained and oversaw easements.

In her other job, a 13-year position as executive director of the nonprofit Gulf of

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06	March 25	April 8	17	Sept. 9	Sept. 23
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08	April 22	May 6	19	Oct. 7	Oct. 21
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GATJE MICHAEL A	MORGAN MARIAN H	305 DELANO PARK	\$1,425,000	SINGLE FAMILY
ST JOHN GRAY ANN	DUCK POND ROAD LLC	1031 SAWYER ROAD	\$80,000	SINGLE FAMILY
MARKOTT JOHN T	RHODES LUCY JORDAN	12 CHARLES ROAD	\$302,000	SINGLE FAMILY
NAGEL JASON M	PIDHAJECKY CHRISTOPHER	32 BEACH BLUFF TER	\$500,000	SINGLE FAMILY
GRAY CARRIE E	LANCASTER NICHOLAS R	44 LONGFELLOW DRIVE	\$229,000	SINGLE FAMILY
WOOLS NATHANIAL P	JOHNSON CHRISTINE V &	15 RAMBLE ROAD	\$310,000	SINGLE FAMILY
KROHN PATRICIA L	WALSH PETER JR & WALSH D	44 SPURWINK AVENUE	\$279,900	SINGLE FAMILY
KELLEY LAURENCE	TINSMAN JENNIFER L	91 OLD OCEAN HOUSE RD	\$425,000	SINGLE FAMILY
LEMA ERIC B	DROMGOOLE MARK	32 BRENTWOOD ROAD	\$263,500	SINGLE FAMILY
COTTER PATRICK B	KNIGHT ERIC I &	5 THRASHER ROAD	\$347,500	SINGLE FAMILY
ROE JULIE A	MURPHY TROY T	50 WOODLAND ROAD	\$425,000	SINGLE FAMILY
LISTON SCOTT I	GLASS JASON M	204 TWO LIGHTS ROAD	\$355,000	SINGLE FAMILY
SWINBOURNE DEBORAH	MCGUINNESS PATRICIA L	6 SOUTHWELL ROAD	\$252,000	SINGLE FAMILY
POSPECK CHRISTOPHER	SCHNEIDER DEBRA B &	27 CHEVERUS ROAD	\$357,500	SINGLE FAMILY
GANNON JAMES T	MOORE MICHAEL R	5 OAKWOOD ROAD	\$334,900	SINGLE FAMILY
RICKERT MARLENE	HASKELL JESSIE D REV TR	9 WILDWOOD DRIVE	\$0	CONDOMINIUM
FROST SUSAN R	HEATH AN	8 PEABBLES COVE RD	\$350,000	SINGLE FAMILY
GRELA MICHAEL J	LEPINE ANTOINETTE L &	7 ROUNDABOUT LANE	\$390,250	SINGLE FAMILY
KHOURY LISA D	VOLENT PAULA J	50 OAKHURST ROAD	\$470,000	SINGLE FAMILY
DAVIS-KNOWLTON KEVIN	DAVIS-KNOWLTON KEVIN	29 FARM HILL ROAD	\$0	SINGLE FAMILY
ECKLER PAUL	ROGERS ROBBI	39 RESOLUTION PLACE	\$212,000	CONDOMINIUM
SVC WILDWOOD LLC	SMITH RICHARD	29 WILDWOOD DRIVE	\$235,000	CONDOMINIUM
HAUSER THOMAS J	HARMON JAMES S	14 WILDWOOD DRIVE	\$285,000	CONDOMINIUM
GLYNN BONNIE A	GLYNN JOHN F	20 GLEN AVENUE	\$0	SINGLE FAMILY
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ROSE JOAN S	SPADER ALLAN D	5 ARROW POINT ROAD	\$339,900	SINGLE FAMILY
BUTLER MAIREAD	TUCHMAN LAURIE M	56 WILDWOOD DRIVE	\$304,000	CONDOMINIUM
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Committee to review proposed village green amendment Dec. 17

By Elizabeth Brogan

The public will have an opportunity to be heard on a proposed village green zoning ordinance amendment on Dec. 17 at a meeting of the Town Council's ordinance committee. The meeting will be held from 1:30 to 3 p.m. in the Jordan Conference Room in Town Hall.

The amendment, which would allow, and set standards for, a village green in the Town Center along Ocean House Road, would implement one of the seven recommendations of the 2014 Town Center Plan adopted by the Town Council.

A village green would be a permanently-preserved, park-like community gathering place with at least 100 feet of frontage any-

where along Ocean House Road and legal public access from the Town Center via pedestrian walkways. Proposed projects including a village green would have relaxed maximum front setback requirements, to allow the green to be placed along the road, rather than behind a building.

The village green amendment was first referred to the Planning Board, which unanimously voted for the amendment with some refinements in September. On Oct. 14 the Town Council referred the proposal to the ordinance committee, which will review the proposal before returning it to the full council for a public hearing and eventual vote. Public comment is allowed at ordinance committee meetings.

Public hearing on transfer station recommendations set for Jan. 4

A public hearing will be held at 7 p.m. Jan. 4 in Town Hall to discuss the recommendations of the Solid Waste and Recycling Long Term Planning Committee. The recommendations were received by the Town Council in a comprehensive 158-page report in September and discussed by the council at a workshop in October.

The committee's recommendations include several drive-forward-only lanes, each with its own recycling and outdoor trash compactor stations; a bypass lane to route vehicles to other services such as the Swap Shop and Bottle Shed, where unsafe congestion would be relieved by traffic islands; and

repurposing of the existing hopper/compactor building.

The cost of the proposed changes, at about \$568,318 per year, would be an estimated \$13,800 more than maintaining the status quo. Complete cost details are included in the report, available on the town website.

Formation of the committee, which met 20 times over one year, followed a fatal accident at the transfer station in November 2014, in which Herbert Dennison was struck and thrown into the compactor by a vehicle backing into one of the three parking spaces in the compactor building, a traffic pattern since discontinued by the town.

Classified ads in The Cape Courier work! See page 19.

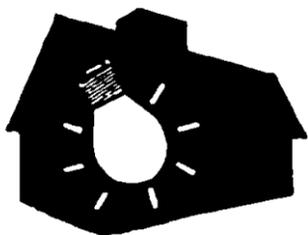
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Park bleachers to be removed this winter, with section saved for grads

By Lise Spratt, FWAC Chair

Due to safety concerns, the deteriorating concrete bleachers in Fort Williams Park will be demolished and removed this winter. The work could begin as early as late December. The affected area will be graded and stabilized for the winter, then restored with loam and grass seed in the spring. The easternmost section of the existing bleachers will be retained for high school graduation until a final plan for the area is implemented.

The bleachers have been a priority of the Fort Williams Advisory Commission over the past 18 months. The commission has developed a preliminary proposal that includes the construction of an amphitheater-style, granite and grass seating area. In the coming months, it will focus on bringing that idea and presenting the conceptual design to residents, as well as providing opportunities for public engagement and comment.



Photo by Bob Malley

Much of the deteriorating concrete bleachers at Fort Williams Park will be demolished this winter. The easternmost section, which will be retained for the Cape Elizabeth High School graduation ceremony until final plans are made, are shown at far right in the photo above.

Results of annual Town Council caucus announced, to be finalized at December meeting

By Elizabeth Brogan

The Town Council held its annual caucus on Nov. 18, with results to be finalized at the council's Dec. 14 meeting (after this newspaper goes to print).

In addition to the selection of Molly MacAuslan as chair for 2016 (see page 1 story), the council made the following se-

lections:

Former Council Chair Kathy Ray will serve as Finance Committee chair, with the entire council sitting on the committee.

Patricia Grennon will serve as chair of the Appointments Committee, with Councilors Jamie Garvin and Ray as committee members.

Councilor Caitlin Jordan will serve as Ordinance Committee Chair, with Councilors Sara Lennon and Jessica Sullivan as committee members.

As council chair, MacAuslan will also serve as Portland Head Light chair. Additionally, MacAuslan will continue as council liaison to the Conservation Commission.

Councilor Sullivan will be the liaison to the Fort Williams Advisory Commission. Councilor Ray will be the liaison to the Planning Board. Councilor Lennon will be the liaison to the Recycling Committee. Councilor Garvin will be the liaison to the Riverside Cemetery Trustees. Councilor Grennon will be the liaison to the Thomas Memorial Library Trustees. Councilor Jordan will be the liaison to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

A complete list of committee memberships and appointments is available on the town website.

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Parking ban on Cape streets in effect

Cape Elizabeth's overnight winter parking ban is now in effect. No vehicles should be left on the road from 1 a.m. to 5 a.m.. The ban is in effect until April 1.

Cape Elizabeth Public Safety and Public Works departments may also call for daytime parking bans during major snowfalls.

Winter is coming: Bring hoops away from road

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

"The heavy steel rims on basketball hoops

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

Dog licenses expire on Dec. 31; register before end of January to avoid late fees

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

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

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

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

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

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

Winter moth survey available online

By Elizabeth Brogan

Have you noticed all the moths lately?

The Maine Forest Service is conducting a Maine winter moth survey. If you have seen these light brown colored moths flying around or gathered at lights, please report the sightings at Maine.gov/dacf/mfs/forest_health/invasive_threats/winter_moth_survey.htm or by using the link provided on the town website.

The short survey asks in what town the moths were seen, the conditions under which they were seen, when they were seen and how many at any one time. The survey will also ask if you have seen any wingless female moths on tree trunks, fences or buildings (with a photo provided). Participants in the survey can sign up to receive an email summarizing results of this year's survey. The results of the survey will be used to help with biologic control development and other research.

Winter moths have been defoliating hardwood trees, favoring oaks, maples and cherry trees in Cape Elizabeth and other Maine towns since at least 2012, and have been monitored by Cape Elizabeth Tree Warden Mike Duddy.

The feeding phase of the winter moth caterpillar is in the spring. The moth phase is late November and early December.

In a June 15 report, Duddy said that defoliation in Cape Elizabeth appeared to be "a bit less drastic" than in previous years, attributable to "biologic efforts" (the release of parasitic flies by the Maine Forest Service) but also to harsh weather at the end of November and early December in previous years. "For the last two years in a row, Duddy said in June, "we had very cold temperatures and snow during the first week of December. Each of the following summers has seen a reduced caterpillar population."

The late fall temperatures in 2015 have been relatively mild, and the moths have been more visible.

In his June report, Duddy said that the defoliation "typically does not kill a tree," with most healthy trees having sufficient "stored reserves to survive even several seasons of early summer defoliation." However, an already stressed tree may be more adversely affected, he said.

According to Duddy, there are several treatments available to help protect individual trees from defoliation by the moths. "These treatments are very specific to time of year and the stage of the insect's life cycle," he said. Duddy recommends homeowners contact local arborists for recommendations.

For more information about the winter moth go to maine.gov/dacf.

NOTICE: Coming Soon!

In January, The Cape Courier will distribute a public survey. We hope you will take a moment to let us know how we are doing and how we can better meet the needs of our community. Thank you!

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Library to close for month of January

By Rachel Davis

After a long year of construction, the new library building is nearly complete. Shelving and furnishings will be installed in the new building in January, and staff will spend the month shelving and integrating the collections that have been in storage and preparing the new building to open to the public in early February.

Thomas Memorial Library cardholders will be able to continue to use neighbor libraries, Scarborough Public Library and South Portland Public Library, during the month of January. Details about how materi-

als on hold will be handled during the closure, as well as other library services available during that time can be found on the library's website.

A full month of grand opening events is planned once the new building is open. Library staff encourages library users to like Thomas Memorial Library on Facebook, and sign up for the library's online newsletter in order to stay informed about the new library's progress. Links to both the library's Facebook page and the email newsletter sign-up can be found on the library's website.

December children's programs continue

Throughout December, the library will offer special programs for a variety of ages. "Make a Gift for Your Grown-Up" with Kiah is offered for school-aged kids from 2:30 to 3:45 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 17.

Due to its popularity, the library's Wednesday afternoon after school program, "Creativity Lab," will continue through De-

cember. School-aged children, in both elementary and middle school, are invited to drop in between 2:30 and 4 p.m. on Dec. 16 and 23 to challenge their imagination and test their skills with a variety of materials.

Complete details about December children's programs and events are listed on the library's website.

Dental care story time offered Dec. 17

On Thursday, December 17 at 10:30 a.m., the library will present a special story time all about taking care of our teeth with special guest, Dr. Pete, a.k.a. Dr. Peter Carignan from Cape Dental Care. Preschoolers are invited to join Dr. Pete for a fun, silly, and educational story time to help get kids excited about taking care of those pearly whites. There will be some fun and useful giveaways as well.

Special musical story hour Dec. 19

Jud Caswell will present a special Saturday edition of Musical Story Hour this month from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. on Dec. 19. Jud will be reading tales that celebrate the winter season along with his original musical accompaniment, and he will of course delight audiences with songs and musical games.

The program is free. All are welcome!

A foggy beauty



The Goddard mansion on a foggy Dec. 3. The Town Council, on Nov. 4, unanimously adopted a policy to continue stabilization of the mansion, reflecting views of the majority of citizens responding to a survey question on the subject.

Photos by Martha Agan



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Reported by Debbie Butterworth

COMPLAINTS

- 11-11 An officer met with a resident of the Broad Cove area about an aggressive skunk.
- 11-11 An officer met with a resident of the Sherwood Forest area about a motor vehicle burglary complaint. Missing from the vehicle was a wallet. Also taken from the garage was a blue and white Trek bicycle.
- 11-13 An officer responded to a residence in the Mitchell Road area for a well-being check.
- 11-13 An officer observed a vehicle traveling north on Route 77 with a gas station nozzle hanging from the vehicle's fill pipe. The operator had forgotten to remove the nozzle. The operator returned to Cumberland Farms and met with the store manager.
- 11-14 An officer responded to a residence in the Oakhurst Road area for a criminal mischief to a motor vehicle complaint. Person or persons unknown smashed the rear window during the night.
- 11-14 An officer met with some teens at the middle school who showed him some drug paraphernalia in one of the dugouts.
- 11-14 An officer met with a resident in the Fowler Road area about the theft of jewelry.
- 11-15 An officer met with a resident in the Starboard Drive area about a dog bite complaint.
- 11-16 An officer met with a resident about a harassment complaint.
- 11-16 Recently found keys: Honda key with a football and two motor vehicle keys on ring with several keys attached to white cord with brass clip.
- 11-16 An officer met with a resident about the process of removing an unwelcome guest.
- 11-18 An officer met with a resident of the Bowery Beach Road area about a computer virus scam. While on the internet he received a pop-up advising the computer had a virus and provided a phone number to call to remove the virus. He provided payment and his e-mail address. After obtaining the e-mail address the suspect then took control of the victim's computer. The

victim had to have the computer wiped clean.

- 11-18 An officer met with a local business representative about property damage believed to have been done by a delivery vehicle.
- 11-20 Two officers responded to a location on Spurwink Avenue for a well-being check.
- 11-20 An officer met with a Portland resident who reported a motor vehicle burglary at the Poor Farm parking area on Spurwink Avenue. Taken from the vehicle was a wallet that contained personal ID and credit cards.
- 11-21 Two officers responded to a residence in the Shore Acres area for a domestic disturbance.
- 11-23 An officer met with a resident of the Bowery Beach Road area about a motor vehicle burglary complaint. Nothing appeared to be missing from the vehicle.
- 11-23 An officer met with a resident of the Ocean House Road area about an unauthorized transfer of money from a bank account.
- 11-23 An officer met with a resident of the Shore Road area about unauthorized charges on credit card accounts.
- 11-25 An officer met with a resident of the Scott Dyer Road area about unauthorized charges on a credit card statement.
- 11-26 Two officers met with a resident of the Mitchell Road area about a domestic disturbance.
- 11-28 An officer received a cellphone, passport and cash that was found in the Spurwink Avenue area. Owner was contacted and property returned.
- 11-29 An officer retrieved a large pile of men's clothing from the side of Route 77 near Maple Lane.

SUMMONSES

- 11-10 Portland resident, uninspected vehicle, Route 77, \$133
- 11-10 South Portland resident, speeding (47/30 zone), Sawyer Road, \$185
- 11-10 Old Orchard Beach resident, speeding (49/30 zone), Shore Road, \$185
- 11-13 Scarborough resident, speeding (64/45 zone), Route 77, \$185
- 11-13 Portland resident, failure to keep to the

- right, Route 77, \$139
- 11-16 Cape Elizabeth resident, theft, Fowler Road
- 11-16 Cape Elizabeth resident, uninspected vehicle, Route 77, \$133
- 11-16 Cape Elizabeth resident, possession of marijuana, Route 77
- 11-18 Cape Elizabeth resident, parking in handicap space, CE Middle School, \$165
- 11-20 Cape Elizabeth resident, uninspected vehicle, Sawyer Road, \$133
- 11-20 Scarborough resident, speeding (54/40 zone), Sawyer Road, \$137
- 11-20 NY resident, speeding (50/35 zone), Spurwink Avenue, \$185
- 11-21 South Portland resident, speeding (59/45 zone), Route 77, \$137
- 11-21 Scarborough resident, seatbelt violation, Route 77, \$70
- 1-24 Windham resident, uninspected vehicle, failure to produce insurance, Route 77, \$304
- 11-24 Cape Elizabeth resident, unregistered vehicle, Spurwink Avenue, \$70
- 11-25 Brunswick resident, uninspected vehicle, Route 77, \$133
- 11-26 Cape Elizabeth resident, possession of drug paraphernalia, Shore Road
- 11-28 Cape Elizabeth resident, domestic assault, refusing to submit to arrest, Spurwink Avenue
- 11-29 Cape Elizabeth resident, failure to produce insurance, Ocean House Road, \$171

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- 11-16 Cape Elizabeth resident, speeding (60/40 zone), Route 77, \$21

ARRESTS

- 11-2 Portland resident, operating after license suspension, Jordan Farm Road
- 11-23 Cape Elizabeth resident, operating under the influence of alcohol, Orchard Road
- 11-28 Cape Elizabeth resident, domestic violence, obstructing government administration, refusing to submit to arrest, Spurwink Avenue

FIRE CALLS

- 11-10 Aster Lane, fire alarm
- 11-10 Salt Spray Lane, cooking fire
- 11-11 Granite Ridge Road, fire alarm
- 11-16 Ocean House Road, investigation
- 11-16 Park Circle, fire alarm
- 11-18 Bridle Path, structure fire
- 11-20 Ridge Road, limbs on power lines
- 11-20 Scott Dyer Road, fire alarm
- 11-21 Scott Dyer Road, fire alarm
- 11-23 Scott Dyer Road, fire alarm
- 11-25 Merrimac Place, oven fire
- 11-29 Captain Strout Place, investigation
- 11-29 Spurwink Avenue, fire alarm

RESCUE CALLS

There were 27 runs to Maine Medical Center. There were 4 patients treated by rescue personnel but not transported.



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Historical society to digitize collections

Cape Elizabeth historians, history lovers and students soon will have town history available at the touch of a few keys.

With a donation from Cape Elizabeth's Sprague family, the Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society recently acquired "PastPerfect," a software program that digitizes museum and historical society collections. More than 9,500 libraries, museums and historical societies nationwide, and more than 60 organizations in Maine use the software, created in 1998.

"The society extends its sincere thanks to the Sprague family. With this program we can integrate our archives – documents of all kinds – with photographs that have been, or will be, digitized and entered into the program," CEHPS member Ellen VanFleet said. "The program also manages the whole array of objects in our collection – everything from artwork and posters to clothing, arrowheads, toolboxes and life preservers.

The system will link the society's digital assets to its catalog records, so "in one search we will be able to link our documents, photographs, objects and book collections

as well as audio and video files," Van Fleet said. "We will be able to search for items related to one person – for instance Pomeroy Jordan – or one family – for example, the Spragues – or a specific topic [such as] trolleys or hotels, or farms."

A simple search of "Goddard Mansion" in Cape Elizabeth would yield a rich variety of results: "photos and news articles and two objects – a piece of the marble cornice from the mansion and [Col. John] Goddard's personal music book – and links to the Goddard family, including a framed family photograph as well as articles about the town's efforts to preserve the mansion," Van Fleet said. "By digitizing our town's history, information will be at our fingertips – and yours, when we finally link records to a long-planned website."

The society seeks volunteers with basic computer skills and "a curiosity about what is hidden in the society's collections" to work on the project on Monday and Thursday mornings, Van Fleet, said.

Call Van Fleet at 767-4175 for information about volunteering.

Cape resident Knight donates painting to Cape Elizabeth historical society



Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society President Dorothy Higgins, left, and Cape Elizabeth resident Ellen Knight display "Waterfall," the painting Knight recently donated to the society.

By Ellen Van Fleet

Longtime Cape resident Ellen Knight, who began painting at the age of 78 and has since painted 148 paintings, recently donated one of her paintings to the Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society. The piece, "Waterfall," was inspired by a trip to Moosehead Lake in Maine.

For many years, Knight lived in "the Casino" at 21 Cottage Lane, the last stop on the Portland Railroad Co.'s Cape Cottage trolley line and a major destination for dinner and dancing beginning in 1898. The Casino later became known at the Cape

Shore Inn.

In 1924 the inn was converted into a private home by Harry E. Baker. Knight started Maiden Cove Nursery School in the lower level of the Casino and ran it from 1958 to 1971. The school continues on in the building.

Ellen's husband is Lloyd Knight who worked at WGAN, Channel 13. For 15 years, starting in 1959, he entertained children with stories and songs on his children's TV program, "Captain Lloyd." Both accomplished singers, the Knights performed in many musicals in Maine.



Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage Cape Elizabeth Office announces Mary Walker November 2015 Broker of the Month

Kathy Duca, Manager of the **Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage** real estate office located at 285 Ocean House Road in **Cape Elizabeth** is pleased to announce **Mary Walker** has been named **Broker of the Month for November 2015** for superior sales.

Mary has been a Licensed Broker since 1982. She is a International Sterling Society Agent, CBRB Accredited Real Estate Professional, Affinity Relocation & Departure Specialist, USAA Certified Agent, Accredited Buyer Representative, Senior Real Estate Specialist and Accredited Staging Professional Realtor. She was awarded the CBRB International Sterling Society Designation, USAA Top Block Achievement Award and a Outstanding Achievement Award for 2013 and 2014. Mary was previously employed by the Maine State Housing Authority and Management Resources, Inc. and held the Certified Property Management Designation. She resides in South Portland with her husband Richard Walker.

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Russell Cotter Hamerski, a 2010 Cape Elizabeth high school graduate, is working as an open water engineer for Shell Oil, Inc., in Houston.

The son of **Lisa Cotter** and **Tom Hamerski**, he graduated summa cum laude this spring from Florida State University in Tallahassee with a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering and a minor in physics. He was named to the president's list for the spring 2015 semester and received the FSU Academic Leadership Award for the college of engineering.

At FSU, Russell founded a new chapter of the Society of Petroleum Engineers, served as vice president of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics and on the executive board of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, was a teaching assistant for six semesters in five different classes, and team leader for his senior design group. He also volunteered for the Challenger Learning Center, which uses aerospace to foster interest in math, science and engineering fields in children. He also was a member of the Florida Eta chapter of the Tau Beta Pi service fraternity.



Russell Hamerski

Paul Cotter Hamerski a 2012 Cape Elizabeth High School graduate, worked at Michigan State University in East Lansing this summer doing research focused on how students approach design problems in an introductory physics course. The program was funded by the National Science Foundation and MSU.

Paul was named to the spring-semester dean's list at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, Pa., where he is a senior with a double major in physics and computational and applied mathematics and a minor in computer science.

At CMU, he works with a team of students who provide resources and leadership within the residential communities on campus and also as a teaching assistant in physics. He volunteers as a mentor at the Shadyside Boys and Girls Club in Pittsburgh and is a dog walker at the Animal Rescue League Shelter and Wildlife Center in Pittsburgh. His parents are **Lisa Cotter** and **Tom Hamerski**.

South Portland resident **Mary Walker** was named the **Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage** "Broker of the Month" for being the office's top seller in November.

Ross wins Maine Judicial Branch award



Cape resident James "Ted" Ross, deputy chief of the Maine Judicial Marshals, received the Maine Judicial Branch's Roy Rice Award last month. "Providing security for court employees, the judges, and the public is a challenging job each and every court day," Chief Leigh I. Justice Saufley said. "Ted has been instrumental in improving the judicial marshal training and has brought a wealth of knowledge and experience to the judicial marshals." Ross is pictured with, left, District Court Deputy Chief Judge Moskowitz and Superior Court Chief Justice Roland Cole.

Foundation members hope to film people once posted at Fort

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

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

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

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

Organizers also seek community members with professional experience in video and audio who have worked on photographic documentaries and are willing to work with students working on the project. Email John Holdridge at jholdridge@capeelizabethschools.org.

More Neighbors on page 20

The deadline for the Jan. 22 issue is Jan. 8 at noon.

Send us your senior news and photos!
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CAPE CALENDAR By Wendy Derzawiec

Thursday, December 17

Town Council Ordinance Committee, 1:30-3 p.m., William H. Jordan Conference Room, Town Hall

Thomas Memorial Library Board of Trustees, 6:30 p.m., Cape Elizabeth Community Center

Thursday, December 24

Christmas Holiday. Town Hall, Public Works, Thomas Memorial Library closed at noon. Recycling Center will have its usual Thursday closure.

Friday, December 25

Christmas Holiday. Town Hall, Thomas Memorial Library, Recycling Center closed.

Saturday, December 26

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

Thursday, December 31

New Year's Holiday. Town Hall open, Thomas Memorial Library closed at 5 p.m., Recycling Center will have its usual Thursday closure.

Friday, January 1

New Year's Holiday. Town Hall, Thomas Memorial Library, Recycling Center closed.

Monday, January 4

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

Tuesday, January 5

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

Thursday, January 7

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

Recycling Committee, 7 p.m., Public Works

Tuesday, January 12

School Board Executive Session, 6 p.m.,

William H. Jordan Conference Room, Town Hall

Conservation Commission, 7 p.m., Town Hall Lower Level Conference Room

School Board, 7 p.m., Town Hall chamber

Monday, January 18

Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday. Town Hall, Thomas Memorial Library closed. Recycling Center open 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

Tuesday, January 19

Planning Board, 7 p.m., Town Hall chamber

Thursday, January 21

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

Fort Williams Advisory Commission, 7 p.m., Public Works

Ongoing each week

Al-Anon, Regular meeting 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, at United Methodist Church, 280 Ocean House Road. Regular meeting 7 p.m. Fridays at St. Alban's Church.

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

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

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

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

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

Ice hockey team tree pickup set for Jan. 3

The Cape Elizabeth High School boys' ice hockey team will collect discarded Christmas trees in a fundraiser planned Sunday, Jan. 3.

Trees should be placed on front lawns by 8 a.m. that day. A snow date is planned on Sunday, Jan. 10.

Email cehshockey@gmail.com to have a tree picked up, including name, street and email addresses in the email. Team

members suggest a donation of \$8 for each pickup.

Donations of checks or cash can be attached to trees or mailed to Steve Brock, 7 Tall Pine Road, Cape Elizabeth, ME 04107.

Call Brock at 272-6604 for more information about the pickup.

The annual fundraiser helps the team defray overall costs for the team.

'Musical Tour of Dickens' London' on Dec. 19

Ten Cape Elizabeth singers will perform with the Musica de Filia Girlchoir and Women's Choir in "A Musical Tour of Dickens' London" on Saturday, Dec. 19, at South Portland High School.

Meg Brewer, Elisabeth Brewington, Bella Eremita, Hannah Frothingham, Emma Frothingham, Ali McAlister, Ava Morse, Bethany O'Meara, Molly O'Sullivan and Hannah

Walsh will sing in the holiday concert, set for 2 p.m. in the school auditorium, 637 Highland Ave. The show will include narration by Louis Philippe, music by the Exchange Street Quartet, and dancing.

Admission is \$15 for adults and \$8 for students and seniors. Tickets are available online at musicalholiday2015.brownpapertickets.com and will be for sale at the door.

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Town Council Replay Dec. 16 & 17 - 2 p.m. & 8 p.m. Dec. 19 - 9 a.m.	School Board (live) Jan. 12 - 7 p.m.
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Town Council (live) Jan. 4 - 7 p.m.	Planning Board (live) Jan. 19 - 7 p.m.
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A Christmas Season for All

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5:30pm Celtic Eventide

Wed. 12/23
9:00am - casual service with Holy Communion

Christmas Eve- 12/24

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6:00pm - A Celtic Christmas Eve with candlelight, Celtic music, quiet reflection, and open hearts. An old tradition made new for you and your family.

10:00pm - Christmas Festival with Holy Communion, Choir, and candlelight.

Christmas Day- 12/25

9:30am - A joyful service with Holy Communion and carols.



A Celtic Christmas Eve

at St. Alban's

6:00 p.m.

885 Shore Road, Cape Elizabeth, Maine 04107
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'WET Dip' at 11 a.m. New Year's morning

Cape Elizabeth residents who want to brave the frigid Atlantic the first day of 2016 can take the plunge at 11 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 1, at Kettle Cove, during the Cape Water Extrication Team's annual "WET Dip."

The fundraiser, held every New Year's Day, benefits Project Graduation, a night

of safe activities for newly graduated Cape Elizabeth High School seniors the night of their commencement, and other causes.

Suggested donations of \$10 or more will be welcomed. For more information, contact WETeam Capt. John Norton at 831-5714 or at jnorton3@maine.rr.com.

Rotarians donate to children's garden at fort



Fort Williams Park Foundation President Bob Ayotte, second from right, received a \$5,000 check last month from South Portland/Cape Elizabeth Rotary Club members, from left, Scott Irving, Lynn Shaffer, Chuck Redman, Ellie Speh, and Catherine Callahan for the Children's Garden at Fort Williams Park. "The check enables the Fort Williams Park Foundation to achieve [its] fundraising goal and begin construction of the Children's Garden at the park. The timing of this donation at the end of the fundraising campaign is significant, as it was the Rotary which made a \$17,500 donation in July 2012 to assist with the initial funding of the Children's Garden design," Ayotte said. Groundbreaking on the garden is scheduled for spring 2016.

Basketball team bottle drive planned Jan. 3



Cape Elizabeth High School girls' varsity basketball players, from left, front, co-captain Mo Lavalle, with Coach Chris Casterella's son, Mo, and co-captain Maddie Bowe; back row, Allison Ingalls, Grace Carignan, Jillian Petersen, Carter Harvey, Sammi Guerette, Brooke Harvey, Kelly O'Sullivan, Erin O'Rourke, Elise Mullen and Jessie Robicheau.

Members of Cape Elizabeth High School's girls' varsity and junior varsity basketball teams will collect returnable bottles and cans in neighborhoods around town from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Jan. 2.

A snow date for the fundraiser is planned at the same time on Sunday, Jan. 3.

Team members request that Cape Eliza-

beth residents to leave bottles and cans in a "visible area" outside their houses that morning.

Proceeds from the fundraiser will help the team cover expenses.

Contact CEHS girls' basketball booster Stephanie Bowe at slbowe@yahoo.com or 799-4550 for more information.

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Public workers raise the wreath at Portland Head Light on Dec. 7.



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Wagon riders at The Old Farm Christmas Place on Dec. 6, at left. At top, farm owner Jay Cox, at the sales window.



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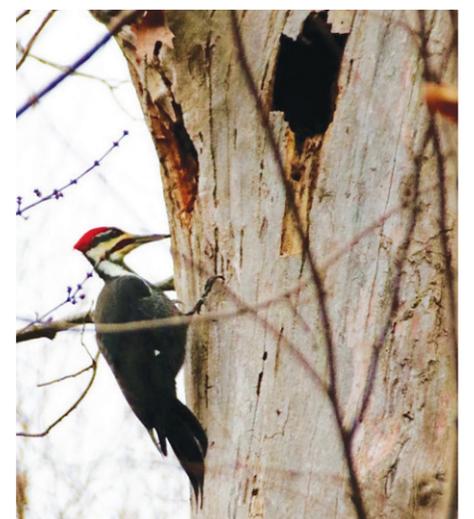


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A woodpecker hard at work.

By Erika Carlson Rhile, CELT Education Committee chair

Jan. 3-4: The Quadrantids meteor shower will produce up to 40 meteors per hour at its peak. The shower runs annually from Jan. 1-5, but will peak on the night of the 3rd and morning of the 4th. The second quarter moon will block out all but the brightest meteors this year, but it could still be a good show if you are patient. Best viewing will be from a dark location after midnight.

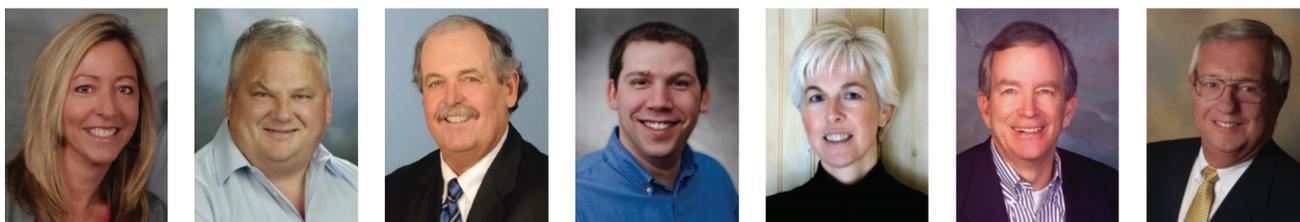
Jan. 24: This night's full moon was known by early Native American tribes as the Full Wolf Moon because this was the time of year when hungry wolf packs howled outside their camps.

• Looking for something to do with a retired Christmas tree? Prop it up by your bird feeders to provide shelter for feathered visitors.

• As we bundle up, coyotes are becoming more active and verbal for their mating season. An alpha female is only fertile for a short three-week period of time in a year during January or February. Even if there are other females in the family capable of becoming pregnant, the alpha female is the only one that does.

• Listen for great horned owls' mating hoots shortly after the new year begins. This species often nests by late January or February. Eggs sometimes freeze in the nest. Its early nesting season takes advantage of a larger prey base. Young owls mature as other creatures begin spring breeding and either become or produce owl food.

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Wolfinger

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don't you pitch an episodic drama set in the Civil War about medicine?"

Wolfinger began looking for ideas.

"I found a great true story set in Alexandria, which was occupied by the Union all four years of the war, so the story immediately had North and South built in. The focus was Mansion House Hospital, a hotel turned hospital, and I found memoirs of people who had worked in the hospital, specifically female nurses," Wolfinger said. "We wanted a place where you could have many different voices and a more complete sense of what it would have been like to have lived through the Civil War."

The hospital provided that setting.

"Within that hospital we're telling the stories of some of the first female nurses, who are breaking social conventions and muscling their way into army hospitals in the South and the North, doctors wrestling with the fact that medical science is in its infancy and having to cope with wounds and diseases and infections they have never experienced before, and the Greens, the wealthy Confederate family that owned the hotel and stayed in Alexandria throughout the war," Wolfinger said.

"The last facet, and one of the more important facets, is the story of some of the African-American laborers working in the hospital, because Alexandria was the destination point for thousands of escaped slaves heading North to freedom. They weren't technically free because this is the spring of 1862, before the Emancipation Proclamation, but they were safe in Alexandria, which was Union territory."

Producing a dramatic series was a new challenge for Wolfinger.

"This is definitely a big jump into a genre

- episodic drama - for me. But I'm very comfortable," Wolfinger said. "I started out doing theater, and this is history, so it's a good mix for me. One thing I have worked very hard at is to make sure this is as historically accurate as possible," she said.

The show has won praise from one highly regarded filmmaker.

Ken Burns, who won a 1991 Emmy for his documentary series, "The Civil War," has been "helping us promote it," Wolfinger said, adding that if the show has a second season, Burns "would like to be an extra. We're working on stories for Season 2, but we don't have a green light yet."

Wolfinger spent from March to June this year in Virginia in Petersburg and Richmond, where the interior hospital scenes were shot at the Laburnum House, a historic home. She spent the summer working on the production in Los Angeles.

Kirk Wolfinger, who has won Emmy and Peabody awards for his documentaries, did not work on "Mercy Street" - or at least not officially, Wolfinger said.

"Kirk was involved in the sense that he supported and encouraged me for three years while I got it off the ground and, more importantly, he held down the fort at home while I was gone this year."

Two of the Wolfingers' four sons worked on the production. Cyrus, a 2011 Cape Elizabeth High School graduate who now attends Northeastern University in Boston, auditioned for and won a part as a hospital orderly. He has a few lines in the sixth episode of the show. His brother Ezra, a photographer who graduated from CEHS in 2010 and from Bates College in Lewiston in 2014, was an extra in the same episode, playing the part of a Confederate soldier in one scene and a Union soldier in



Photos courtesy of PBS

Cyrus Wolfinger, above, plays a Union hospital orderly in the sixth episode of "Mercy Street," a Civil War medical drama that will premiere on PBS on Sunday, Jan. 17, at 10 p.m., right after "Downton Abbey." His brother Ezra Wolfinger is an extra in the same episode, playing a Confederate soldier, as pictured, in one scene and a Union soldier in another scene.

another.

Maine Public Broadcasting Network plans an advance screening of the first episode of "Mercy Street" at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan.

14, at the University of Southern Maine's Hannaford Theater, 55 Bedford St., Portland. Go to www.pbs.org/mercy-street/home/ for more information about the series.

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Breakfast to benefit Cystic Fibrosis Foundation

The Cape Elizabeth Lions Club plans a pancake breakfast on Sunday, Jan. 10, at the clubhouse, the old Bowery Beach Schoolhouse, located at the intersection of Two Lights and Wheeler roads.

The breakfast, set for 7:30-11 a.m., will in-

clude pancakes, French toast, eggs, sausage, coffee, tea and juice. The cost will be \$7 for adults, and \$5 for children 12 and younger. Proceeds will benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Contact John Ney at 767-2079 or jney@shslawfirm.com for information.

Cape tenor Kawamoto to sing in two concerts

Cape Elizabeth tenor Eric Kawamoto is part of a 20-ensemble that will present a concert, "Christmas with Renaissance Voices" at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 20, at the Cathedral of St. Luke, 143 State St. in Portland. A reception is planned after the concerts.

Tickets at the door will be \$15 for adults, and \$5 for students with identification. Discount tickets, \$12, will be sold until 5 p.m. Dec. 18, at Starbird Music and Longfellow Books in Portland and renaissancevoices.net. Go to the website or call 729-4958 or 782-3524 for information.

Rotary tree, wreath sale continues at Mill Creek

The South Portland-Cape Elizabeth Rotary Club is holding its 53rd annual Christmas tree and wreath sale at Mill Creek Park in South Portland.

Proceeds from the sale go to scholarships, improvement projects, food pantries, Rotary humanitarian projects, and other charitable programs.

Mitten, hat, scarf collection underway at inn

Community members who donate mittens, scarves, hats, socks or multipacks of ChapStick to the Inn by the Sea's "giving tree" will receive a \$20 gift certificate to the inn's spa or Sea Glass restaurant to use between Jan. 3 and June 14, 2016.

The clothing will be distributed to area

food banks, schools, and Preble Street Chapel by project G.R.A.C.E., a Scarborough-based agency that provides assistance to southern Maine residents.

Call 799-3134 or go to www.innbythesea.com for more information. The inn is located at 40 Bowery Beach Road.

'Sweeney Todd' to open Jan. 15 at Lyric Theater

"Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street" will run Friday, Jan. 15, through Saturday, Jan. 30, at Lyric Music Theater, 176 Sawyer St., South Portland.

Created by Stephen Sondheim and Hugh Wheeler, the show centers on Sweeney Todd, an unjustly jailed barber who returns

home seeking vengeance against the judge who framed him and destroyed his young wife. Sweeney meets Mrs. Lovett, the owner of a failing pie shop, who becomes a willing accomplice.

Go to lyricmusictheater.org or call 799-1421 for tickets or more information.



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Education foundation announces grants

The Cape Elizabeth Education Foundation recently awarded nearly \$9,000 in grants for programs at Cape Elizabeth's three schools.

The nonprofit organization, which funds programs that fall outside the school budget, gave \$1,100 to Cape Elizabeth Middle School for a program through which students will collaborate on projects with students in Spain, Uruguay, and possibly Guatemala.

The project will tie into the "World's Largest Lesson," an international program that seeks to end extreme poverty, fight inequality and injustice, and fix climate change.

CEEF also contributed \$2,900 for a "Breakfast Smoothies" program.

"This project will provide Vitamix blenders in each school and benefit students through supercharged brain fuel, in the form of vitamin- and mineral-rich smoothies," CEEF Executive Director El-

len Jordan said.

A \$2,700 award from CEEF will fund a Cape Elizabeth High School social studies program that would expose students to history through music.

"Plans are to present a series of concerts by two local bands who share stories behind their songs and engage in post-concert discussions," Jordan said. "These musical experiences will add new and unique context to the history the students have learned in class."

Another grant, for \$1,900, will fund a CEMS publication studio where students will be able to produce newspapers, comic books, poetry chapbooks, original prints, and more.

"This project intends to engage students and teachers in the creation/production/publication of words, ideas, and images," Jordan said.

—see CEEF GRANTS, page 17

To wave hello to Maine Teacher of Year Talya Edlund, look for her new plate



Photo by Rebecca Millett

Pond Cove third-grade teacher and Cape Elizabeth resident Talya Edlund, the 2016 Maine Teacher of the Year, pictured with Pond Cove School Principal Kelly Hasson, displays the license that she received from Maine Secretary of State Matthew Dunlap at a Nov. 14 event honoring her and Maine's 16 County Teachers of the Year. At the event, Maine's Acting Commissioner of Education Bill Beardsley read a proclamation from Gov. Paul LePage that declared the day "Talya Edlund Day."

Cape school officials ask parents to register kids for 2016-2017 kindergarten at Pond Cove School

Parents of children who will turn five before Oct. 15, 2016, should contact Pond Cove School as soon as possible to register their children for kindergarten for the 2016-2017 school year. Early registration enables school officials to make more accurate enrollment projections as they plan the budget and class sizes.

Registration packets are available on the school website, cape.k12.me.us, by clicking on "forms" and then on "Pond Cove School

New Student Registration Packet." Packets are also available at the school office.

Parents of children now attending kindergarten at other schools also should notify the school right away if they plan to enroll their children in first grade at Pond Cove for the 2016-17 school year.

A copy of a birth certificate, immunization records and proof of residency such as a utility bill are required at registration. Call 799-7339 for more information.



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Pond Cove School

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Cape Elizabeth Middle School

Volunteers needed:

- Community member is needed to collaborate with teacher Laura Briggs on developing and facilitating a curriculum based on current migration and immigration issues. The volunteer also meet weekly with small group of students to facilitate an extended learning experience. Email lbriggs@capeelizabethschools.org.

Tangible resources needed:

- Old-school typewriters for a new "publishing house." Email John Holdridge at jholdridge@capeelizabethschools.org.
- Oversized atlases, including out-of-date editions. Email Deborah Casey at dcasey@capeelizabethschools.org.
- Blenders for the Cape Elizabeth Middle School art room. Contact Marguerite Lawler-Rohner at mlawler-rohner@capeelizabethschools.org.
- Tennis balls for chair and desk legs. Email John Holdridge at jholdridge@capeelizabethschools.org.

Cape Elizabeth High School

Volunteers needed:

- Community member fluent in Japanese is needed to mentor a newly

arrived student who is learning English. Contact Joni Hewitt at jhewitt@capeelizabethschools.org.

- The CEHS Student Driven Learning Program seeks community members with experience to share expertise in the following fields: neuroscience, analytics and big data, playwriting, e-commerce and entrepreneurship, documentary and fiction filmmaking, teaching, aeronautic engineering and product design. Contact John Holdridge at jholdridge@capeelizabethschools.org.
- The Fort Williams Foundation seeks volunteers with professional experience in video, audio or photographic documentary projects to work with CEHS students and foundation board to increase the foundation's collection of stock video and photography footage and record stories of veterans who served at Fort Williams. Contact John Holdridge at jholdridge@capeelizabethschools.org.

Tangible resources needed:

- Old-school typewriters for a student-driven learning program. Email John Holdridge at jholdridge@capeelizabethschools.org.

Contact Cape Elizabeth Volunteer and Extended Learning Opportunities Coordinator John Holdridge, at jholdridge@capeelizabethschools.org.

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St. Alban's children will present a pageant at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, Dec. 20. The church's three Christmas Eve services, set

for 4, 6, and 10 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 24, will include carols and candlelight. The 6 p.m. service, "A Celtic Christmas," will include Celtic music and traditions.

Go to stalbanmaine.org or call 799-4014 for more information. The church is located at 885 Shore Road.

St. Bartholomew announces Christmas schedule

St. Bartholomew Roman Catholic Parish plans two Christmas Eve and one Christmas Day Mass.

Masses are set for 4 and 9 p.m. on Christ-

mas Eve, Thursday, Dec. 24, and 10:30 a.m. on Christmas.

The church is located at 8 Two Lights Road. Call 799-5528 for more information.

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

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

On Sunday, Dec. 20, The Rev. Cindy 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 "Longest Night" service is planned at 5 p.m. that day for people struggling with the holidays or just want a quiet and contemplative service.

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, and solos. The service will include American Sign Language interpretation for members of the deaf community. The 10 p.m. candlelight service will include a scripture lesson and carols with the Meetinghouse Choir.

The church is located at 301 Cottage Road in South Portland.

Call 799-3361 or go to fecucc.org for more information.

Jan. 9 public supper to feature casseroles, beans

Cape Elizabeth United Methodist Church will host a public supper from 4:30 to 6 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 9, featuring casseroles, beans, salads, breads and pie.

Prices will be \$8 for adults, \$5 for chil-

dren, and \$20 for families, or two adults and children. Takeout will be available.

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

Cape Methodist to hold Christmas Eve service

Cape Elizabeth United Methodist Church will hold one service on Christmas Eve, at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 24. The service will combine celebratory and contemplative elements from the church's two services of previous years, including special music, scripture readings and a tableau of Mary, Joseph and Baby Jesus during the candlelight singing of "Silent Night."

Part of the Christmas Eve service also

will include the collection of "swaddling clothes," to be placed in a manger in front of the altar. Anyone attending the service is invited to bring a package of diapers. Diapers collected throughout December and on Christmas Eve will be delivered to the Wil-liston-Immanuel United Church in Portland for the growing number of asylum seekers from Africa, particularly from Burundi and Sudan.

Church of Nazarene plans service on Dec. 23

The Cape Elizabeth Church of the Nazarene plans a Christmas candlelight service at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 23.

The service will be open to all. People unable to attend can watch a live stream at

watch.capenazarene.org or on the church's Roku channel.

Call 799-3692 or email lynnseyre@gmail.com for more information. The church is located at 499 Ocean House Road.

CEEF grants

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The organization, which awards grants at the start and end of every school year, is currently reviewing proposals to be

awarded in the spring..

"The fall grants are exciting and will provide exceptional opportunities for students," Jordan said. "... We are already looking forward to the spring grant period. There are several very interesting grant proposals being developed."



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MacAuslan

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of the job and I like hearing from people ... I want to do a good job, and I'm hoping it is going to be fun too."

MacAuslan said she has benefited from other "dedicated and conscientious council members," noting that outgoing Councilor Jim Walsh "did a great job setting up a communication strategy for the council" and that newly elected and returning Councilor Sara Lennon has "really emphasized transparency."

Goals and 'hot buttons' for 2016

The council met for a workshop on Dec. 1 to discuss potential goals for 2016, a "round table" in which each councilor took a turn to suggest and present goals. "We probably threw 40 goals on the table, some of which will be consolidated."

Councilors also incorporated input received from residents in the townwide tax bill survey, which yielded about 800 responses and 26 pages of comments, and from a Sept. 17 "citizens' round table" attended by about 50 residents.

MacAuslan hopes a final set of goals will be approved in January.

Some of the topics MacAuslan anticipates will be found on the final list of goals include cellphone service ("We want 100 percent coverage as a goal."); improved walkability; a plan to revisit the town's 8-year-old comprehensive plan; a look at municipal revenue streams, including at Fort Williams Park and expenses; implementation of some of the recommendations of the Senior Citizens Advisory Commission; an updating of plans for the firing range and the transfer station; the new library, which should be fully operational in February of 2016; and environmental issues including solar energy for municipal buildings.

Asked which issues might become "hot

buttons" in 2016, MacAuslan was circumspect, thinking back to the big issues when she came on to the council in 2013, some expected and some not: an updated greenbelt plan, the firing range and roosters.

Handling of the firing range controversy is "probably the thing I am most proud of on the council," MacAuslan said, and is "what a good public process looks like. We brought in the right resources, took our time, listened, slogged through it and came up with the right decision."

"There will be some things that come up that surprise us," she said, noting that a council decision on paper streets (streets laid out in subdivision plans but never constructed on or accepted by the town) may, "like roosters" hit very "close to home" for some residents. (The state legislature has set a deadline of 2017 for Maine towns to decide the issue of which paper streets to retain rights to; the town website has already given the topic a link under "Hot Topics," next to the fire icon).

"There will be conflicting opinions on Fort Williams," MacAuslan also predicted.

One thing MacAuslan hopes will be smoother in 2016 is the school budget process. By town charter, the council is charged with adoption of the annual budget and the School Board with providing school-related budget "estimates." Citizen approval of the school budget is mandated by state law, but it is the council which must decide the amount to send to public referendum. In 2015, the council voted to send to referendum a tax rate-neutral school budget amount \$110,539 lower than that approved by the School Board, surprising School Board members. MacAuslan is planning a "meet and greet" with School Board members early in the new year, a "kickoff" for budget discussions.

"We're going to disagree on some things," MacAuslan admitted, looking at the year ahead. "But I think we can reach consensus."

Krum

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Maine Association, Krum organized educational programs, research, and environmental monitoring for the Gulf of Maine Council on the Marine Environment.

In October, when Krum learned about the opening at CELT, she applied right away.

"CELT is highly thought of. People outside of Cape think of it as a really stable land trust, a land trust that has been able to protect some really incredible land, and it's also known for its education programs," Krum said.

Members of CELT's board of directors have equal regard for Krum, whom the board selected after a nationwide search to fill the position.

"Cindy brings to CELT both a passion for community-based conservation and a strong academic and professional background in environmental science," CELT President Anne Carney said. "As a community, we are fortunate to have a new conservation leader who brings to the job Cindy's caliber of expertise and who already has a strong connection to our mission and our properties."

In both of her recent positions, Krum worked closely with groups and individuals. Of her work with the South Portland Land Trust, Krum is especially proud of her efforts to protect Dow's Woods, a 9.2-acre land parcel located on Highland Avenue across from South Portland High School.

"I worked with different partners to pursue an opportunity to get a conservation easement on the property, which combines both a wetland and a beautiful forest. The wetland is part of the Kimball Brook tributary that feeds into Trout Brook, one of the city's highest priorities for protection," Krum said.

To document "how remarkable the piece of property is from a conservation effort," Krum worked with officials from the Casco Bay Estuary Project, the City of South Portland's Stormwater Management, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Coastal Program.

As leader of the Gulf of Maine Association, Krum also worked with nonprofit organizations, scientists, governmental agencies and individuals.

"One key role for the executive director of the Cape Elizabeth Land Trust is to understand the ecology of the area and have contacts with different agencies and groups in the region and to work with conserva-

tion partners. That's how my old work ties into my new work. I know the players," she said.

In her new post, Krum looks forward to working with Cape Elizabeth residents.

"I have spent a lot of years working with volunteer boards and I have tremendous respect and appreciation for volunteers and what they do for the community," she said.

Krum, who owned an environmental education company early in her career, is excited about leading CELT's educational and volunteering programs. The land trust funds and sponsors environmental education for Cape Elizabeth students in grades two, four and eight. The organization also offers year-round workshops, walks, talks, film screenings, book discussions and outdoor activities for preschoolers through senior citizens.

"We plan to continue on with the existing educational and community programs and expand the in-school curriculum," Krum said.

Krum majored in human ecology, with a focus on education, at the College of the Atlantic in Bar Harbor. She holds a Master's degree in environmental studies from Antioch University New England in Keene, N.H.

Throughout her career, she has done consulting work in environmental planning and project management. Before her two previous posts, Krum prepared a public drinking water protection and education strategy for the state.

The CELT job isn't her first in Cape Elizabeth. For seven years Krum went to work every day at Fort Williams when Day One, an agency that addresses adolescent substance abuse, had its offices there.

She is thrilled not only about working again in town but also about working for the organization that has provided her access to beautiful places for so many years.

"I think one of the amazing things about the Cape Elizabeth Land Trust is that the organization provides public access to not just Cape residents but also to residents of surrounding towns," said Krum, who lives at Willard Beach with her husband Basil Steele and their 14-year-old daughter Anya Steele.

Krum hopes people from neighboring towns who frequent CELT properties will consider becoming land trust members.

"I'm a perfect person to speak about this because I live a few miles from Robinson Woods and I snowshoe and mountain-bike there all the time," she said.



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The Cape Courier made its theatrical debut at the Lyric Music Theater in South Portland last month with Cape Elizabeth cast members in the theater's recent production, of "The Music Man." Pictured from left, front, Isaac Dinnerstein and Jack Hagan; rear, Meghan Wakefield and Tom Schrank. The theater's next production, "Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street," will open on Friday, Jan. 15, and run through Saturday, Jan. 30 [see page 14].

... and also visits Stonehenge



Cape Elizabeth High School senior Lily Norris displays The Courier last month at Stonehenge in Wiltshire, England, with family members, from left, Bo Norris, Will Norris, Cathy Houlihan and Ben Norris. Ben is pursuing a graduate degree in finance and accounting at the University of Westminster in England. Will is a senior at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

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