Sisters are among Capers dancing in ‘A Victorian Nutcracker’

By Marta Girouard

Pictured above are the Cape Elizabeth residents dancing in this year’s production of “A Victorian Nutcracker.” Front line from L-R: Olivia Parker, Penelope Rauscher, Clara Fournier. Middle line from L-R: Cecily Trout, Katie Halter, Stella Moliski, Emma Halter. Back line from L-R: Helena Rieger, Kristianna Ezemiti, Sydney Silva, Sophia Toon, Taylor Pulmore.

Thirteen students from Cape Elizabeth danced this year in the Portland Ballet’s “A Victorian Nutcracker.” This annual production with its timeless tale of a young girl, her Nutcracker Prince, and the Mouse King, and sets and characters inspired by Portland’s Victoria Mansion returns to the stage Dec. 17-22 under Artistic Director Nell Shipman.

For the dancer performing the role of “Olivia” this year, being involved in the production is somewhat of a family affair. Emma Halter, 14, lives in Cape Elizabeth with her mother, father, younger sister and brother. She is a student at Cape Elizabeth High School and has been training at Portland School of Ballet for a decade, starting in the pre-professional CORPS-program this year. She has been performing in “A Victorian Nutcracker” for eight years and has held numerous roles. Her younger sister, Katie who is 10 years old, has also held a number of roles and this will be her fourth year dancing in the production. Their mother Julie is involved as a volunteer behind the scenes.

“I grew up studying classical ballet and have naturally been a supporter of the arts in the different states I’ve lived in. My husband and I have enjoyed Portland Ballet Company’s performances even before the kids were old enough to attend themselves,” said Julie. “I have enjoyed being involved in many aspects of the production, from using my limited sewing skills to enhance and alter costumes, to assisting with makeup and hair and costume changes in the kids room. This time of year is always busy! Juggling ballet classes, “VicNut” rehearsals and middle school basketball schedules (haven’t yet convinced the girls’ twelve-year-old brother to dance!) is a challenge, however we manage to divide and conquer. I will say that being involved in this production definitely gets our family into the holiday spirit and that makes the huge commitment all worthwhile.”

Emma in on a path to dance in college and... —see BALLET page 8

Happy New Year 2070

By Jeff Mandell

Callie Kimball, injured playwright from Cape Elizabeth, creating again, needs help

By Kevin St. Jarre

Photo by Amie Miklovich

A playwright from Cape Elizabeth, Callie Kimball has been writing plays for 15 years, but last year, a freak accident changed her life when she was struck in the head by a pair of heavy-duty carbon-steel shears that a handyman dropped from more than two stories above. This caused her to lose her personality, and her ability to imagine, think in metaphor or even tell jokes. “I was incredibly lucky not to have been hit by the pointy end, but the injury has completely upended my life, impacting my health and my finances in a terrible and lasting way,” Kimball said.

After a freak accident last year changed Cape Elizabeth resident and playwright Callie Kimball’s life, she is asking the community for help as she rebuilds her life.

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Port Cape Elizabeth

Drawn by Jeff Mandell

Photo by Sara Parker

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“My feet as she prepares for her next big venture, and as she focuses her writing to help others who are struggling with traumatic brain injuries. It’s been a long road to recovery, and she is doing much better. Her personality has returned, as have her ability to imagine and visualize, her ability to hear music in her head, to think in metaphor and make jokes and to find her way around her neighborhood without GPS. Kimball said, “I no longer sob uncontrollably for days - emotional dysregulation is common in brain injuries. I still have challenges in the areas of working memory, and am coming to terms with the fact that I may always be a little different than I was before.”

She’s asking for help because the effects of the injury have made for quite a struggle, as she rebuilds her life bit by bit.

“At the time of the injury, I was working on my first big-deal commercial commission to write a play for a Broadway producer. Because of the injury, I was unable to finish the project and lost out on the opportunity. The play went from 116 pages to 66 pages because I could make suggested cuts, but couldn’t write new characters, scenes, or events. The good news is that a few months ago, my ability to imagine and create returned, and I have written a new play,” Kimball said.

She has written a play called “Perseverance,” Portland Stage commissioned it to commemorate the centennial of women getting the right to vote. It has had a reading at Portland Stage, and had another reading more recently at the Maine State Library in Augusta. “Portland Stage likely will produce the play in their 2020-21 season. That has been also incredibly meaningful, because I wasn’t sure I’d be able to write again,” Kimball said.

Still, she said the experience has been very isolating. “On the outside, I looked fine - no slurring or droopy face. I could smile and nod, even when I wasn’t sure what the con... —see ARTIST page 3

Please note: When you view the issue in PDF, you may be able to access the page images more easily.
Apology to runners who were on correct side of the road

As a walker, I am always worried about people in Cape Elizabeth running or walking on the incorrect side of the road. I have to apologize again to the two people running at night on Eastman Road on November 15. They were running on the correct (left) side of the road on a tricky curve, and I mistakenly thought they were running with traffic. They were correct and I was wrong. I hope they heard my apology, and if not, I hope they see this.

Thanks to those two runners, and those who understand that we must walk or run facing traffic (the left side of the road).

Richard Dana

Reservations for Fort Williams Park 2020 season underway

Community Services began taking Fort Williams Park reservations for 2020 on Dec. 1. Cape Elizabeth residents may, for their personal use only, reserve a site or apply for a ceremony permit at that time. All other(s) reservations may be submitted beginning Jan. 1.

Cape Elizabeth Public Works would like to remind residents that it’s time to remove portable basketball hoops from the edge of the roadway. Hoops need to be 10 feet or more from the roadway to avoid damage - to plowing, the roadway.

Public Works is not responsible for damage to basketball hoops left in the town right-of-way, nor does the town wish to see them.

Judy’s Food Pantry - a community feeding itself

Cape Elizabeth United Methodist Church 280 Ocean House Road Ev- ery Tuesday from 3:00-5:00 p.m., July through November. The second and fourth Tuesday, December through June.

Correction

In the last issue, the photo that ran in the “It’s beginning to look a lot like...Christmas” article was labelled as “contributed photo.” Credit for the photo goes to Tommy Walter.

Census 2020: Answers to frequently asked questions

In 2020 Cape Elizabeth, along with the rest of the nation, will be participating in the U.S. Census. During the week of Nov. 11, local government officials met with the U.S. Census Bureau Partnership Specialists to foster a working relation- ship during this constitutional enumera- tion project. Detailed information can be found on the U.S. Census’s website, www.census.gov.

Following are answers to frequently asked questions regarding the census:

When will the Census be conducted?

Beginning in mid-March 2020, residents will receive a notice in the mail to com- plete the 2020 Census. Once you receive the mailing, you can complete the Census either online, by phone, or via the U.S. Mail. The Census questionnaire should take less than five minutes to complete. In May 2020, for residents who have not responded, the U.S. Census Bureau will begin following-up by going to indi- vidual households to check the status of completion. A specific timeline is below:

Dates Notification Mailed

March 16-24: Reminder letter sent from U.S. Census Bureau

March 26- April 3: Reminder postcards mailed

April 8-16: Second reminder letter and & paper questionnaire

April 20: Final reminder postcard before in-person follow-up

Can I refuse to answer a census ques- tion? You can skip questions and submit an incomplete census form, and still be included in the head count. Returning a partially filled-out questionnaire may result in a follow-up phone call or visit from a census worker.

When will the 2020 census results be released? The Census Bureau is ex- pected to announce the new population
Then and Now: A few words on history and the season

By Jim Rowe

JR: In 1582, Pope Gregory XIII did his best to get our world back onto an accurate solar/astronomical calendar. Sixteen centuries of Julius Caesar’s shortcuts had apparently put us 10 days out of whack with the sun. To help rectify things, Gregory may have been our first documented time traveler, but he could not go back 1582 would be officially followed by Oct. 15, 1582.

And whether you’re a Gregorian fan or a Julian fan, here we are in the midst of another holiday season, and as expected revenue spike for stationary shops that sell calendars.

“If you don’t know history, then you don’t know anything. You are a leaf that doesn’t know it is part of a tree.” -Michael Crichton

JR: I was not a history major in college. I was too engaged in the present and too concerned about the future to seek out the past. My mistake, the error of my ways pointed out in observations from far greater minds than mine (sprinkled in bold print throughout this article).

“The most effective way to destroy people is to deny and obliterate their own understanding of their history.” -George Orwell

JR: Somewhere along the way, my infatuation to history flipped not only to awareness, but to love. History and I became the best of friends. When I occasionally share elements of the past with school classes these days, I am struck by the realization that not one of the students I’m addressing was alive on 9/11/01…it was the future, but it can give us fuller understanding of their history.” -George Orwell

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Happy holidays, and may there not be another Pope Gregory XIII lurking…time is moving fast enough already without canceling days!

By Jim Rowe

JR: One of my main interests has been local history. Perusing the archival collection boxes at the Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society is a wonderful mini-vacation for me. The people. The dates. The places. The events. The memories. Escape from the worries of today? Perhaps. But understanding what has brought us to this community is this day is more to the point.

Pride in one’s place cannot be dictated from the outside. I think it must come from within the individual. And while I cannot order anyone to love Cape Elizabeth history, I can encourage you to open to our community’s informative and entertaining past. You won’t be disappointed. It’s a truly amazing story!

“History doesn’t repeat itself, but it does rhyme.” -Mark Twain

Attention holiday shoppers

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GoGo Refill's Laura Marston has tips for being green

By Kevin St. Jarre

Cape Elizabeth’s Laura Marston, the owner of GoGo Refill, Maine’s first plastic-free refill and reuse shop for everyone, shares four simple tips for resolving to reduce and reuse:

1. START SMALL
I started my whole journey with a New Year’s resolution to not buy a single-use plastic water bottle ever again. Trying to take on your whole house at once will drive you crazy and make this seem impossible, so pick an area like “kitchen cleaning” or “stop using zip-lock bags” and once that change has been made, look for another. We have lots of ideas on simple places to start, organized by areas of your home at the shop.

2. BYO
A good overall concept to get comfortable with is to bring your own. It could be a water bottle, a travel utensil set, produce bags, or a container to bring home your leftovers - and obviously your reusable grocery bags. Being prepared with these simple items can help avoid moments where single-use plastics are the only option (e.g. a concert, road trip pit stops, etc.).

3. CONSIDER THE END OF LIFE FOR A PACKAGE/PREPACK
When considering a purchase, remember to ask yourself what will happen to the product and its packaging when you are no longer using it? Can it be recycled, composted, reused, repurposed, or repaired? Or will it end up in a landfill? Once you add this question to your mental checklist, your purchases will inevitably skew towards low-waste.

4. SPEAK UP AND ASK QUESTIONS
Being upfront about not wanting plastic packaging is sometimes awkward. But don’t be afraid to speak up and be clear about what you want, and don’t want. When you’re getting takeout ask “do you have paper or compostable packaging for that?” I prefer not to have plastic.” Or ask “can you put it in my own container?” - and of course “no straw, please!” When you’re eating out, ask “do you offer dishes on a platter?” - and of course “no straw, please!”

If you’re clear and kind I’ve found that most people will be happy to accommodate you.

GoGo Refill provides an easy, fast and clean solution. I started my whole journey with a New Year’s resolution to not buy a single-use plastic water bottle ever again. Trying to take on your whole house at once will drive you crazy and make this seem impossible, so pick an area like “kitchen cleaning” or “stop using zip-lock bags” and once that change has been made, look for another. We have lots of ideas on simple places to start, organized by areas of your home at the shop.

GoGo Refill carries products that are vetted, stylish and include goods for home and body, like cleaning, kitchen, bath and beauty items, as well as simple plastic-free switches to aid in a low-waste lifestyle.

More information on GoGo Refill can be found at www.gogorefill.com.
counts by Dec. 31, 2020. That’s the Bureau’s deadline for sending to the President numbers for the reapportionment of congressional seats, which goes into effect beginning with the 2022 elections. 2020 census data used for state and local redistricting are set to be released by March 31, 2021. The Bureau is planning to release other new census data beginning in spring 2021.

Why is the census important? The census is required by the Constitution, which has called for an “actual enumeration” of the population every decade since 1790. The 2020 population numbers will shape how political power and federal tax dollars are shared in the U.S. over the next 10 years. The number of congressional seats and Electoral College votes each state gets are determined by census numbers. They also guide how an estimated $880 billion a year in federal funding is distributed for schools, roads, and other public services in local communities. The demographic data are used by businesses to determine, for example, where to build new super-markets and by emergency responders to locate injured people after natural disasters.

Are you looking for a temporary, good paying job? The U.S. Census Team is looking for field agents, enumerators, and office staff to help with this historic task. Starting pay could be $16 per hour or higher; a great opportunity for college students, retirees, or people looking for a second income. You can apply online at https://2020census.gov/en/jobs.html or call 1-855-JOB-2020 (1-855-562-2020) for more information.

U.S. Census workers will NEVER ask for the following information:
- Social Security numbers
- Bank or credit card account numbers
- Money or donations
- Anything on behalf of a political party

Cape Elizabeth residents concerned about the census may contact any of the following:
- Clinton Swett, Cape Elizabeth Tax Assessor
  (207) 799-1619
  clinton.swett@capeelizabeth.org
- Mitchell Stein, Partnership Specialist
  Field Division/New York Regional Census Ctr.
  (207) 317-3831
  mitchell.h.stein@2020census.gov
- Elizabeth (Betsy) Enright, Partnership Specialist
  Field Division/New York Regional Census Ctr.
  (802) 233-1548
  elizabeth.enright@2020census.gov

With the new school year underway, the Cape Elizabeth Education Foundation (CEEF) hosted its bi-annual Grant Night on Nov. 4. Teachers, staff members, and students representing all three schools presented a total of 10 exciting and innovative grants to the Board. “This fall grant cycle was yet another inspiring one for all of us at CEEF” noted Grant Committee Chair Car-men Deslouis Kesselhaut. “The approved grants include innovative learning opportunities, participation in a U.S. Government event, and exposure, awareness and education on current issues and mental health. Every grant cycle reminds us we live in a town with engaged and passionate faculty, staff and students.”

- Naturalization Ceremony: Ted Jordan received a grant to fund a naturalization ceremony hosted by CEHS Government students for 50 new citizens as they take the oath of U.S. citizenship. The ceremony will be held at the CEHS auditorium. Students will plan a breakfast, interview participants, and make connections between the event and curriculum topics around immigration and policy-making.
- Mindfulness Practice for Emotional Regulation in the Classroom: Louise Lynch and Maria Rinaldi received a grant to fund mindfulness training for teachers at CEMS. As part of the CEEF/Thompson Mental Health Initiative, participating teachers will receive practical training from an expert at Wise Minds, Big Hearts to integrate mindfulness practices in their classrooms. Teachers and students will learn skills to manage stress, increase empathy and self-awareness, and monitor their own levels of worry and anxiety.
- Peaceful Pond Cove – 4th grade Help- ers: Presented by Tzar Bucci, this grant will provide opportunities for 4th grade students to be responsible leaders for their peers and mentors for younger classmates. Through trainings led by teachers, staff members, and community helpers students will develop leadership skills with a focus on responsible student behavior. Helpers will be trained around issues of safety, being a buddy for those in need, technology assistance, playground safety, and building a healthy school community.
- Artist in Residence: Mike Scarpone received a grant to bring musician Trent Austin to CEHS and CEMS. Trent is a celebrated artist, musician, and entrepreneur who is dedicated to music and jazz education. CEHS and CEMS jazz bands and trumpet sections will work with Scarpone in three days of clinics to improve style, technique, and musicianship. Students will apply these skills and perform alongside Scarpone in their annual Jazz Cabaret.
- Black Kids Joy Performance Ensemble: Christine Marshall received a grant to bring the BLACK KID JOY (BJK) Performance Ensemble to CEHS. Through spoken word, dance, and acting, BJK is a performance that expresses the joy, power, and ongoing challenges of the African American community. The ensemble of 40 artists will travel from Philadelphia to perform and conduct student workshops that allow students and audience members to look at cultural and social differences in a unique forum.
- Raising Trout in 6th Grade: A grant was awarded to Hannah Rohmer, Josh Clase and Allison Cattau at CEMS for students to participate in the Portland Water District’s TroutKids program. This grant will fund the supplies needed to raise brown trout in the classroom and test water quality for their release. This experiential learning opportunity will benefit current and future 6th-grade students through authentic learning experiences around anatomy and physiology, ecology, human impacts, water quality, watershed protection, and Maine’s economy.
- A Celebration of Maine Authors and Illustrators: Aligning with Maine’s Bicentennial in March 2020, a grant was awarded to Ingrid Whitaker, Cameron Rosenblum, and Tom Charlary at PCES for a community project to promote literacy for Pond Cove students. Cape Elizabeth community members will be recorded while reading picture books by Maine authors and illustrators. The goal is to create a library of 200 narrated books by members of the community that will be a resource for teachers and students at Pond Cove now and in the future.

World Map for Pond Cove: Kate Zellers received a grant for the purchase and installation of a large world map at PCES. The map will be mounted so students can touch it and explore it as they walk down the hall. The map will be used for interactive lessons in geography and map reading, can help foster connections between students, and promote an understand- ing of our place in the community, country, and the world.

Sexual Assault Awareness Event SAAFE: CEHS students Ella Briman, Hannah Johnson, and Genevieve Roda received a grant to help fund a full-day event promoting sexual assault awareness at CEHS. Through a variety of discussions and speakers, this event will advance the community’s knowledge around sexual assault. Discussions will focus on education, prevention, strategies, and coping, and will contribute to creating a safe environment at CEHS.

CEEF is dedicated to funding initia- tives that fall outside of the school budget, partnering with the school district to help achieve its vision, and building community-wide support for the benefit of our students. These inspiring grants would not be possible without the charitable contribu- tions that CEEF receives each year. Do- nating to CEEF has a direct and positive impact on our schools and enhances the learning experience for all students. Visit www.CEEF.us to learn more and get involved.
Our Library: Making a Difference

By Gregg Frame

This column by Thomas Memorial Library Foundation shares true stories from library users on how our library is making a difference to them and the community.

“Goodbye book about trucks”: A book’s journey with Norah and Wallace

Maggie Birlem pauses when asked where she grew up. “We spent time in Southwest Harbor… Yarmouth… North Shore of Boston… All over, I guess” is the reply after some length of silence. “But wherever we lived, my mother took me to the public library every week.”

Maggie Birlem and Noelle DeLuca have lived in Cape Elizabeth since 2011. Busy careers in pharmaceutical sales and design work/property management, as well as the rehabbing of several homes, left little time for leisure pursuits like reading. When their daughter Norah was born in 2013, Maggie’s mother, who was a Professor of Education with a focus on reading education, suggested Maggie take Norah to the local library.

Maggie’s maiden voyage to Thomas Memorial Library – the old TML – was a bust. She found the children’s space cramped with nowhere to go, and so after one visit she began taking Norah to the South Portland library on a weekly basis. When TML was reopened after the renovation, Maggie decided to give it a try, and what she found was a home.

The word “welcoming” flows freely from Maggie’s lips when describing TML. With Norah, Maggie describes making many new friends there, as she allows the kids to explore the library at least once a week. The routines are as familiar to the kids as Maggie’s childhood routine was to her. The journey of a Wallace/Norah book includes a series of routines that are both whimsical and purposeful. They begin with the visit to any one of the children’s librarians, who are quick to answer Norah’s question “do you have a book about ______?”

Norah finds it magical that she can think up a topic she wants to read about, and someone brings her to a book or books on that subject.

Wallace will play with toys, enjoying the large teddy bear and making sure to look for “Gumpy Fish,” as they have named one denizen of the attractive fish tank.

Maggie, like her late mother before her, allows Norah and Wallace to take out as many books as they wish, perhaps forgetting the effort it will take later to find all the books to return. And off they will go, heading home to enjoy the literary life where you are only constrained by your imagination. When the next visit comes, Maggie and Norah and Wallace will search frantically for all the books they’ve taken out, and head back to TML. The final step in the life cycle of a Wallace/Norah book is a ceremonial service at the drop box, where the kids will say their final farewells to their new friends: “Goodbye, book about trucks. I loved you. You can come back again.”

Beyond the comfort of routine, and the excitement of exploration, TML provides a place of camaraderie and community for Maggie. She describes making many new friends there, as she allows the kids to explore while she visits with other adults.

Like Maggie’s mother before her, Maggie is raising readers, and TML is happy to have folks like Maggie and Noelle and Norah and Wallace visiting and exploring and making new friends. And now that Maggie is through the fog of the early child-rearing years, as she describes it, she is looking forward to exploring upstairs and embarking on her own literary journey. Maggie has my list of the best books I’ve ever read, and so I fully expect her to be caught saying “goodbye book about the kindness of strangers” or “see ya, book about a man called Ove” in the coming months. Like mother, like daughter.

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Cape Elizabeth students give back

Former Democratic State Representative Kimberly Monaghan has announced her candidacy for the 2020 Legislature.

Monaghan, an operations director for an online news service and part-time professor at the University of Southern Maine, will be running for her former seat in House District 30, which covers most of Cape Elizabeth.

A long-time resident of Cape Elizabeth, Monaghan attended Cape Elizabeth schools and graduated from the University of Maine with a degree in broadcast journalism. She also holds a Masters Degree in Public Policy and Management from the University of Southern Maine’s Muskie School of Public Service.

Monaghan was a four-term State Representative from 2011 to 2018, serving on four Legislative Committees: Judiciary, Veterans & Legal Affairs, Workforce & Economic Future and Marijuana Implementation.

She is currently Chair of the Cape Elizabeth Democrats and is a member of the Maine Democratic Party’s Platform Committee. She previously served on the Cape Elizabeth School Board.

“I’ve spent many years in public service; it’s been a major purpose in my life and it has been an honor serving the Cape Elizabeth community,” said Monaghan.

Happy Holidays to all in our wonderful community!
It has been my pleasure working with many of you this year!
Enjoy the holidays and please think of me in the New Year if you are in need of a broker.
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Cape Elizabeth High School’s Boys Hockey Team gave back to the community during this holiday season by helping to “Unstuff the Bus” at Preble Street with Angus King. Over 124,000 pounds of food was delivered to Preble Street.

Cape Elizabeth High School student Piper Strunk stands beside food collected by the Student Advisory Council to help Judy’s Food Pantry. The SAC asked each student advisory group to collect nonperishable goods in spirit of the giving season.

Kimmerly Monaghan announces candidacy for election to 2020 Legislature

Coastal Winter Retreat - Feb. 28 through March 1
Immerse yourself in our wellness retreat weekend. Includes a two night stay, dinner and cocktail reception. Single occupancy packages start at $1,000.

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Local residents dance in Maine State Ballet’s ‘The Nutcracker’

Pictured above, Cape Elizabeth residents who danced in Maine State Ballet’s “The Nutcracker” this year, which ran from Nov. 29 to Dec. 8. Under the direction of Artistic Director Linda MacArthur Miele, Maine State Ballet’s “The Nutcracker” featured choreography, sets and costumes by Associate Director Gail Csoboth and live music by the Maine State Ballet Orchestra and Chorus conducted by Karla M. Kelley Brenner. Front row (left to right): Abby Proctor, Avery Kleeman, Rosie Blouin, Hailey Fallon. Back row: Lucy Shaw, Claire Gaudrault, Isabelle Bam.

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or professionally. She loves the arts, from dance and music to painting/drawing and writing and sees herself working in these fields in the future. Her sister Katie enjoys ballet and is developing her technique to hopefully be involved in musical theatre one day.

Portland Ballet has 13 professional company dancers and for “A Victorian Nutcracker,” children as young as seven years old audition to be a part of the production. They then spend every weekend from mid-September through the shows rehearsing. “A special moment for me is when I catch the eyes of the youngest cast members sparkling, as they watch their older peers and professionals dance. That, in a sense, represents what the Nutcracker story is all about: Childhood dreams and hints of magic, and our memories of such during the holiday season,” said Milena Hartog, Assistant to the Director (and company dancer), Portland Ballet.

Performances of “A Victorian Nutcracker” will be held Dec. 17 at 7:30 p.m. at Merrill Auditorium with the Portland Ballet Orchestra. At Westbrook Performing Arts Center on Dec. 21 at 2:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m., and Dec. 22 at 2:00 p.m. A Meet & Greet with the Characters will follow the matinee shows at WPAC. All tickets are available through Port-Tix: https://boxoffice.porttix.com/overview/ victim/ or 207.842.0800. Discounted tickets available for children, students, and seniors. For more information, visit: www.portland-ballet.org.

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They invite you to join them for Sunday service at 9:30 a.m. at 879 Sawyer Street. For more information call the church office at 799-4565 or visit their website: spfbc.com.

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Cape Elizabeth student musicians selected for Honor Festivals

Cape Elizabeth will be well represented at the 2020 Maine Music Educators Association District 1 honor festivals with multiple musicians from the high school and middle schools being selected by audition to participate in the festivals. Additionally, nine Cape Elizabeth students received the top scores in the district for their sections.

Among the students selected are Cape Elizabeth High School students who earned the top scores in the district, Alex Ecker (trumpet), Sydney McFarland (flute), Sage Maxwell, Emma Ouellette, Laura Ryer, Marco Hansel (horn), and Luke O’Kelly for the High School Honors Festival: Including instrumentalists Heath Kennedy (tuba), Zach Merrill (trombone), and Katherine Clay (tenor sax). These students will perform April 2 and 3 at Old Orchard Beach High School.

Additionally, 10 musicians were selected for the High School Honors Festival: Including instrumentalists Heath Kennedy (tuba), who earned the top score in the district, Alex Ecker (trumpet), Sydney McFarland (flute), Marco Hansel (horn), and Luke O’Kelly (horn). Vocalists Lydia Branson, Emma Frewingham, Olivia Ouellette, and Abigail Scifres were chosen for the Mixed Choir. Sage Maxwell, Emma Ouellette, Laura Ryer, and Ella Stanley were selected for the Treble Choir. The High School Honors Festival will take place on January 17 and 18 at York High School.

An impressive 30 7th grade chorus and band students were accepted into the South- ern Maine Middle School Honors Festival: Flute: Sophia Toon (top score), Ava Corben, Sage Evans; Clarinet: Luc Francis (top score), Nikolai Molinski, Luciana Eschl Lavaron; Alto saxophone: Weston Lowre; Trumpet: Hadley Johnson, Grant Leopold; Horn: Zoe Dinnerstein, Atticus Richard; Trombone: Sebastian Hesser (top score); Euphonium: Tess Straw; Tuba: Simon Skyka-Brown (top score); and Percussion: Graham Flowe (top score), Declan Scifres, Lucy Shaw, and Zoe Burgh. Chorus students include soprano Bella Carver, Minnie McCarley, Molly McKibben, Piper Rickerman, and Oliver Weyrens; baritone Charlie Reiniger (top score); and altos Eliza Green and Alden Hughes (top scores), Astrid Akerman, Brooke Giroux, Sage Hart, and Abbie Woolen. The Middle School Festival takes place on February 28 and 29 at Memorial Middle School in South Portland.

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Cape E Elizabeth High School-South Portland-Waynflete Girls Hockey team at their game opener in Falmouth Ice Center on Nov. 23. They played Greely and won 8-1.

Friends:
Anonymous
Mary & James Frieling
Amy & Thomas Gaudraut
Mary Conney
James & Susan Johnston
Solomon & Carole Israel
Judith McNamary
Mary & Steve Pinto
John & Patty Clark
Ded & Charles Bass
James & Nancy Martin
John McGinty
Rosemary Townsend
Susan & James Johnston
Mary Beth & Robert Benoit
Alexis Seader
Dorothea Foss
Thomas & Helma Curtis Jr.
Jodi Lerman
James & Kathleen Walsh
Christopher & Lynne Houle
Meredith Hall
Thomas & Martha Meyers
David & Jackie Allen
Emily Barr & Scott Kane
Paul Chamberlain
Sarah Whitney
Elizabeth & Robert Preti
Erin Grady
Pete & Marlene Bottomly
Jack & Rose Kenneally
Jim & Kim Swihart
Rick Sandler
Richard & Nancy Lemieux
Tyler & Terri Patterson
Donald & Suzanne Rudalevige
Jill & Allen Morris
Ann Hecker
Carole Kainlor
Jessica Watson
Bob Dodd
Karen Harris & Rob Gips
Katie & Mike Villaincourt
Kara & Jeremy Law
Charles Binder & Nancy Shor
Pilip & Caroline Lici
Elaine Taft
Kevin & Clare Stack
Basil & Carol Brown
Mary Michals
Bruce Moore & Janice Chapman
Ann & Tom Waecker
Brigitte & Hal Kingsbury
Jill Hooper
Elizabeth & Christopher Quinn
William & Joan Schmitz
Anne Cranshaw
William Proff & Heidi Peterson
Sean & Christopher Willits

Capers:
Kenneth Swanberg & Ginger Raspliler
JoeY & Grey Terry
Steven & Marilyn Clossen
Alan & Genesta Leathers
Drake Whitney
Kathleen & Ken Pierce
Bv & Sherm Altenburg
Frank Stout
Michelle & Mark Boyer
Mary & William Holt
Philip Villandry

Capers cont.
Nancy Shablon
Elizabeth & James Heubener
Amy & Jeremy Lombardo
John & Mary O’Sullivan
John Sommer
Carolyn & Douglas Davis
Theodore & Mila Butler
Thomas & Jill Emery
David & Mary Ellen Whiman
Daniel & Patricia Chase
Thomas Wescott & Joan Cirbus
Andrew & Kate Rinaldi
Daniel & Patricia Bowen
Steven Eppinger & Julie Laukkonen
Christina & Sean Willits
David & Elisabeth Pratt
Jody Sataloff
Amber Williams
Stephanie Anderson
Sarah Emily Teaford
Matthew Tasker
Aiden Philbrick
Heather Payson
Rosemary & Jim Coakley
Kathleen & Kevin Beatty
Henk & Ja Poels
Jennifer & Harold Caswell
Heather and Marty Mullen
Cooper Sherman
Jeffrey & Susie Saffer
Catherine & Lawrence Clough
Peter & Alice Rand
Deborah Hart & William Goodykoontz
Jessica Timberlake
Thomas & Pamela Torre

High Tide:
Michael & Mary Takach
Beverly & Sherman Altenburg
Meg Baxter
Carmensol & Matt Kesselhault
Rich Dana
D Broeck & Halaine Hornby
Suzeanne & Neil McGinn
Anne Carney and David Wennerg
Ann Carlisle
Keith & Barbara Powers
Terry & Liz McEvy
Celt
Lisa & Steve Gert
McFarlane Field @ Portside
Keven & Gail Vick
Emily & Alvin Bugbee
Lee & Gina Mitgang
Lynn Baillets
Erik Piebert
Frances & Pamela Stevenson
Eric Sharpe
Cape Farm Alliance
CSalt Gourmet Market
Herbert & Kathleen Janick
Thomas & Hillary Egan
Lee McGuire & Colin Mitchell

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Quick action minimizes damage from fire

A fire broke out at 2 Algonquin Road in Cape Elizabeth on Nov. 26. Fire departments from Cape Elizabeth, Scarborough, South Portland, and Portland responded. The quick action helped to minimize the damage. According to Cape Elizabeth Fire Chief Peter Gleeson, the cause of the fire is under investigation. There were no injuries.

Schools

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video on demand and are also live streamed on CETV. Audiences are invited to watch the games live in the Achievement Center at Cape Elizabeth High School. The students are impressive as they are watching and reacting to, the fast-moving characters on their screens in their various areas, coaching each other on, and planning next steps to defeat their opponents. Many thanks to Jason Lund for organizing this team and offering CEHS students yet another opportunity to explore their interests and use their talents.

Cape Elizabeth Schools offer many varied opportunities for our students to experience success, and with the focus on one of our five new district goals - our schools will value, promote, and celebrate multiple pathways and definitions of success - we will work to increase our awareness and recognition of those successes. From theater experiences, to speech and debate opportunities, from robotics and beekeeping to band, chorus, and Model United Nations, to name just a few, our students are offered opportunities to explore their various interests and build new skills. As we continue to provide, celebrate, recognize, and expand the multiple pathways available to our students, we work toward the realization of our new district goals and increased opportunities for the recognition and successes of our students.

Photo by Jeff Mandell

M any hands do good work

By Beth Owens Coordinator for Judy’s Pantry

Above, volunteers at Judy’s Pantry 2019 Thanksgiving basket distribution.

Judy’s Pantry continues to help Cape residents with limited resources to feed themselves with healthy food. With the growing season coming to a close, we are still able to offer limited vegetables and fruits from our Cape farmers and from purchased foods.

We are fortunate to have had Cape farmers, individual gardeners, and produce from community gardeners. Our totals for the year, thus far, exceeded 3,000 pounds!

Along with produce, we offer canned goods and frozen meats through The Wayside Food Program. Several food drives from the schools and the Lions Club’s drop off box at the IGA help to keep our shelves stocked. Scratch Bakery has been a big supporter.

In addition to “basics,” one of our wonderful volunteers has been baking treats for our clients and we have donated books from library donations.

In November, under the leadership of Amy Lombardo and Jen Tinsman, we were again able to provide 48 bountiful baskets packed with holiday food.

These baskets are provided by Cape families who have been incredibly generous with their offerings: candles, festive paper goods, sparkling ciders, and gift cards are often part of that basket offering.

Delicious dessert breads baked by the Cape Elizabeth United Methodist Church community are included. Jordan’s Farm generously provides us with discounted produce to make a holiday meal. Our volunteer group is dedicated to our mission to help Cape families in need.

Judy’s Pantry is open year round. Our winter hours are Dec. 17 and 31. Thereafter, beginning in January, we will be open on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month from 3-5 p.m.

Thanks to one and all who support the pantry with food and financial donations. We are grateful to the generous residents of Cape Elizabeth.

For more information, please contact Beth Owens : bethowens1@gmail.com Checks to Judy’s pantry can be mailed to: Judy’s Pantry

C/O: Cape Elizabeth United Methodist Church
280 Ocean House Road
Cape Elizabeth, ME 04107
December naturalist’s corner

By Erika Carlson Rhile

CELT Education Committee Chair

• Dec. 12, 12:12 a.m. – Full Cold Moon
• Dec. 13/14 – Peak of the Gemind Meteor Shower - although the full moon will block out all but the brightest meteors, the Gemindis can produce up to 120 multi-colored shooting stars in an hour. Worth trying to see after midnight.

• Dec. 21, 11:19 p.m. – December Solstice – the Northern Hemisphere welcomes winter!

In the snow, the bright red berries of native “swamp holly” stand out. Winterberry is nature’s way of decorating for the holiday, and an ecological gift: its persistent fruit clings through freeze/thaw cycles to be enjoyed by almost 50 species of birds, as well as many mammals. In late winter my Farmer’s Market winterberry wreath becomes a ring of robins as the birds enjoy the low-fat fruits. Vex torticillata is an excellent choice for landscaping with native plants, but be sure to buy both male and female plants - after pollination, only female winterberry shrubs have fruit.

This December, be inspired to decorate with and for nature. String a popcorn and cranberry garland for the birds, create a twig star-tree-topper or feed the (rein)deer with a carrot-ice wreath.

Scam alert bulletin board

By Jessica D. Simpson

Pet Scam

The holidays are a popular time to add a new furry member to the family, but choosing a pet – especially online - can be tricky and sometimes dangerous. A national survey found that more than 80% of sponsored search sites offering pets for sale were fraudulent in 2017. The websites look legit and the “sellers” will ask you typical adoption questions, but the adorable photos you are falling in love with are stolen from legitimate sites. Once you start paying these scammers, the charges start to pile up for things like last minute medical needs or travel expenses, and the pet you’ve fallen in love with never shows up.

Thoroughly vet any online offering from breeders, shelters or rescue organizations. Better yet, consider adopting locally.

Cyber Monday Scams

Everyone is on the lookout for the best Cyber Monday deal, which means scammers are on the lookout for you. Reported scams from fake shopping websites increased by 30% in 2017, according to Experian. Be suspicious of any discounts larger than 55% off. Irregular contact information, such as a Yahoo or Gmail address instead of a corporate account is another red flag. Web addresses that are overly complex, don’t include the corporate name or don’t start with https: are also indicators that your data and your money may not be safe.

Be a fraud fighter! If you can spot a scam, you can stop a scam. Call the AARP Fraud Watch Network Helpline at 1-877-908-3360 to report a scam or get help if you’ve fallen victim.

Cape Elizabeth birding report

By E. Brooks Bornhofft

Every fall for the last 20 or so years two Ontario field ornithologists put together a “Winter Finch Forecast” predicting which boreal birds will likely “irrupt,” dispersing south in mass searching for reliable sources of food. Because this season’s spruce cone, birch, alders and other native conifers were excellent, the East is not predicted to have an irregularly strong year for spotting Northern seed eating birds. That said, the wintry weather during first few days of December set the stage nicely for the arrival of one type of winter finch from the coniferous forests far north. During the first two days of December we had at least two visits from small flocks (2-3) of Pine Siskins. These very active little birds are similar in size and shape to that of a Goldfinch, but their bills are longer and slimmer. A Siskin’s body and head are also distinctly streaked. On one occasion I watched a Siskin hang upside down and pester a Goldfinch until it had had enough, at which point the Siskin assumed its choice perch on the niger tube. One of my favorite things about these birds is their unique humming, buzzing, “zzz-ing” calls that fill the air as a flock springs out from a sheltered nook, swiveling back and forth and round-about.

In the last days of November there were a few reports of Snow Buntings in Cape Elizabeth. Another winter visitor from northern latitudes, aka the Arctic Tundra, these chunky ground-dwelling birds feed mostly in fields and farmyards. Bluebird in size, their snow-white underparts contrast with black wing tips and nufous overtones. Speaking of Bluebirds, small flocks of these birds can still be found at this time of year roaming our countryside. And as of early December, we have a record high of five Bluebirds still keeping careful watch over our mealworm lodge. Last winter we had three Bluebirds stay through the winter. These three birds roosted in a woodpecker cavity on the backside of our house! This small stocky thrush is a delight to observe, playful and chatty. The male retains its deep, vivid blue coloring all year long and against a snowy backdrop this bird is a dazzler.

In other bird related news, a PLOS ONE study published in November sheds new light on a mystery that has remained largely unre-solved. In ancient Egyptian catacombs, scientist had found millions of African sacred Ibises mummified as an offering to Thoth, god of magic, writing and wisdom. Up until now the general consensus of scientists was that the given the sheer number of mummified birds (rooms filled floor to ceiling), that the Egyptians had to have had large scale Ibis farms breeding and raising domesticated birds for sacrifice. This hypothesis was galvanized by ancient texts that seem to refer to these farms. Typically, domesticated birds (chickens for example) part of large scale operations do not have a lot of DNA variation. What recent DNA analysis on these mummified birds discovered was that there was a great deal of variation – in fact about the same amount of variation as we see in today’s populations across Africa (except of course Egypt where they are extinct). This information has led scientists to believe that there must have been millions of wild Ibises caught in Egypt rather than bred and domesticated.
Library offers presentation on genealogy, memoir writing workshop and meet a Great Horned Owl

The library will be closed for Christmas on Wednesday, Dec. 25.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Morning Book Group
Wednesday, Dec. 11, 9:30-11:00 a.m.
Our morning book group meets on the second Wednesday of each month. This month, we’ll be discussing “The Stowaway: A Young Man’s Extraordinary Adventure to Antarctica,” by Laurie Gwen Shapiro. All are welcome.

Maine Wildlife Series: Bats! Friends of the Night Sky
Tuesday, Dec. 17, 6:15-8:15 p.m.
The Cape Elizabeth Garden Club invites you to join us again on Tuesday, Jan. 7. Topic TBD; please check our website. You do not need to be a member to attend. All are welcome.

Maine Wildlife Series: Meet a Great Horned Owl
Thursday, Dec. 19, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Join us this month to meet a live, Great Horned Owl raptor ambassador from the Maine Wildlife Center. Come and learn more about our amazing wild neighbors and their habitat. This talk is appropriate for all ages. Families are welcome.

Writing Workshop
Tuesday, Dec. 24, 12-1:30 p.m.
This workshop is especially for new writers. Workshop will explore all aspects of the writing process. Open to all writers, ages 18-80.

Writers’ Accountability Group
Tuesday, Jan. 7, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
TML’s Writers’ Accountability Group (WAG) meets on the third Wednesday of each month from 10:00 a.m.-noon. All levels of expertise and genres are welcome as we:
• Share ideas about writing, editing and publishing.
• Share snippets of our work in a creative, supportive group setting.
• Connect with other writers who are as passionate about the craft as we are.
• Give ourselves a deadline each month to show up with our latest work.
• Have fun!
We hope you’ll join us to help get your WAG going!

Evening Book Group
Thursday, Dec. 19, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
TML’s Evening Book Group meets on the third Thursday of each month. At our next gathering, we’ll be discussing “Enjoying Maine” by Bill Caldwell. New members are always welcome.

Genealogy 101
Thursday, Dec. 19, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
We are excited to have BJ Jameson from the Maine State Library join us this month to share her best tips and tricks for working on your genealogy. Jameson brings us a world of knowledge, expertise, and pure passion for the fun adventure of finding out more about your own history. Whether you’re a seasoned researcher or just getting started, Jameson can help take you back in time to discover roots you may not know you have.

Cape Elizabeth Garden Club
Tuesday, Jan. 7, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
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Democracy Café
Wednesday, Jan. 8, 9:30-11:00 a.m.
Our morning book group meets on the second Wednesday of each month. This month, we’ll be discussing “Before We Were Yours,” by Lisa Wingate. We hope you’ll join us to read and discuss. New members are always welcome.

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Memoir Writing Workshop
Saturday, Jan. 11, 1:00-3:00 p.m.
A teacher and cat loving Marion Murray joins us for a special Saturday workshop on memoir writing. No prior experience or registration is necessary to attend and enjoy. Just bring something to write on and to write with.

Democracy Café
Tuesday, Jan. 14, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
The Democracy Café meets on the second Tuesday of each month to talk about all-things-Democracy. We hope you’ll join us this month for another great discussion.

ONGOING ADULT PROGRAMS

• Evening Book Group – Fourth Tuesday from 6:30-8:00 p.m.
• Morning Book Group – Second Wednesday from 10:00-11:00 a.m.
• Writers’ Accountability Group – Third Wednesday from 10:00-noon
• Senior Tech – Fourth Wednesday from 10:30-12:00 p.m.
• YA Anonymous Book Group – First-Thursday from 6:30-7:30 p.m.
• Maine Wildlife Lecture Series – Second Thursday from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

-see LIBRARY page 16
Signs vandalized, FedEx packages stolen, second floor window of a home shot out with a pellet gun

Reported by Marta Girouard

COMPLAINTS

11-3 An officer met with a resident of the Old Ocean House Road area regarding a trespass complaint. Subjects were located and issued warnings.

11-5 An officer responded to a residence in the Scott Dyer Road area for a possible domestic disturbance.

11-6 At 0021 hrs an officer observed a blue car outside Fort Williams. Car is scuffled up and appears to have fallen off a vehicle and was returned to the station.

11-6 An officer received some paper money that had been found in the area of the town center. The money has been secured in the evidence room.

11-6 An officer met with a resident regarding a suspicious person complaint.

11-7 An officer met with a resident of South Portland regarding a hit and run accident that happened in Cape Elizabeth.

11-9 An officer met with a resident of the Broad Cove area regarding a trespass complaint.

11-10 Two officers responded to a residence in the Shore Acres area for a well-being check.

11-11 Two officers responded to a residence in the Mitchell Road area for a domestic disturbance.

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11-11 Two officers responded to Kettle Cove area for a report of a domestic disturbance.

11-12 An officer responded to a residence in the Shore Road area for a well-being check.

11-14 A resident of the Two Lights Road area brought in a pair of sunglasses found on Crescent Beach.

11-14 An officer found an abandoned bike on Charles Road and was returned to the station for safe-keeping. The bike is described as a dark blue 10 speed.

11-14 An officer met with a resident of the Shore Road area regarding a harassment complaint.

11-14 An officer made contact with a resident in the Spurwink Avenue area regarding a well-being check request.

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11-16 An officer met with a subject in the Brentwood area regarding disposal of some old military ammunition. The ammunition was returned to the Police Department for disposal.

11-18 An officer met with a resident of the Old Ocean House Road area regarding vandalism to some signs.

11-20 An officer met with a resident of the Mitchell Road area regarding vandalism to a really sign.

11-22 An officer met with a resident of the Ocean House Road area who turned over a Samsung phone found in the Winnick Woods.

11-22 An officer met with a subject regarding a harassment complaint.

11-22 An officer met with a resident of the Sherwood Forest area regarding a theft of Fedex packages.

11-25 Two officers responded to a residence in the Shore Acres area for an unwanted subject in the residence.

11-25 An officer met with a school bus driver regarding a vehicle that had passed his bus while he was stopped picking up students.

11-25 An officer met with a resident of the Ocean House Road area regarding a criminal mischief complaint.

11-25 An officer met with a resident of the Wells Road area regarding a harassment complaint.

11-28 An officer met with a resident of the Ocean House Road area regarding a criminal mischief complaint. A second floor window had been shot out with a pellet gun.

11-28 An officer met with a subject in the Scott Dyer Road area regarding an assault complaint.

11-29 An officer met with a resident of the Shore Road area who turned over a found wallet that belongs to a Portland resident.

SUMMONS

11-19 Cape Elizabeth resident, speeding, Sawyer Road

11-22 Augusta resident, speeding, Route 77

11-22 Baxter resident, inspection sticker, Route 77

11-22 Falmouth resident, speeding, Route 77

11-22 Cape Elizabeth resident, falsifying physical evidence, Vernon Road

11-27 South Portland resident, passing emergency vehicle using lights, Ocean House Road, S325

11-29 Cape Elizabeth resident, violation of conditions of release, Woodland Road

ACCIDENTS

11-06 James Wood, Daniel Pouli, Ocean House Road

11-07 Mary Hayes, Unknown, Ocean House Road

11-14 Maria Ditzel, Ocean House Road

11-20 Laura Sullivan, Bowery Beach Road

11-21 Callum Macrimmon, Michael Vaillancourt, Shore Road

11-24 Gannon Stewart, Daniel Sullivan, Ocean House Road

11-28 Nancy Wentworth, Mitchell Road

ARRESTS

11-6 Cape Elizabeth resident, operating under the influence, violation of conditions of release, Cape Elizabeth

11-8 Cape Elizabeth resident, unlawful possession of methamphetamine, violation of conditions of release, Cape Elizabeth

11-12 Cape Elizabeth resident, operating under the influence, Cape Elizabeth

11-25 Hiddeford resident, warrant, Cape Elizabeth

12-1 Bangor resident, warrant, violation of conditions of release, Cape Elizabeth

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CAPE CALENDAR
By Wendy Derzawiec

Wednesday, December 11
Town Council Workshop, 7 p.m., William H. Jordan Conference Room, Town Hall

Tuesday, December 17
Planning Board, 7 p.m., Town Hall chamber

Wednesday, December 18
Community Services Committee, 5:30 p.m., Cape Elizabeth Community Center

Thursday, December 19
Fort Williams Park Committee, 6 p.m., Cape Elizabeth Community Center
Thomas Memorial Library Committee, 6:30 p.m., Thomas Memorial Library
Energy Committee, 6:30 p.m., William H. Jordan Conference Room, Town Hall

Tuesday, December 24
Christmas Holiday. Closed.

Wednesday, December 25

Thursday, December 26
Recycling Center open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Wednesday, January 1
New Year’s Holiday. Town office, Thomas Memorial Library, Recycling Center closed.

Thursday, January 2
Recycling Center open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Recycling Committee, 7 p.m., Public Works

Tuesday, January 7
School Building Committee, 6:30 p.m., Planning Board Workshop, 7 p.m., William H. Jordan Conference Room, Town Hall

Wednesday, January 13
Town Council, 7 p.m., Town Hall chamber

Tuesday, January 14
School Board, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall chamber
Conservation Committee, 7 p.m., Town Hall
Lower Level Conference Room

Ongoing each week
Al-Anon, Regular meeting 7 p.m. Thursdays, at United Methodist Church, 280 Ocean House Road. Regular meeting 7 p.m. Fridays at St. Albain’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. Albain’s Church.
Codependents Anonymous (CODA) group at Cape Elizabeth United Methodist Church. Regular meeting weekly on Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. Call 799-4599 FMI.

Cable Guide

Town Council replay
Dec. 11 & 12 - 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.
Dec. 14 - 10:30 a.m.
School Board replay
Dec. 13 & 14 - 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.
Dec. 15 - 10:30 a.m.
Cape Elizabeth Church of the Nazarene
Dec. 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29; Jan. 4, 5, 11, 12 - 9 a.m.

Planning Board (live)
Dec. 17 - 7 p.m.

Planning Board replay
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Dec. 21 - 10:30 a.m.
Town Council (live)
Jan. 13 - 7:00 p.m.

School Board (live)
Jan. 14 - 6:30 p.m.

EVENTS

SERVICES

Cape Elizabeth Church of the Nazarene
459 Ocean House Road (Route 77)
747-1113
www.capenazarene.org
Sunday School for all ages: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship Celebration: 10:45 a.m.
Services streamed live or on demand: watch.capenazarene.org

Cape Elizabeth United Methodist Church
280 Ocean House Road
799-8396
www.ceumc.org
Sanctuary Service: 10 a.m.
Child Care & Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Adult Sunday School: 9 a.m.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
29 Ocean House Road
799-4321
Sabbath Meeting:
Sunday, 10 - 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School: 11:10 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
Primary: 11:10 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Relay Society, Priesthood:
12:00-1:00 p.m.

The Church of the Second Chance
Greater Portland Christian Church
1338 Broadway, South Portland
641-2523
Sunday: 10:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
Congregation Beth Ha’am
81 Westbrook St., South Portland
879-0208
www.bethaam.org
Worship: Friday, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, 10:30 a.m.
Family Shabbat Services:
Second Friday, 6:00 p.m.

First Baptist Church of South Portland
879 Sawyer Street South Portland,
799-4565
www.spfbc.co
Sunday Morning Worship: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School & Nursery Care

Church of the Nazarene Christmas Candlelight Service Dec. 22
The Cape Elizabeth Church of the Nazarene will hold its annual Christmas Candlelight Service at 6 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 22.
The service will feature carols, scripture lessons and the singing of “Silent Night” by cam-diogenes. All are welcome. The service will be streamed live at the church’s website: www.capenazarene.org and on our Roku channel. For more information, contact the church at office@capenazarene.org or 207-747-1113.

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Town of Cape Elizabeth

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Current rabies and spaying/neutering certificates are required.
Licenses are available at the Tax Office at Town Hall or online at www.capeelizabeth.com. Dogs registered after January 31st must be registered at Town Hall.

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Advent and Christmas services schedule at St. Alban’s

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December Sundays
- Our doors are open to you for the season we call Advent as we anticipate the arrival of something new...the great story of Christmas made fresh. See the listings for each Sunday of December. All are welcome.
- The Reverend Timothy Beggs, Rector, Saint Alban’s Episcopal Church, 885 Shore Road, Cape Elizabeth. For more information, visit: www.stalbansmaine.org.

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Courier visits Machu Picchu

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Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2:15 - 3:15 p.m.
For ages 6 and up
Don’t throw out your 2019 calendar! Bring it with you to this fun after school program and turn it into art (if you don’t have one, no worries—we’ll have plenty of materials to use). Join Katrina Venhuizen from EcoMaine to learn how to weave old calendars and other magazines into something new.

Families Discover Great Artists
For ages 3 and up
Saturday, Jan. 3, 3:00 – 3:45 p.m.
Join Miss Kiah for a hands-on exploration of a different artist each month. Please check our website for details. No registration necessary.

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Thursday, Jan. 9, 1:00 - 1:45 p.m.
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The Cape Courier presents:

Holiday Tree Lighting
Friday, December 13th
6pm - 7pm
at Thomas Memorial Library

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Munson aboard USS Russell

U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Sean Lynch
Ensign Kayne Munson, from Cape Elizabeth, looks through binoculars on the bridge of the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Russell (DDG 59) on Nov. 20. Russell is underway conducting routine training in the Eastern Pacific Ocean.

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