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Vandalism plagues island

BY MARY LOU WENDELL AND ARNE PEARSON

For twenty years, the community bulletin board at the island grocery store has kept people informed about everything from school plays in yard sales to who lost what. Some residents called it Peaks Island's daily newspaper. But vandalism set fire to papers on the board two nights in one week last month, and now store owner Bob Hannigan says it's down for good.

"I've got employees to worry about and people to feed," Hannigan said. "You have to have your priorities. What's more important, a store or the bulletin board?"

Still, islanders are clearly disappointed. "Taking down the bulletin board takes out the lifeblood of this community," said Arthur Fink. The incidents at Hannigan's Island Market are just the latest in a wave of vandalism that has swept Peaks Island this summer. And, while there's no shortage of complaints — two boats sunk, fires set at Battery Steele, a golf cart wrecked, bikes gone missing, kayaks put in swimming pools, and general mischief at the Lions Club — suspects are hard to come by. There aren't many witnesses, and very few are willing to come forward.

"This vandalism thing is kind of cyclical," said Mark Shain, whose golf cart suffered several hundred dollars' worth of damage recently after it was stolen from the parking lot down front and taken on a joy ride. John Feeney, who has lived on the island since 1948, agreed, noting that there seems to be a surge of property destruction every ten years or so.

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School enrollment up, for now

BY BARBARA SCHLICHTMAN AND MARY LOU WENDELL

Charles Winkelman is looking forward to his first day of kindergarten. He knows some letters. He knows some numbers. He knows how to do math. He's "ready to go," said his mother, Kathy Hanley.

On Sept. 5, Charles and eight other five-year-olds will walk through the Peaks Island Elementary School doors for the first time as students. The group, although small by mainland standards, represents a surge in enrollment for the island school. In 1990, the island hit a ten-year high in 1994 with 100 students, according to a ongoing noise study being conducted by a private consultant for the Portland International Jetport. The $320,000 federally-funded study began in March and is scheduled to take 18 months. The consultant is also working with the jetport's Noise Advisory Committee, formed 15 years ago. That group is helping to provide public input for the study.

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Acceptable Quantities...
Single family homes: Up to 6 items from the list below

Materials must be placed at curbside by Sunday, Sept. 9, for collection during the week.

Acceptable items...
YES!
- mattress
- boxspring
- refrigerator/freezer
- furniture/cabinets
- TV/music equipment
- air conditioner
- stove/large metal items
- washer/dryer
- large toys
- rolled carpets
- bathroom fixtures

NO!
- construction & demo debris
- cardboard
- window/glass items
- paper products
- household trash
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- hazardous waste
- plastic bags
- clothing/textiles
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Civil War Day at the Fifth Maine Regiment Community Center was held on Saturday, Aug. 24, to "honor the men and women who sacrificed their lives and livelihood to help preserve the Union during the dark days of the Civil War." There were recruiting and firing demonstrations, military drills, music and refreshments.

The City Council will consider the rezoning of a parcel of land on the island for a proposed $1.3 million senior housing project and health center.

The City Council will consider the rezoning of meetings on Sept. 4 and 16. At the first meeting, the proposal is just read for the record; discussion of the rezoning will take place at the second meeting. If the City Council approves the rezoning, the proposal goes back to the Planning Board, which would then do a site plan review of the project.

The proposed senior housing project has been in the planning stages since 1995. The proposed location for the complex is a 40,288-square-foot parcel between Central and Herman avenues that is now the site of the "City Barn," the island's public works facility.

The senior housing building would include 11, one-bedroom apartments and a two-bedroom manager's apartment. The health center, which is for the general public, not just residents of the housing project, would consist of a medical and dental clinic with three examination rooms, one business office, one laboratory, a waiting room and a counseling room. Both structures are one story high and the driveway and parking lot is on the Central Avenue side of the parcel.

The proposed complex had several concerns. He said the addition of the health center was a surprise, since abutters had expected the complex to include just senior housing. He also said that 11 spaces for the complex was not enough and that people would end up parking on the street. With a day care center nearby, and a community room open to the public in the senior complex, Hults said he was concerned about traffic. Hults also said there were concerns about how close the senior housing building would be to the property lines of the parcel.

Planning Board Chairman Jamie Caron said that a traffic study is part of the site plan process. Wilcox said the VOA originally proposed 17 parking spots, but that residents objected. The Planning Board amended the rezoning proposal to state that there should be between 11 and 17 spaces at the site, but said that the final number would be determined in the site plan review process. The board also vowed to specify in the rezoning that the VOA's annual lease for the health center, which is $1, be specified in the agreement.

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No revaluation until 2004

Officials will begin work this fall on a citywide revaluation of residential property, according to Richard W. Blackburn, the city's Tax Assessor. However, the new revaluation won't be effective until April 1, 2004, and it will not impact tax bills until September, 2004. "It takes a while to get everything coordinated and put together," he said. The city is likely to hire an outside contractor to help with the revaluation, which will take 18 months. Starting this fall, city officials will begin mailing out letters asking residents to verify current property information. Also this fall, city workers will begin going to neighborhoods to check homes from the outside. Blackburn could not say when that would occur on Peaks Island. He did say that the city will not be able to afford to check the inside of all residents' houses this time, although they will do it if a resident requests it. The last time Portland did a complete revaluation was in 1991, Blackburn said. In the meantime, island residents can check out their current values online at www.portland assessors.com.

A fisher-cat on Peaks?

Let's of people have been talking about a fisher-cat on the island, but could it possibly be true? Don Stein and his wife, Jane Williams, aren't sure. What they are sure of is that something pretty fierce attacked their dog last year.

"One of our dogs got his face torn in a couple of places, Stein said. "It couldn't have been a pusey cat."

Stein and a group of islanders are working with a trapper to try and catch the mystery fisher.

Fishers, which look like oversized ferrets and can be pretty ferocious, are not common near cities but have been found near Portland, according to Stein. While he has never seen one on the island, Corey Johnson said he saw one run off not long ago with one of his barn cats. Johnson also blames fishers for killing 20 of his chickens and two of his geese.

David Tyler

Fishing boat owners looking for their favorite spots on Peaks Island are getting reports of a fisher-cat on the island. Some say they have seen one on the island, but others say they have not.

"I think there is one running around on Peaks," said one fishing boat owner. "I saw one in the woods near my house a few weeks ago."

"I haven't seen one on the island," said another fishing boat owner. "I think the fisher-cats are more common in the woods, not in the water."

"I think it's just a rumor," said a third fishing boat owner. "I haven't seen anything that looks like a fisher-cat on the island."

"I think it's just a lot of people spreading the word," said a fourth fishing boat owner. "I haven't seen anything that looks like a fisher-cat on the island."

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Meet the new teacher

Tonya LaChance, 30, is the new first-and-second-grade teacher at the Peaks Island Elementary School. She grew up in Glenburn, a small town outside Bangor. She went to Orono High School and graduated from the University of Southern Maine in 1995 with a major in social sciences and a minor in education. In 1998 she moved to Los Angeles and taught kindergartners, first and second grade at the White Horse Place Primary Center. Her mentor teacher at the center was June Ivey, who is a National Board Certified Teacher in early literacy. She worked for three years at the primary center. Her next goal is to obtain a master's degree in early literacy.

What made you decide to become a teacher? And why the age level you chose?

At a young age I would play school with a close friend. We had a hard time choosing who would be the teacher and who would be the student. Consequently, we are both teachers now! I knew that I wanted to teach early elementary after working with kindergartners through a class I took in high school. I love the energy and eagerness that young children have about school and learning.

How would you describe your philosophy on teaching?

I believe that all students can learn. High expectations should be held for every student. However, children do not all learn at the same rate and can have different learning styles. Alternative teaching strategies and methods need to be utilized. A teacher has to have the ability to present information in a variety of ways so that students reach their intellectual, physical, emotional and social development. I also feel very strongly that learning needs to be meaningful to students. They need to comprehend what they are learning. They will strive to reach their goals when they feel invested in their own learning. What will it impart to them? As an educator I will be a positive role model, and provide a safe, nurturing and organized environment in which to learn.

Tell us about a teacher who inspired you.

Mr. Morse was my fourth grade teacher at Glenburn Elementary School. His classroom was very much my passion for reading began. He introduced me to books that I still have on my bookshelves today. The books were meaningful to me. I made connections with characters from Judy Blume and Beverly Cleary stories, just to name a few. I love the connection I have with the stories and the characters. It is a great feeling to know that you can make a difference in a child's life.

What are some of the things you will be doing in your classroom?

My first goal of the year is to create a "community" of learners among the students in my classroom. As a group we will create our rules and establish goals we will be working on together and individually. Assessment will be a part of the process of knowing where my students are and what they need to work on. Some of our themes at the beginning of the year will be lifecycles, Pilgrims, Columbus, and activities about "sell" for me to get to know my students. A typical day will begin with a literacy block for a large part of the morning. Literacy will be followed by math. After lunch there will be time for students to choose what they would like to read. We will then finish the day with writer's workshop, integrated studies and a brief reflection before dismissal.

What do you like to do when you are not teaching?

I love to go camping and relax with friends or family. I also enjoy -- and probably spend too much time -- going shopping for my new fall "school clothes"! The last weeks of summer my mind starts to go back into work mode and I begin my planning for school.

Do you have any favorite games to play with kids? What are they?

My students in Los Angeles loved to play any kind of bingo games...math, alphabet, sight words and telling time, to name a few. I also like to integrate many poems and songs that are related to the themes we are studying.

When you were a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up?

I always wanted to be a teacher. I had also considered being a guidance counselor or librarian in an elementary setting.

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Tonya LaChance takes a break from getting her classroom ready. Photo by Mary Lou Wendell

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Last days of summer

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(clockwise from above) Girls playing in a tidepool; Jordan Hall and his father Bill from Littleton, Colorado after a jump off the state pier; crowds waiting for the ferry; Nirmala Young and Daisy Braun's lemonade and advice stand; Reggae Sunday patrons wait in line at Jones Landing; Nathaniel Chalfant and Daimius Bukauskas try out their float at Sandy Beach.
August 20. The pair spotted the fire, took the would do something like that,” Feeney origin­
ally put up the bulletin board in 1982 when he built the island market.

The second bulletin board fire could have been worse if it wasn't for two people driving by the store around 11:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 20. The pair spotted the fire, took the burning papers off the board and stomped them out, according to Sergeant Dan Young, a former detective and the new head of Peaks Island's police force.

Hannigan, who has owned the market for nine years, has never experienced that kind of trouble with the bulletin board, although every once in a while somebody would tear off all the papers. “I don't think there's anything [the police] can do about it unless they find out who did it,” Hannigan said. And Hannigan isn't holding his breath.

Meanwhile, many people assume that a handful of island teenagers are to blame, and that the vandalism is linked to the problems of teen boredom and underage drinking. “They are a great bunch for the most part; they are just bored,” Shain said.

Shain and other parents fear that islanders will paint all teenagers with the same brush. “I get the sense that the police out here think that the teenagers are vandals in develop­ment,” Shain said. “Most kids are appalled when people do stuff like that. I really think that the police need to foster more of a sense of being a part of the kids' community, rather than always putting themselves in an adversar­ial position with them,” Shain said.

Shain was angered after his golf cart was stolen because the police accused his step­son, David, of the crime. But David was the one who reported the theft in the first place, Shain said. He also has never been in trouble with the police before. And he said he didn't do it.

Shain thinks the police need to spend more time getting to know the kids on the island. Shain, who put up a reward for information about the incident, spent many evenings recently talking to kids downtown. One of the teens eventually told him who did it.

“Now I am trying to track down the young man who was involved and give him an opportunity to make restitution without involving the authorities,” Shain points to the kids' failed drive to get a skateboard park as a possible contributing factor to the kids' sense of alienation.

“They raised the money and then the community and the City of Portland just blew them off,” Shain said. “What does that say to them?”

“I also think that whenever meeting on van­dalism takes place, the kids need to be in­volved,” Shain said.

IN BRIEF, from page 3

Long Island sponsors golf tourname nt

The first annual Long Island Scramble Golf Tournament, held on Monday, Aug. 19 at the Spring Meadows Golf Course in Gray, raised $14,000 for Long Island's library and school ex­pansion program. Prizes were awarded for the top three gross and net scores, longest drives, straightest drives, and shots closest to the pin. Over the past two years, the school/library ex­pansion project has raised over $750,000. Groundbreaking for the building occurred on Thursday, Aug. 8 with the goal of completing the exterior by the fall. Another $300,000 needs to be raised to finish the interior. For more infor­mation about the proj­ect, call Nancy Jordan at 766-3396.

Can you guess who this is? (see page 9)

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especially troubling because of the limited manpower of the island's fire department. "Somebody around here is setting fires," Feeney said. "I don't know what type of person would do something like that." Feeney origi­nally put up the bulletin board in 1982 when he built the island market.

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Go jump in... the bay! Ashley Gross (at left) and Haylee Hasson are good at what they do. Photos by Mary Lou Wendell

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Islanders object to jet noise

Airport Noise, from page 1

Gibson Nash.

"I actually think from this meeting that it's going to get worse." Not. "We're going to have more traffic coming in over Peaks because other constituents have been complaining."

Previous meetings have been attended by residents from South Portland, Cape Elizabeth and the Western Prom, although airport officials said that traffic patterns are not set based on the amount of complaints coming from a particular neighborhood.

The study already measured noise levels in some locations near the airport. For 14 days, from May 3 through May 9 and May 23 through May 29, the noise consultant, Harris Miller Miller & Hanson Inc. of Burlington, Mass., tracked results from nine noise monitors placed in locations in Portland and South Portland.

There were no monitors placed on Peaks Island. Although Scott Nash asked if a monitor could be placed on Peaks, committee members decided that a computer modeling program used by the consultant would be able to calculate the noise levels of planes over the island. However the consultant did compile radar data from the jetports' control tower of departures and arrivals during that same 14-day period. During the study, an average of 109 jets and 58 turbo-prop planes each day took off and landed from the jetport. Virtually all departing jets and propeller planes fly departure routes that don't cross Peaks, according to Michael Musca, assistant airport manager. That creates a situation where planes, in an effort to land before that runway closes, get stacked up in a holding pattern over the airport, Musca said. That holding pattern has been pushing planes out into the harbor, so planes end up flying an approach that brings them in over Peaks Island just before 10:30 p.m.

Also, one of the major airport approach routes for jets, called the Harbor Visual Approach, has been in place since 1990. This route, which is the one that brings jets over Peaks, can only be used during the day. This approach, designed to reduce the amount of plane traffic and noise over the Western Prom was one of the recommendations of a 1986 noise study. "It can't make everyone happy, because residents along the harbor get the noise," said Musca.

While this approach is supposed to send planes over the ocean between Peaks and Cushing Island, it is very difficult for pilots to exactly follow this route, so many jets fly over the southern tip of Peaks. The map of jet arrivals compiled by Harris Miller Miller & Hanson Inc. seems to show that more jets fly over Peaks than actually fly over the ocean.

The other major approach route to the jetport is called the Instrument Landing Approach, which directs landing planes over Cushing Island and South Portland. The preferred landing approach for the jetport is from the east, according to Jeff Schultes, airport manager.

Landing and approach routes also change with the time of year, since it is based on wind direction. Planes generally take off and land flying into the wind, Musca said. The airport can only control commercial plane traffic; unscheduled flights, such as corporate jets are not restricted. And federal law requires that the airport be open 24-hours-a-day, according to Musca.

Scott Nash believes Peaks Island has suffered because residents from other neighborhoods have been more vocal about airport noise. "The reason we're getting stuff over Peaks Island is because we haven't been well-represented," he said. "We need to be talking about this, we need to be part of the dialogue. Because it's been the people in Portland who have been sort of dictating where stuff is going. And they've been saying we want stuff to go over the water and the island, so it's been pushed that way consciously."

In fact, during the Aug. 27 meeting, Robert Bruce, representing Anchorage Condominiums in South Portland, said that traffic should be moved from South Portland over the harbor because the planes are high in the sky at that point.

But Musca said that complaints from one neighborhood do not force airport traffic over another neighborhood. That is the point of the noise committee meetings, to strike a balance, said Schultes, since if one neighborhood advocates moving all the traffic away from them, it just moves the problem to another neighborhood.

"This is why we use the community to give us suggestions, because someone is going to be affected," Schultes said. "We want to minimize the total effect."

The next meeting of the Noise Advisory Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 9 at 6 p.m. at the conference room at the Portland International Jetport. The noise hotline voice mailbox is available 24 hours a day at 756-8355. Information about the noise monitoring program can be found at www.portlandairport.org.
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ACROSS
1. Auto identifier 51. Olympic skater Babylonia
2. See 6-down 53. Noted architect
3. See 6-down 54. Ironshagbagsh's dial
4. See 6-down 55. LLV group
5. See 6-down 56. Letters of invitation
6. See 6-down 58. Lake Rayelly tribal member
9. Steer 63. Times Warrier offering
14. Consumer 64. Fat freeder food
15. Ano-no 65. Chilled out
16. purplestrife 66. Religion in the news
17. They're money in the bank 67. Yeah
20. Asian car maker 68. Fast time
21. Fish and chips side 69. This months puzzle
doesn't have one
22. Catch on 70. Peter or Nicho-
23. DDE's assignment 71. Work-units
25. Common street name 53. Noted architect
26. Youngster 54. Jehoshaphat's dad
27. Exact likeness 55. LLD's group
28. Water carrier 56. Letters of invitation
29. Can't get enough! 58. Lake Rayelly tribal member
30. Neither companion 61. Actress Anna May
32. Relish 64. Cut and run
33. Above ground oil source 65. Period
34. Neither companion 66. Religion in the news
35. Void 67. Yeah
36. Summer storm 68. Fast time
37. Church recess 69. This months puzzle
doesn't have one
38. Get the picture 70. Peter or Nicho-
39. Exact likeness 71. Work-units
41. Feed the hogs 48. Collection of vipers
43. Diner sign 49. Strip
45. Fabled princess's nemesis 50. Strip
46. Shade 51. Implied
47. Summer storm 52. Embarrass
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56. Letters of invitation 62. Hill dwellers
57. Battery terminal

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2. On the main 8. Cell centers
3. Celebrated 9. Peers or John Deere
4. Solo attraction 10. Chief
5. Sombre-like 11. Loopy Portland poet
7. French Revolution ary cry 13. Fractious
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Solution to last month's puzzle:
4. Battered 5. Barry
6. Cease 7. Choice
10. Embrace 11. Feisty
12. Frighten 13. Fruity
16. Haste 17. Idle
18. Ignite 19. Inhabit
22. Keeling 23. Kismet
24. Liname 25. Lively
26. Moments 27. Molten
30. Overturn 31. Paine
32. Plunge 33. Pluton
34. Quid 35. Quill
36. Rout 37. Racial
38. Scream 39. Sear
40. Sibyl 41. Slumber
42. Smote 43. Sneeze
44. Speck 45. Storm
46. Sunray 47. Survive
48. Taboo 49. Tape
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Parents work to curb teen drinking

BY BARBARA SCHLICHTMAN

A group of parents on the island are extremely concerned about underage drinking and are taking steps to stop a problem that appears to reach kids as young as 11. About 25 people attended an Aug. 14 meeting at the Peaks Island Community Center. The meeting was organized to find out where kids are getting alcohol, what can be done about it and how to reduce drinking on the island.

"I think we're going to wind up with a dead child," said Janis Price, one of the meeting organizers.

Price's eldest daughter, who does not live on the island, is a recovering alcoholic, she said. As a mother, she has watched her daughter struggle with health problems and accidents stemming from the addiction. She said her motivation for bringing people together is out of genuine concern for Island kids.

"If I hadn't been through it with my daughter, I wouldn't be doing this," said Price, who also has two teen-aged daughters on Peaks. She said kids on the island seem to have no problem getting alcohol, and knowing that someone may give it to her daughters terrifies her.

A group of teens hanging around the ferry landing on a recent weeknight confirmed whatever the case, if teens want alcohol, they can get it, a group of teenagers said. They even described seeing a drunken 11-year-old boy near the ferry landing a few nights earlier.

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Brad Burkholder, the father of two teens, says that kids respond to adults who care. Burkholder has lived on the island for 24 years and has spent more than half of those years working with recreation programs and groups such as a teen center, a rock group and basketball teams. He attended the Aug. 14 meeting and hopes it will lead to something that will give teens more options about how to spend their time.

Burkholder said teen drinking should be anticipated. It is not a new phenomenon; it's anticipated. It is not a new phenomenon; it's been going on forever and not just on Peaks. She said kids on Island Cottage Rentals

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The maximum penalty for furnishing alcohol to a minor is $2,000 and one year in jail, but this clearly is not what happens as a result of the alcohol, then the charge jumps to a felony with stiffer penalties. The Maine Liquor Liability Act also comes into play. The law says that if you serve a "visibly intoxicated person or minor" you can be sued for up to $250,000 plus medical expenses, Lyons said.

A second meeting on teen drinking was held on Aug. 28. The crowd of parents and other islanders in attendance grew to about 40. Several said they wanted to see incidents of drinking better documented by the police.

Young, who also attended this second meeting, told the crowd that if they wanted to see their calls for service documented they should not be calling the direct telephone number for the police on Peaks. Instead, they should call 874-9922, 874-6857 or 874-8574.

Many at the meeting also said they felt teenagers should be at the meetings if they are truly going to be helped. Organizers said they planned to get teenagers more involved in the preservation process.
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June Kantz goes from hauling by hand to capturing her own boat

BY DAVID TYLER
June Kantz slows her boat, the Blue Dawn, as she approaches one of her white-and-yellow buoys. She picks up a puff, reaches over, snags the buoy and pulls it into the boat. She pulls on the trap line, which is covered with algae, and hooks the line through the block and pulls it down to the hauler, which winches the traps aboard. The rope snakes out of the water, revealing the first trap. Kantz turns off the hauler and guides the trap onto the trap rail of the boat.

The trap is filled with snapping lobsters. After hauling several empty traps, this is a good sight, "I like this spot. I'll have to take some careful bearings," Kantz shouts, over the noise of her boat's diesel engine.

Kantz is one of a handful of lobstermen who live on Peaks Island, and the island's only woman in the business. She's been lobstering since the mid-1970s, first as a sternman on other people's boats, then as the captain of her own. She has also fished for shrimp, tuna and shark, and used to go out on draggers for long trips at sea. "I've done a little bit of everything," she said.

Her future may also include leaving Peaks Island. Kantz is drawn to Matinicus Island where she worked from 1988 to 2001 as the only teacher in the island's one-room schoolhouse. She had as many as 15 pupils and as few as one. In the fall of 2001, there were no students, and Kantz was out of a job.

"I was more like an extended family than a job," she said. "I just plain liked the kids," she said. "They're all fishermen's kids, and we all spoke the same language."

With the changes in Peaks over the past 30 years, and the increase in property taxes, Kantz is not sure if she'll stay. "I have some friends here, but a lot of my friends have moved," she said. "We're all getting chased out by the taxes."

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cause even a starter home costs more than $200,000, said Hoppin.

Lalanne Mandeville, 33, grows up on Peaks and now has three kids of her own. She and her husband, Louis, have been looking for a house to buy on the island for two years. But they can't find anything in their price range and expect they will have to move off the island.

The school tops Mandeville's list of things she will miss. Her son, Nolan, is entering third grade; her daughter, Ky, is entering first grade; and her one-year-old son Henry, is part of the recent baby boom.

"It just makes me sad that we're going to move," Mandeville said. "I wasn't here when I grew up." She decided to go out on her own. She bought an 18-foot-long wooden boat, the Barbara B., and hauled traps by hand. For three summers she hauled as many as 100 traps by hand and taught school in Auburn in the winter. She switched to a hydraulic hauler after a scary incident on the Maine Turnpike.

"I was driving the first day of school," she said. "I just passed the Gray exit for the Turnpike and I realized that both my arms were asleep from the elbows down, and I was going 70 miles an hour."

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Community Notes

Civil war books donated

A dedicaton ceremony for a collection of books on the Civil War was established in honor of the late Helen S. Young was held on Saturday, July 27. The ceremony marked the donation of over 300 books. Including many about Maine's role in the Civil War, and was donated to the Fifth Maine Regiment Community Center. Young, who died last December at 92, was a volunteer at the Fifth Maine and a summer resident of Peaks for the past 30 years. She was the descendent of two Civil War soldiers, John Dearborn and James Saunders, her grandparents, who were both members of Company H of the Massachusetts First Regiment Heavy Artillery. The dedication included a celebration of Young's life and was organized by her children, Christopher Young, Jane Barstall and Sharon Beaulac.

Youth soccer starts

Youth soccer is scheduled to begin on Labor Day, Sept. 2 at the playing field on Peaks Island, according to Carol Eisenberg, coach of the under 10 team. The under 10 teams play at 1 p.m. on Labor Day, Games after that will be held every Sunday in September and October with both the under 10 and under 8 teams playing at 1 p.m. At 2 p.m. there will be a pick-up game for children and adults. The two Peaks' teams compete in the Portland Area Youth Soccer Association.

Babies on the beach.

Photo by Mary Lou Wendell

Peaks Island Elementary School Enrollment

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1992-93: 60
1993-94: 61
1994-95: 68
1995-96: 69
1996-97: 67
1997-98: 69
1998-99: 68
1999-00: 66
2000-01: 67
2001-02: 68

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