Report criticizes ferry management, board

BY DAVID TYLER
An outside consultant dismissed charges of harassment and fraud directed at Casco Bay Lines management, but criticized ferry leadership and communications.

Patrick A. Peard, of the law firm Bernstein Shur, wrote in a 34-page report that the ferry company "is suffering internally from a lack of leadership from the top, poor communications, very little accountability and no trained human resource officers."

The Board of Directors of the Casco Bay Island Transit District (CBITD), which runs the ferry company, was scheduled to talk in a closed session on June 30 about the $66,000 report. An open session was scheduled after the meeting in case the board decided to take immediate action, according to Arlen Davis, the board's president.

"Nobody was spared, which I think is a good thing," Davis said, about Peard's report. "She laid the company open for us to solve our problems."

Long Island resident Donna Rocken, part of a group that submitted a no confidence petition in Casco Bay Lines General Manager Pat Christian with 284 signatures in April, said she was pleased with the report. "It was obvious to islanders who ride the boats that there are serious problems," she said. "This report takes away that feeling that we could be viewed as trouble-making islanders and trouble-making employees."

The CBITD hired Peard March 31 to investigate 11 complaints raised in an employee petition that also expressed no confidence in Christian.

On June 23 Christian announced his resignation at a photo see REPORT, page 16

Where are they now?

The kids in this kindergarten class from the Peaks Island Elementary School just graduated from high school last month. Many of them will live on the island, but others will do big things. In this issue they will be doing this fall and for the rest of our graduation coverage, please see page 4.

Photo courtesy of Kohin Walden

New teacher chosen for Peaks Island School

BY NINA MARKOV
The children of Peaks Island are too busy riding their bikes, collecting hermit crabs, and snapping mosquitoes to think much about school these days. But Katie St. Germain is already looking forward to her new job teaching fourth and fifth grade.

The position at the Peaks Island Elementary School was her "first choice," she says, because she likes the idea of working "in a small school with small classes" in a community with connections to the larger city of Portland.

Having worked in Maine schools for the last 13 years, St. Germain does not find the task of teaching two different grades at all daunting. As a former special ed teacher, she is used to "sizing down the curriculum for each student" — that is, getting to know each pupil and tailoring the curriculum to his or her particular needs — and expects her experience to come in handy in her new split position.

"In both fourth and fifth grade, you're introducing new skills, but you're also reviewing and refining existing ones. It doesn't matter that much what specific grade a child is in. They are all at different levels, and my job is to teach to each level," she says.

One of St. Germain's favorite classroom subjects is writing. "Writing is a very complex task — pleasure TEACHER, page 18

Peaks independence committee takes on a new role after island secession vote

BY DAVID TYLER
With the approval of the advisory referendum on secession (June 13), the Peaks Island Independence Committee takes on a new role.

The Island Independence Committee (IIC) advocated for the island leaving Portland to become its own town. After the referendum, and the unanimous vote by the Portland City Council in June to oppose secession, the IIC becomes the major player in the next steps as Peaks Island seeks to break away from the city. As the IIC gets ready to begin negotiating with the city, the group no longer represents just secession advocates, but the entire island instead.

"Our role has changed," said Howard Pedlham, chair of two IIC committees, Finance and Communications. "We are the ones that are going to negotiate with the town. That in itself brings a certain power to our organization. We certainly see that and we recognize that the rest of the island is involved in the process."

Island residents approved the secession referendum by 393 to 290 votes, or about 58 percent to 42 percent, according to the City Clerk's Office. On June 19, the City Council voted 8 to 0 to, with Councilor Ed Duson not present, to open negotiations between the city and representatives of the island. Those talks are expected to begin sometime in mid-July according to Michael Richards, the IIC's moderator and new role after island secession vote

For profiles of IIC members, please see page 14

After 40 years, Peaks Avon Lady has no plans to retire

BY DAVID TYLER
Peaks Island resident Betty Sterling marks her 40th year selling Avon products in 2006.

What makes this Avon lady unusual is that she's 82. And she has no plans to stop selling. "I have my customers and they depend on me," she said, when asked why she keeps going. "I'm going to die with my Avon bag."

To honor her 40 years with Avon, she received a fancy certificate and the choice of several prizes. But she threw the certificate away, and gave the prize selection to her daughter-in-law Leda, who is married to her son, Robert Sterling, 55. She's proud of her accomplishment, but didn't want to keep the certificate because "I'll be 93 in October and I'm trying to get rid of stuff before I die," Leda picked out an award for Betty's son.

Betty started selling Avon products in 1966. A friend on Peaks Island was the Avon lady, but she moved away and asked the district manager to appoint Betty as the island representative.

She's been an extremely successful Avon Lady. She's reached $1,000 in sales over a two-week period many times, she said, for which she received porcelain Mrs. Albee prizes.

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Waterfront rezoning proposed
The City of Portland Planning Board will hold public hearings on a proposal to rezone the Maine State Pier and city-owned property that is part of the Ocean Gateway project, now under construction.

The rezoning proposal would change this section of the city from a port development zone, which permitted marine industrial uses, to a new zone that will allow some retail and professional uses. The new zone would be called the eastern waterfront port zone and would allow accessory, non-marine contract zones for other uses in this section of the city. A separate marine terminal facility and a marina for vessels would be established.

Holiday freight restrictions
In order to smooth service during the July 4th holiday weekend, there will be no shipping of building supplies, furniture or large appliances on Casco Bay Lines starting on 1 p.m. on June 29 and continuing through July 4. Call the freight office with questions at 774-7871.

Summer ferry meetings
The summer island meetings held by the Casco Bay island Transit District's Board of Directors will be held on Peaks and Long islands. The Peaks Island meeting will be held in conjunction with the Peaks Island Neighborhood Association meeting on Tues., June 18 at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center. The Long Island meeting will be held on Thurs., July 2 at 7 p.m. at the VFW Hall.

New fire truck arrives
A new pumper fire truck for Chebeague Island was supposed to arrive in Maine on June 30, according to an official at the Cumberland Fire Department.

The truck was brought by Ferrera Fire Apparatus Inc. in Holden, MA. On June 26, Cumberland Fire Chief Daniel Small, Captain Clay Copp and Chebeague Island resident, Capt. Ralph Munroe were in Holden to check over the truck and make sure it meets specifications.

Wharf parking enforcement
Beginning on July 1, the island police will begin more aggressively enforcing parking rules at Chebeague Island's Stone Wharf. Islanders park on and near the wharf in order to take the Chebeague Island Transportation Co. ferry to Cousins Island. But the access road to the wharf has become overcrowded, particularly for emergency vehicles to access the ferry, according to Cumberland Town Manager Bill Shane.

Vehicles are not supposed to be left overnight at the wharf. Some residents have left cars there for days and weeks at a time, Shane said. "It's unfair to everyone else. Elderly and disabled people have to walk allmost from the golf course," he said.

Overnight tickets will be ticketed and some cars have been towed. "If we had tickets, we would allow voluntary parking. If someone want to volunteer, we will go on to the next step," Shane said.

Scession update set
A meeting has been scheduled for July 12 at 7 p.m. at the Chebeague Island Hall to update the state's status on the island's secession from Cumberland.

The Chebeague Island Community Association invited Cumberland islanders to come to the island. Town Manager Bill Shane and Cumberland Town Manager Stephen Moriarty will attend. An update on the process will be given and the date of a transition meeting will be discussed.

According to the Chebeague Scession bill, the formal secession process could not start until 90 days after the legislature adjourned, which happened on May 28. Since islanders have asked that this meeting be held Sunday to accommodate fishermen, the earliest the meeting could be held would be Sun., Aug. 27, according to Shane.

Town Manager Bill Shane and Daniels have volunteered to work with this transition from every Wednesday through July 1, 2007, when Chebeague becomes a town. "We want to be there as a resource to help the community. Rather than dictate policy, town manager Bill Shane said.

The State Legislature passed the Chebeague Scession bill on April 5 and Gov. John Baldacci signed the bill that afternoon.

Music scholarship available
The Peaks Island Music Association is accepting applications for the 2006 Barbara Grisim Music Scholarship. The $250 award is offered annually and is named for the former islander who was a founding member and past president of the music association.

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Open studios: Artists in their natural habitats

BY JANE BANQUER

Sometime during the 1990s, a writer for the now-defunct newspaper Gazette-Bay Weekly wrote, "You can hardly throw a brick on Peaks Island without hitting an artist." Judging from the number of visual artists currently opening studios for public monthly summer art walks, if you threw a brick or a glance, you’d find just as many in 2006, not to mention their colleagues who are sitting out this season along with those who write, dance, film, make music and theatre out here.

Open studios are cropping up in communities all over. What’s the scene on Peaks? Who participates? When and how did it all get started?

There had been countless attempts in the distant past to organize the many diverse Peaks Island visual artists but herding cats would have been easier.

The most recent and successful effort began when painter Renée Bouchard settled herself on Peaks, inviting others to join her in a Valentine show at her studio, now the Umbrella Cover Museum space. Renée would start the first Art Walks in 2003 but before then, newly arrived stained glass artist, Jane Neukirch, brought her personal brand of energy and ideas to fill an empty storefront with cooperative artist work for holiday seasonal shopping.

By the time a Peaks had taken over the space for summer, and more holiday artwork, a small season of open studios had flourished among a group of friends. With Jane and the GEM Gallery as a center point, Peaks artists have made the natural step to support a structured open studio season, coordinated by "the other" Jane Banquer and published by Tim Noho.

It’s now the fourth summer of open studios with 20 artists working in painting, sculpture, printmaking, photography, ceramics, jewelry, metalwork, basketry, stained glass, clothing and film.

For island sights, transportation and good eating, Island Tours, The Cockeyed Gull and the Inn on Peaks have put their stars on the map as well. The posters and flyers advise viewers to "Walk, Bike, Skip or Ride" and "Visit Island Artists in their Natural Habitats."

So, what’s unique to studio habitats rather than gallery walls? The stuff of artmaking sparks lots of questions, lots of discussion and curiosity for materials and methodologies. "Explain the difference between reproductions and fine art prints" and "What crowds those creative recyclers for collage, wearable and sculpture resources," not to mention ideas for images, shapes, textures, colors and so on.

In July and August you can hold your brick and walk, bike, skip or ride to visit Island artists in their natural habitats where they’re ready to show and to chat and to sell their work. Studios are open the last Saturday of the month, July 29 and August 26, from 3 to 7 p.m.

Jane Banquer and Norm Proulx welcome visitors to City Point Studio.

Virtual, and island, connections

BY SARAH GOODMAN

It’s the last Sunday in May, we’ve had sun all day, and those who weren’t singing hymns, spent the morning checking out the monthly-touted "great stuff" of multiple families. Most of us waved to a person, traded wagon potatoes, or asked a person their political views, before noon—a person within spitting distance.

Whether rubber-lap lace or visiting familiar places, the human brain is guided by and toward connections. The strongest are the surprise-chance encounters. On the Internet, social networking sites have spread like viruses. Underneath the interface sponsors can turn a page. I went to a page. Though I didn’t even peek, I got a free membership, to a club where everyone counts. ("A friend is anyone you "add" to your page.) Users get free membership, to a club where everyone counts. ("A friend is anyone you "add" to your page.) Users get free membership, to a club where everyone counts. ("A friend is anyone you "add" to your page.) Users get free membership, to a club where everyone counts.

On the other side of the virtual tracks, lie the trackers, community sites that register and report terrestrial objects floating in the universe of human interaction, branded by such geeky interests as tracking dollar bills by series and serial number, passing along tagged disposable cameras, or handing off used books, the more needy goal here is just to make contact, with somebody, anybody. On bookcrossing.com, for example, you can register a book off your bookshelf, post a little note inside, and release it. Next thing you know, the book is crossing the globe. You get to log on and "meet" the people the book encounters.

Peaks Island is approximately one square mile. Here, you don’t need a registration number to learn what happened to your old books. You’ll see them sooner than you can turn a page. I went to three yard sales this morning. At one, I met J., who excitedly showed me her nearby-new leather sneakers. My shoes. I got them last summer at Christopher’s, or finally, in September—Big Trash Week.

Then, who knows? They just might be incorporated into art at GEM Gallery, and finally get their fifteen minutes of, well, local gossip at least.
Donors thanked, new applications being accepted at the Peaks Island Fund

BY BILL ZIMMERMANN

We at the Peaks Island Fund (PIF) are beginning to recover from the shock of being shut out by Bill and Melinda Gates in the line for their generous donations. We were hoping that Warren might leave a little something to PIF. To the best of our understanding, the event meant that we have to continue trying to raise the $5,000,000 for Peaks on our own.

Bill Gates made the point that he hopes the trustees will inspire others to give back to their communities and to make the most personal and most generous ways possible. He also reiterated that we should not leave too much money to those who have no other homes but PIF for them to do what they want to do, but not so much that they don’t have to do anything at all.

It means that there should be plenty of opportunities for Peaks Island residents to follow Bill’s advice, “avoid creating dynastic wealth for children who happen to be born to the rich families, members of the lucky sperm club,” and leave more of your estate money to the community instead.

Here is the really good news for Peaks Island. This is our answer. The fund did receive nine new gifts in 2005 and we want to thank the donors for helping to support our grant making.

So thanks go to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Palfrey, Jon, Doug, and a comprehensive Thompson, Marilyn Penetah, Karen Ett, the members of the Randall McVane American Legion Post 142. Paul and Stephanie Castle, Tom and Anne Snyder, Peter Rose and Alicia Kershaw and several anonymous donors who have made it possible for the PIF to increase its grants to approximately $10,000–12,000 for 2005. That figure is a 10 percent increase over gifts made in 2004.

The Peaks Island Fund is now accepting applications for its 2006 grant cycle. Please provide a one-page explanation of the purpose and an estimate of the organisation’s mission statement, the list of board members, and a copy of the annual financial statement. Applications should be budgeted for 2006 and should be presented to any PIF committee member (Joan Mallory, Nancy Bean, Brena Buchanan, Penny Sutherland, Jim Laur, Michelle, Thibeault, or Bill Zimmerman) by July 15.

Grants will be reviewed at the July meeting of PIF and awards will be announced at the August 15 Annual Meeting at the Zimmerman home at 14 Centennial Street. The annual meeting will begin at 6:15 PM and the community is invited to attend.

Any community members interested in contributing to the fund for this year’s awards can contact PIF committee members for details on giving. The PIF is also anxious to have your opinions on emerging needs of the island that might be considered for funding.

The Peaks Island Fund connects people who care with causes that matter.

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BY STEVEN HEATH

Why Give Blood? Because in the United States donated blood helps save a life every two seconds. Despite all the help that volunteers can provide, the reality is that everyone needs help. Blood donors are very special people. In the United States, 90 percent of the public is eligible to donate blood, but only 50 percent of the people actually do.

We have many blood donors throughout the Portland area. As our community newspaper, we wish to thank all of our donors, no matter what age or gender.

We wish to give a special thanks to all of the people and institutions that have helped make blood drives a success in the past. Our community has many doctors, nurses, and medical technicians who help patients and save lives.

We wish to thank the Portland Health Center for their continued efforts to save lives. Their efforts are crucial to the health of the community.

We wish to thank all of our sponsors for their efforts and support. Without their support, we could not continue to provide quality blood drives.

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Letters to the editor

THANKS TO RESPONDERS

The Board of Directors of the Diamond Island Association, on behalf of its membership, wishes to thank all of those who have helped with the devastating fire at the Harriott cottage on Thurs., April 20. All who responded helped keep the fire from spreading to other cottages on that very windy day. We are very grateful for your willingness, your expertise, and your prompt response.

We wish to thank all of the hospital personnel who helped care for the residents of the Harriott cottage. They did an excellent job.

We wish to thank all of the volunteers who helped with the fire and clean-up. Without their help, the situation could have been much worse.

We wish to thank all of the people who have helped make these efforts a success. Their dedication and hard work is essential to the success of these events.

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LISTEN TO SECCION DOUBTERS

The process of fact-finding and subsequent negotiation is about to begin in the matter of a potential Peaks Island secession. Members of the Island Independence Committee (IIC) will sit down with designated representatives from the city (see “City forms team with committee to discuss secession bid.” Portland Press Herald, June 27) and discuss matters.

This meeting is to take place in Portland’s community that, along with Peaks Island residents, should pay close attention to every discussion and every piece of information provided. Whenever possible, they should attend the meetings to hear first-hand what is said.

It’s critical to Peaks Island’s future that members of the IIC understand they are representing not just the members of the IIC, but all residents of Peaks Island, many of whom have sensitive and valid doubts about secession.

If information is presented that is not to the benefit of Peaks Islanders, the IIC needs to communicate that to the public, as well. Only solid facts will gain the IIC credibility. The end of the process should, at a minimum, provide Islanders with a realistic explanation of what rate that would result in the quantum of services to the island and is receiving now.

As it is, there’s a higher or lower than today’s mill rate is not the point now. This mill rate has to be based on fact. No more of this “a dream of universal recycling and cheery evergreen services budget” kind of thing. Real information about the current city budget, its history and overall costs, in fact, has been made available and agreed upon as being reliable. Only is it with that accurate information assembled into an actual, working budget can the Legislature make its decision.

The facts are out there. We need to know them. All of them.

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TRIVIA QUESTION

Although Gordon Murphy wrote his first Chebeague Chronicle column for the June issue of the Island Times, he did provide the answer to the Trivia question: Which Islandlander appeared on the cover of Time magazine?

A. James G. Smiley
B. John B. Weeks
C. Duane L. Kuehn
D. William H. Fitzsimons

Correct answer: C. Duane L. Kuehn

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This island life

BY GEORGE ROOK

An island fourwome recently boarded the first morning boat, and headed for a round of pasture pool. Being high handicappers, this jolly group expected nothing in the way of spectacular play. Shots sprayed the course. No axis, smooth, rough, or waterlogged, escaped their onslaught.

On the 18th hole, a relatively short drive away, a three iron put one player on the green in two. The ball settled to a double, one-under-par birdie putt away. Tired, and now shaken with the prospect of his first birdie ever, our friend spent ten minutes fumbling up and assessing contour, grass height and bend, and shot-direction. After a short prayer to Saint Mulligan, patron of duffers, iron contacted ball and the deed was done. The ball rolled true.

In the silence, and visible to all, an earthworm appeared just behind the ball and, ever so gently, made the plunge. Chance and a worm appeared just behind the ball and, ever so gently, made the plunge. Chance and physics contrived to make things right. And it was this early worm that got the birdie.

A summary of behavioral advice for all summerers on Peaks: Don’t flaunt. Islanders abhor flaunting.

Leave satin, lace, and velvet in the luggage. Bring your oldest car to Peaks. Don’t flaunt. Islanders abhor flaunting.

It is okay to borrow a dollar or less in the course of a telephone call to a friend. If there is interest, a relative will be called.

In one particular instance, a relatively simple re-selling took months to complete because workers were reading the newspapers used as underlayment on the outside walls. One workman, high on a ladder, was seen doing a 1925 crossword puzzle. He was stymied by not knowing Woodrow Wilson’s first name, among other things. It took an afternoon of telephone calls to find the answer. Thomas.

We ordinary mortals have much to learn from other islanders. The secret craft of lobstering is now being revealed, with one Peaks fisherman taking passengers out to his secret field of traps. There, they watch the process and maybe even see the landing of a few keepers. Some even get to touch the traps.

Kollecthers, male or female, generally live in a solitary world. Some take along a dog, which is often preferred to a family member. It must be refreshing to an old salt to have a captive audience hanging on to every truthful word spoken. And being paid for doing it.

This idea of Dream Adventures is catching on in other areas. The Public Works people are offering Blue Bag expeditions where one can hang on to the back of a monster trash truck, leap off, snap and toss a garbage bag, and re-board while in motion. Not for sissies. The police and fuel company people are looking into similar attractions.

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Committee, your page: one of the five official secession representatives.

The City announced on May 26 that its negotiating team will include Mayor James Cohen, At-Large Councilor Edward Suslovic, Finance Director Diane Wilke, Assistant City Manager Lary Mead and Corporation Counsel Gary Wood.

The IJC's negotiating team had not been named at press time. The group will look for members with a background in municipal finance, accounting, law and negotiations, said Richards.

Both sides said they are working to start negotiations in July, although the date of the first meeting had not been set by the end of June.

In addition to picking a negotiating team, the IJC is in the process of adopting bylaws and choosing a Steering Group. The IJC began to look at the process of developing bylaws earlier this year, however the research work needed to prepare for the secession process forced us to delay completion until after the election on June 13, Pedlikin said.

The IJC has been run by the Steering Committee, consisting of Richards, BL Secretary/Treasurer Judy Plawlock and the chairs of the eight major committees (Communication, Education, Finance, Fundraising, Governance, Public Services, Land Use/Zoning and Public works).

"That group will be expanded in July," said Pedlikin. The Steering Group will then be the body making decision on IJC policy and acting as an executing officer to the negotiating committee.

During negotiations, the IJC team will check in regularly with the Steering Group, said Richards.

The IJC is also looking for new volunteers and right now is interested in those who want to work with or advise the negotiating team. "We are communicating with the rest of the island to bring on board as many people as possible," Pedlikin said.

He stressed that all members of the public, and not just IJC members, are welcome. In fact, there were between 50 and 60 people at the IJC's June 15 meeting, the first one after the vote, Richards said. Pedlikin said that IJC meetings in July are scheduled for July 6 and 20 at 7 p.m. at the Community Center.

Mayor Cohen said the state law is vague as to what the substance of discussions between the two parties is supposed to be. "I think at this point we are going in with an open mind," he said. "Our council has stated that the secession proposal before us is not something that the council is interested in accepting. Beyond that we need to see what are the common areas of agreement."

Richards said he could not comment on what the IJC's negotiating position might be, but the goal is working out a deal for Peaks to leave Portland.

"The IJC is not in a position to discuss conciliation," Richards said. "The people of Peaks Island have voted in favor of secession and our job as we see it now is to negotiate the terms of separation."

When asked what city officials meant when they said before the referendum that it is better for Portland and Peaks to remain together, he said: "We think that financially the city is better off and in terms of the diversity of the people, the economy of the geography and the common bonds of over 200 years of history together; these are very strong reasons to say Peaks and Portland are better off together than apart."

Portland offers a full range of city services. "We're Peaks to secede, we would continue to carry that same level of infrastructure, but now there would be a smaller population of people contributing to that infrastructure, which makes Portland financially worse off," Cohen said.

Based on the numbers city officials have seen for providing services on Peaks, plus the cost of separating assets and debts, and the cost of running services such as the sewer system, Cohen believes residents of a town of Peaks Island would pay the same in property taxes as they now pay to the city, and possibly more. "So it just doesn't seem like a good deal for Peaks."

aisle to isle

Tuesdays' shop for groceries before 11:30am and they will be delivered by Casco Bay Lines to Peaks Island that afternoon!

For more information inquire at Forest Ave, Hannaford or call 761-5965. Normal boat fee applies.
Pamela J returns

A few days ago I witnessed the return of Norman "Bob" Anderson's wooden lobster boat Pamela J to Fisherman's Cove. Bob had soldered some power cable cuts for my boat a few days earlier, and I could see then that the new wheelhouse he and his son Eric had been constructing and installing was done.

While it is routine on Cliff Island to see thirty-five-feet drones dropped in and out of the tidal zone, it is still quite a thrill to watch it happen done up. At low tide Dave Crowley's big backhoe seemed to be up to the task as he repeatedly backed his unit and pulled with the bucket.

The impounding craft spit out some bilge water as the movement disturbed her rest, and before long the Pamela J was sitting in her cradle well above the high tide level.

I expected that I would see her on her moving as soon as the sun came in, but she stayed in her cradle quite a while soaking up some water and swelling shut. The next morning the Pamela J ventured wayward out of the cove, and now it is not safe to be a legal lobster.

New exhibits

The Cliff Island Historical Society has a very attractive new front step thanks to Charlie and Billy Green. Those who take advantage of this new feature will be treated to exhibits from Cliff Island's past.

There is a fine collection of Native American baskets accompanied by a large photograph of their maker, Mitchell Arlene, a Native American who paddled his canoe out to the island and sold baskets on Cliff into the 1950s. He is still remembered by some on the island. Another exhibit shows off needlework done by Cliff residents in the past. A third display based on input from Chester Pettengill will intrigue anyone who wonders about the family connections here.

Obviously, a great deal of effort has been put into this community asset. The facility continues to be spruced up in a steady way by volunteers like Bob Howard, who has added a new partition and maintained the computers. Eric Anderson has hand carved a large sign to go over the door, and Dale Dyer is adding moldings and window treatments.

Anyone who comes to Cliff should spend some time in this interesting and valuable site, which will be open Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Adventist history

Every summer the Cliff Island Seventh-Day Adventist Church becomes a meeting place for worship services on Saturday and Sunday. One can hear singing several evenings each summer as "song services" are held.

The church was built by islanders in 1889 according to Chester Pettengill, who attended with his mother starting in the late 1890s. Before 1899 Adventist services had been held in private homes. In 1908, the members of the Cliff Island church, which belonged to the Northern New England Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists, stipulated that the building could also be used for Sunday services by non-Adventists.

The tradition of holding both services will continue this summer. There will be Sunday Services during this July and August with leaders selected by the ecumenical church committee. One of the speakers is Sharon Marr from Long Island, who has conducted services on Cliff for many years. Music will be provided by Chester Pettengill and others.

The Saturday Adventist meetings are currently attended by a small group of people. In the past more than half of the residents of the island were converted in the early 20th century by "George" Goodrich. The number of Adventists in earlier times was more than half the population, and indeed more than the current year round population.

The first Cliff Island Elder was Charles Fred Griffin, grandfather of Gordon Griffin. In the past Mariman Hamson Reiner provided music while her father or uncle provided sermons.

Odd and ends

Odds and Ends: The community hall was used for primary elections on June 13, and saw a light turnout as a result of those being out high-ly contentious issues on the ballot. This is in contrast to the important secession vote on Peaks. How will Cliff be affected? ... MILL's store is thriving and is open daily for July and August. The plaza and the memorial table is a favorite. ... Lobster traps are going out to the good spots. Some are admitting that the lobsters are plentiful for this time of year. ... Weeds are being killed on the tennis court, but one and a shortage of volunteers to will lead to a later than normal opening. ... There are new pilings on the north face of the wharf. The clean up of the waiting area has seen a new set of the clever pigeons find an alternate route to the place they want to be. These birds continue to perform the place.

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Little Diamond Dispatches

By Linda Tyler and Peter Valch

For decades the official “bean-sow” on Little Diamond has been the Fourth of July. A rag-tag bunch of children, dogs, and some particularly silly adults donned old costumes and form the infamous “Parade of the Horribles” to greet, bemuse, and bewilder passengers aboard the 11 a.m. down-bay-boat.

The flag is raised, songs are sung, Libby Zerker passes out half-dollars to the best “doggie counter-terrorist agent.” We’re also, of course, fighting equipment, or even water in our hydrants for six months of the year on the more populated end of the island.

That’s the official beginning of summer on Little Diamond. Less official, and more purely delightful is the Solstice Party hosted for many years by the Barkers—Allen and Nita. This year the announced theme was Italy and things Italian in honor of Nita—

People rummaged through attics and closets for red-white-and-green (the Italian flag colors) garments. Several variations on red-checked table clothes appeared as clowns below bunches of gogyes, empty cans of Full Fled marinara sauce, and/or Italian wine bottles (why did they stop making those straw-covered Chianti bottles)? Paul Stevens wore a plain white polo shirt with a discrete 1½ logos (Brivella Donzette decoded it immediately: the score of the just-concluded Italy-United States World Cup Soccer match)

Nothing much went according to plan. Neither the audience nor the under-rehearsed chorus that attempted to sing the Italian national anthem could tell whether the lyrics were in English or Italian. By the time tarantella dance lessons were to commence on the lawn, so much good food, wine, and Allen’s lethal punch had been consumed—and so many mosquitoes had appeared—that the project was quickly abandoned. But for the second year running, the sun actually shone for the solstice, and a grand island time was had by all.

A couple of the summerside visitors of the second year running, it seemed as if we hardly saw it during the soggy-wet, rotting-tomato-garden June. But we grumped mostly (at least we claimed), maybe in part because John Bishop very kindly sent us boxed DVD sets of the Rules of our four seasons of the television show “24” (Kiefer Sutherland stars as a rogue counter-terrorist agent). We’re pumped. Sufficiently so, that we may stage 24-hour marathon showings. Any takers?

Meanwhile, the Little Diamond Island Association has once again started the second annual island mini-adventure, Man, Pack Tacker and his fellow skippers, who got us all to town, and pretty much on time, and once again demonstrated the resourcefulness and impromptu generosity which make it such a pleasure and a privilege to live on these islands of Casco Bay.

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Congratulations graduates!

The following Peaks islanders recently graduated from high school. We asked them what they were looking forward to most now that they are done with high school. We’ve included their answers.

Kayla McTigue is going to Plymouth State University. She is looking forward to "just getting through college."

Giovanni Morabito is going to the University of Maine in Augusta to study architecture. He is looking forward to "moving on to bigger things."

Charley Friedman is going to the University of Maine in Orono to study civil engineering. He is looking forward to studying what he wants.

Dicky Newcomb is going to New England College in New Hampshire to study kinesiology. He is looking forward to having more freedom.

Michael Whitman is going to the University of California at Berkeley. He is looking forward to living on the west coast for the next four years.

Molly Radis is going to Bates College in Maine to study art and biology. She is looking forward to "just meeting all the new people at school."

Sarah Walden is going to Mt. Holyoke to study languages. She is looking forward to "meeting new people."

Ben Richards is taking a year off from school to go to Europe in the spring. Next fall he will attend the College of Art and Design in Georgia.

Lilly Van Der Steenhoven is in Denali, Alaska doing trail maintenance. She will attend college in Bennington, Vermont in the fall.

Paige Hart-Smith will attend Susquehanna University to study communications. She is looking forward to "meeting new people and going to college."

Sophie Presgraves will attend the University of Virginia to major in Architecture. She is looking forward to "everything."

Marcus O’Toole will attend Mount Ida College in Ireland to study history.

We were not able to contact Emmet Huber and Jackman Wood.

Fifth grade graduation on Peaks

A graduation ceremony was held at the Peaks Island Elementary School on June 12. Graduates from top left, clockwise are: Olyn Medway, Samuel Cassis, Dainius Bukauskas, Victoria Blanchard, Hannah Carlson, Michael Proin and Camille Hanley.

This is the kindergarten picture from the current high school graduating class.

Front Row from left to right: Thomas Balsamo, Derek Gregor, Molly Radis, Ben Richards, Jackman Wood, Jill Mulhern, Paul Gross, Morgan Mencher, Jennifer Manzo

Middle Row: Caralyn MacKenzie-Hicks (Ed. Tech), Tannis Goodson, Kayla McTigue, Charley Friedman, Emmet Huber, Sarah Walden

Back Row: Sophie Presgraves, Emma Friel, Chris Brown, Spencer Hawkes, Alex Wellington, Lisa Guthrie (teacher)
One result of this style is "that the general managers is invisible to employees." Pearl wrote. "They do not regard him as a leader and simply ignore him or disregard him. Therefore, there is a perception among employees that there is no direction or control from the top of the company."

"There's a reasonable amount of concern about the management style. There's a lack of direction and lack of communication," she said. "Employees feel that the company is being run in a very disrespectful manner." Pearl wrote. "They do not regard him as a leader and simply ignore him or disregard him. Therefore, there is a perception among employees that there is no direction or control from the top of the company."
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She among delegates from China, Australia, the Soviet Union, and the Arab nations. She manages to see humor in the situation, recalling the intense work schedule and colorful personalities among her colleagues and reminds us that, above all, human rights begin at home and are the responsibility of everyone.

Director Josephine Lane, an actress since childhood, performed in Boston and New York, premiering new plays and touring schools, and coaches professional actors in Boston.

Actress Elena Dodd worked with People's Theatre of Cambridge, Mass., Boston's New African Company, and Whetstone Theatre of Brattleboro, Vermont. She is a member of The Streetfest Women, a Boston-based company of writers/performers. Lane and Dodd's script is based on Mrs. Roosevelt's writings, Joseph Lash's work, and research at Hyde Park, N.Y., with support from the American Association of University Women and the Polaroid Foundation.

The Peaks Island Library is including "Beloved Island: Franklin and Eleanor and the Legacy of Campobello" in its reading and discussion group on July 11 at the TELC. The Roosevelts stopped in the Portland area numerous times on the way to their summer home on Campobello Island, New Brunswick and often sailed in Casco Bay.

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She enjoyed learning that islanders often held multiple roles—the school custodian was also the tax driver," she recalls—and is excited to get to know Peaks' unique community. "I'd like to take advantage of the different expertise people have to offer. I could imagine inviting a local fisherman to talk about tidal pools, for example, or bringing in people with knowledge about computers, nutrition, or the fine arts," she says. "I'm also looking forward to working with the elderly, who have so much to offer to young people."

"All students are capable of learning—it's just a matter of finding what will spark their interest," she says, summarizing her teaching philosophy. "You really have to get to know students well to figure out how best to engage them. My goal is to get kids to be good thinkers and problem-solvers."

The scholarship is open to any Peaks Island music student, between the ages of 8 and 22, who can demonstrate significant comprehension and problem-solving skills, and a letter of recommendation from a music teacher or knowledgeable community member. Auditions will be scheduled based on applications. Please include in your letter your age, years of study, instruments, and something of your experience and aspirations. Also state why you want and, if applicable, need this scholarship.

BARBARA GOELMAN was a Broadway dancer who moved to Peaks Island from New York. She taught dance in Portland and on Peaks Island for many years. Her vivacity and enthusiasm for music and dance were an inspiration to all who knew her. She had unsurpassing artistic goals, great creativity and energy. Please address application letters to: Peaks Island Music Association, c/o Faith York, 41 Luther Street, Peaks Island, ME 04108. Applications should be postmarked by July 31, 2006. Include full name, address, phone number and e-mail, if available. If you have additional questions, call 768-5763. The award will be presented at the final concert in PIMA's Wednesday evening summer series at The Fifth Maine Regiment Museum. The concert will feature the Peaks Island Chorale.
Members of the Island Independence Committee profiled

Someone asked me to moderate a secession meeting last year. Given the long-standing lack of meaningful input by islanders in their own affairs, and the negative impact of the city’s property tax revaluation on the island’s financially vulnerable citizens, I felt it was my public duty to help explore the issues related to self-government on Peaks.

2. How much time do you spend working on IIC issues?

On average, one to two hours per day.

3. How do you view the role of the IIC going forward in the secession process, now that the advisory referendum has passed?

The IIC should campaign for the passage of the secession bill for the Legislature and lobby for passage of the bill.

Eunice A. Curran

Secession representative.

Biographical information: Former Deputy City Clerk for Portland; husband died in 1979, three children. Born on Peaks Island, lived here 75 years.

1. Why did you join the IIC?

The city and state have done nothing to correct the property tax situation, as it is prohibitively expensive for retired people. Assessments are wrong and do not get corrected. Where are retired people going? Assessments and property taxes need to be fair and equitable. The state is doing nothing about it: coastal people throughout Maine, especially fishermen and lobstermen, are very hard hit. The current system is unfair.

2. How much time do you spend working on IIC issues?

This is a major topic of conversation for me, on a daily basis.

3. How do you view the role of the IIC going forward in the secession process, now that the advisory referendum has passed?

I think that the IIC has done a good job thus far, researching all the information that we need in order to make an educated decision about the cost of secession. Before a final decision can be made we need to know the full cost.

Judy Piawlock

Secession representative, IIC-secretary and treasurer.

Biographical information: Wife, mother, homemaker and self-employed seamstress; married to Stanley; six children and four grandchildren. Lived on Peaks for 19 years.

1. Why did you join the IIC?

I have believed in the concept of self-government for Peaks since the early 1990s. That’s why I helped initiate the current movement, as I did the last time.

2. How much time do you spend working on IIC issues?

Several hours a day.

3. How do you view the role of the IIC going forward in the secession process, now that the advisory referendum has passed?

Based on what the IIC has done through the past year, I expect a continuing uphill struggle to achieve our goals.

Charles Radis

Secession representative.

Biographical information: Rheumatologist, married to Sandi Radis; two children, Kane, 21, and Molly, 18.

1. Why did you join the IIC?

I was in favor of the original independence movement in 1991 and feel strongly that an independent Peaks Island is the best route for preserving island culture and a community to raise our children. Up and down the Maine coast nearly all year-round islands are tackling the complex issues of affordable housing for young families, maintaining their schools, and assisting their elderly. Peaks Island volunteers have created independent living housing for our elders, not the city of Portland. Volunteers paid Island to maintain our Peaks Island Children’s Workshop, not the city of Portland. Volunteers support the finances and direction of our island health center. I believe the quality of our new town will directly reflect the active volunteerism already in action. There are many talented people, devoted to our little (lucky) town.

2. How much time do you spend working on IIC issues?

I give whatever time I can to this task, but like many others, I need to balance this with work and family.

3. How do you view the role of the IIC going forward in the secession process, now that the advisory referendum has passed?

Negotiations with the city of Portland are slated to begin shortly and hopefully we can work out a settlement which will be fair to both parties.

Howard Pedlikin

Chair, Communications Committee, Finance Committee.

Biographical information: Former city council president, retired member of United States Air Force; Synanon threesome, three grandchildren.

1. Why did you join the IIC?

I felt strongly it is time for Peaks Island to govern itself.

2. How much time do you spend working on IIC issues?

About 20 hours per week.

3. How do you view the role of the IIC going forward in the secession process, now that the advisory referendum has passed?

Negotiations with the city of Portland are slated to begin shortly and hopefully we can work out a settlement which will be fair to both parties.

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J. B. Capone-Newton
Co-chair, Governance Committee
Biographical Information: Early childhood education
specialist, former early childhood director, 13 years, year-round resident since 2004.
1. Why did you join the IIC?
I attended early meetings of the IIC to find out more about the issues. After several
years of meetings I decided that serving on the IIC was an appropriate and reasonable
way to increase my involvement with my neighbors in the City.
2. How much time do you spend work-
ing on IIC issues?
I volunteer about 10 to 20 hours per week on IIC affairs.
3. How do you view the role of the IIC go-
ging forward in the secession process, now that
the advisory referendum has passed?
I see three central tasks for the IIC at this point: 1. To continue to engage the Peaks
community in meaningful discussion about secession; 2. To do the research and planning necessary to make the
independence possibility meaningful and successful; and 3. To or-
ganize those interested in using their skills to
achieve our common goal of self-government.
4. How much time do you spend work-
ing on IIC issues?
Over the past year, we've spent about four-to-eight hours a week working
on IIC issues.
5. How do you view the role of the IIC go-
ging forward in the secession process, now that
the advisory referendum has passed?
I view the IIC as continuing to engage the Peaks community in meaningful
discussion about secession. We will need to develop the capacity to solve our own
problems and to determine what we need to do to achieve self-government.
6. How much time do you spend work-
ing on IIC issues?
About 10 to 20 hours per week.
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I. Why did you join the IIC?

In the beginning it was due to the new mandate of our president. After we, and others, went to the City Council meeting asking for a new vessel to be bought but the Council basically ignored our request. It was time to organize and try do something about it. Did not take long before we saw the efforts for tax change was not going anywhere, and we needed to control our own spending. The only way to do that is by governing ourselves. Over the last year plus it has become even more evident that the City was not going to do anything but put band-aids on a few hot items. So you realize the changes and I mean all residences of Peaks needed to get evolved to work toward change. In my opinion the only way to make true change is by self-governing.

2. How much time do you spend working on IIC issues?

At the beginning we had meetings twice a month. Over the last month, we had meetings six to ten times a week! The new board is working hard to take care of a lot of work during the transition period.

3. How do you view the role of the ICG going forward in the secession process, now that the advisory referendum has passed?

I think it is essential to maintain a good working relationship with our Portland neighbor.

Christina Monika Foster
Member, By-laws Sub-committee
Biographical Information: Married with one daughter, 18-months-old. Lived on Peaks since 2004.
1. Why did you join the IIC?

I was interested from the beginning, I just wondered if this might work for us. We've been honored with even more folks interested in being involved.

2. How much time do you spend working on IIC issues?

Probably around two to three hours a week since February. The weeks leading up to the vote were a lot more since we met once a week and I also worked at tables down front.

3. How do you view the role of the ICG going forward in the secession process, now that the advisory referendum has passed?

As much time as needed to properly address each issue.

Frank L. Peretti
Member, Finance Committee
Biographical Information: Finance and accounting manager for international exploration and production for Texaco Inc.
Married with one grown son. Lived on Peaks since 1980.
1. Why did you join the IIC?

To assist in any way I could to help establish reasonable and accurate budgets so that Peaks Islanders could reach their own goals.

2. How much time do you spend working on IIC issues?

As much time as needed to properly address each issue.

3. How do you view the role of the ICG going forward in the secession process, now that the advisory referendum has passed?

We are now at the stage that serious negotiations are to be conducted between the IIC and the City of Portland representatives to determine accurate asset and liability values for an equitable distribution of taxpayer-owned assets, negotiate the best course of action for the Peaks Island school system and for Peaks Island Students attending school on the mainland, and determine the equitable tax burden in relation to the remaining issues so that Peaks Islanders will determine their own future while maintaining a good working relationship with our Portland neighbor.

Lynee Richard
Member, Education Committee
Public Services Committee
Biographical Information: Environmental coordinator at the Portland Water District. Taught middle school science in Connecticut for 17 years. Married to Steve 20 years in August. Lived on Peaks since 2000, purchased cottage 10 years ago.
1. Why did you join the IIC?

I attended some Oceanage meetings and then the City Council meetings about our tax increases. The second solidified my thinking that Peaks' relationship with Portland was irretrievably broken. At the same time, I moved to the Neighborhood Plan. I learned there are very talented people working on these issues as well. At the beginning, I just wondered if we could improve our own situation. I believe it was reinforced that we could and should pursue it. We'll have so much more if we remain together.

2. How much time do you spend working on IIC issues?

As much time as needed to properly address each issue.

3. How do you view the role of the ICG going forward in the secession process, now that the advisory referendum has passed?

As much time as needed to properly address each issue.
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When earth is on this side of the sun, its northern hemisphere tilted 23.5 degrees toward the sun, bringing more light and heat, warming it up and bringing summer. Six months from now, when earth has traveled to the other side of the sun, the northern hemisphere will tilt 23.5 degrees away from the sun, bringing less heat and light, cooling it off and bringing winter.

The temperature extremes also change between summer and winter can be 120 degrees, so it's amazing that life flourishes here, but we've adapted our shelter and clothing and do well. Interestingly, our summer occurs when earth is furthest away from the sun (aphelion), but before you put people living in the southern hemisphere, remember that most of earth's oceans are three, moderating temperatures significantly.

The constellation Hercules is near the zenith when darkness finally falls this month. Go out around 20 p.m., face south, and look straight up. You'll notice the red giant star Arcturus (in Bootes) on your right and blue-white Vega (in Lyra) on your left. Hercules is in the middle and covers a lot of sky. I love Corona Borealis to its right, a big smile in the night. The planets most visible now are Jupiter in the west after dusk and Venus in the west before dawn. Bring more than any star and will catch your eye first. I wonder how many wishes have been written on Venus the "first star," or "star of wishes."

July 1: The moon's at apogee today, further from earth in its elliptical orbit. July 2: First quarter moon is high in the sky at sunset. The next week or so is prime time for telescopic lunar exploration. Focus on the terminator line between light and dark, as it creates shadows on the craters, mountains, and ridges. Today, expect X14 passes by earth, nearly as close as the moon. It's one-third of a mile wide and traveling fast, so it would make a mess if it hit us. Astronomers keep a close watch on these interlopers and are working on plans to divert or destroy any they discover before it hits Earth's atmosphere at 7 p.m., tonight. The furthest it gets from the sun is in its elliptical orbit, 3.2 million miles further away than it is in winter.

July 4: While you're watching for the fireworks to start, check out the waxing gibbous moon sitting between Jupiter (up and left) and Spica, the alpha star in Virgo.

July 5: "New tide" national at 8:40 a.m. and low at 12:16 p.m., with just 6 feet difference between high and low—and no wonder, with the moon and sun away from earth. Newton's law, gets gravitational attraction of two bodies at the square of the distance between them, so distance is much more important than size.

July 6: Full moon rises at 8:41 p.m. The Farmer's Almanac calls it the Buck Moon, Thunder Moon, or Hay Moon. Call it what you want, it provides light enough for a cool walk on the back porch.

July 12: The waxing gibbous moon's at perigee today, closest to earth this cycle. Bring the "spring tide" high after noon and midnight and low at dusk and dawn, 12 feet between high and low tides.

July 17: Last quarter moon is high in the sky at dawn. July 26: A thick waning crescent moon occults (blocks out) the lower stars in Pleiades from about 3 to 5 this morning. The trailing edge of the moon is dark; so you'll see the bright stars Merope, Aiyone, and Atlas pop back up from behind the moon.

July 21-22: If you're down from around 9 p.m., bring your binoculars and check out Mars and Regulus (the alpha star in Leo) just above the western horizon and just two-thirds of a degree apart. You could center them both with your skylight.

July 22-23: Cross make you up before dawn? Bike to the backshore this morning and check out the waxing crescent moon near Venus over the ocean.

July 23: New moon means no light to the sky at night, so let's set up the telescope and hunt for star clusters, galaxies and nebulae.

July 26: The thin waxing crescent moon sets in the west at 9:12 tonight and 9:36 tomorrow. These are my favorites, as earthshine lights the dark limbs.

July 28: The crescent moon's at apogee again, a little watermelon mind in the sunsets.

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Exhibit tells Chebeague's story through 250 years of Hamiltons

By David Tyler

In 1756, North Vermont resident Ambrose Hamilton purchased 50 acres of land on Chebeague Island. Within a few years he doubled his holding, built a home and married Deborah Soule. This marriage had profound consequences for Chebeague Island.

The majority of the couple's 14 children and 72 grandchildren contributed to every new family that came to the island, according to Donna Damon's introduction to the new exhibit at the Museum of Chebeague History, "Creating Community: 250 Years of Hamiltons on Chebeague," which opened on July 6 and will run for a year.

Starting with that first land purchase, the Hamiltons became one of the most significant families on the island, and the descendents played important roles in island religion, the stone loop industry and the creation of island hotels and stores.

On July 15, there will be a Hamilton family reunion held at seven sites on Chebeague, according to Damon, who is a descendent of Ambrose Hamilton. The museum will be open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the site of the island cemetery and Damon will give a lecture on the Hamiltons at 2 p.m. that evening.

A Chebeague Island Historical Society committee planned, researched and installed the exhibit. The committee includes Miriam Moulton, Sylvia Ross, Jim Millinger and Bob and Joan Freiwill and Damon as co-chairs. Island Institute Fellow Carly Knight also worked on the exhibit.

Damon wrote in the introduction to the exhibit that the hamiltons were a large and widely dispersed family of numerous Hamilton descendents who "saved so much of the island's material culture over several generations." The historical society also received help for the exhibit from the Maine Historical Society, the University of Maine and the State Department of the Maine Humanities Council.

Also on display in the exhibit are large portraits of members of the Hamilton family, all from private homes. The show includes photos of Stone Steeps and their crew and captians, photos of the island hotels owned by Hamiltons and souvenir china and glassware from island hotels and stores.

There's a wooden desk from Hamilton & Co., a green wooden post office sign and a sign that read "the petition that led to Chebeague leaving Varnum and joining Cumberland in 1821," according to Damon's article on the exhibit "Extended Family," in the 2006 edition of the island's journal.

When the Methodist movement came to Maine in the early 19th century, the Hamiltons joined the new church.

In 1850 the island had 400 residents, two hotels, two churches and two families. By the late 1880s the granite industry began to decline. So islanders, including the Hamiltons, converted hotels to boarding houses and the island became a destination for tourists and a new phenomenon of middle-class tourism.

The era of the Hamiltons on Chebeague stretches from before the United States was formed to the present-day, when the island successfully went through the process to become a town.

Hamiltons witnessed or were part of many major events that have shaped the island's development.

Eleanor Roosevelt visit to the Fifth Maine

Eleanor Roosevelt brought her personal effects and mementos to the Fifth Maine Regiment Museum on Wed., July 26 at 7:30 p.m.

The program is called, "Meet Eleanor Roosevelt: Advocate for Universal Human Rights." A donation of $8 per adult and $5 for students is requested. A reception for Mrs. Roosevelt will follow the program.

This performance features an historical portrait, portraying the former FirstLady Eleanor Roosevelt.

Eleanor Roosevelt visited the Fifth Maine Regiment Museum in 1939 and 1941 as part of her inspection tours.