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Environmentalists frustrated with lagging progress on sewer overflow

BY DAVID TYLER

Environmental groups are growing impatient with the City of Portland's failure to meet deadlines to stop dumping untreated sewage into Casco Bay during rainstorms.

And now the city is preparing to ask for a two-year extension to complete a process to close virtually all the sewer outfalls into the bay that began back in 1991, and was originally supposed to be entirely completed seven years ago.

The extension would give the city until 2013 to finish the second phase of sewer construction work. The deadline for third and final stage of work would be determined in 2010.

"The issue is past due time to have been dismissed," said Steve Hinchman, staff attorney for the Conservation Law Foundation, which was one of the parties that sued Portland back in the 1980s to get the city to stop dumping sewage.

"They're still dumping tons of untreated sewage annually into the Back Cove, the Fore River estuary and Casco Bay that's responsible for a significant amount of water pollution," Hinchman said.

Baykeeper Joe Payne of the Friends of Casco Bay is also concerned. "They have been dragging their feet," Payne said. "They haven't gotten any priority on this."

In 1991, the city was ordered to build numerous sewer construction projects that would reduce the dumping of sewage.

Halloween on Peaks Island this year did not disappoint.

"Photo by Rhonda Berg

Peaks Island residents vie for two CBITD seats

BY DAVID TYLER

There are two contested races for seats on the Casco Bay Island Trust District's Board of Directors, which governs Casco Bay Lines.

All four seats are up for re-election this year and two of those seats are concerned about the lack of affordable parking on the mainland for Peaks Island residents.

Peaks Island residents Steve Micucci and Frank Perrelli are vying for the four-year seat representing Peaks Island on the Casco Bay Island Trust District (CBITD) board. The seat is now held by Charles Radis, who is not running again.

As Peaks Island resident Chris Hoppin is the only name on the ballot for the three-year at-large seat. However, Peaks Island resident Henry Myers launched a write-in campaign in seeking the at-large seat (see sidebar on page 10).

There are also three uncontested races for seats representing Cliff Island, Little Diamond Island and Long Island. These seats are up for re-election.

Dave Crovado is seeking the three-year Cliff Island seat, which is now held by Carol Carb, who is not seeking re-election. Scott Johnston is seeking election to the Little Diamond seat. He was appointed when Arlen Davis resigned, and is seeking a one-year term, which is the end of the original Davis term. Bill Overlock is seeking election to the Long Island seat. He is seeking to finish out the three-year term for the seat that was held by Linda Perpe who died of cancer on April 15 of this year.

Although board seats representing islands must be filled by a resident of that island, all residents in the CBITD region are eligible to vote for the at-large seats. In 1991, the city was ordered to build numerous sewer construction projects that would reduce the dumping of sewage.

BY JUSTIN PALMER

The debate over Reggae Sunday at Jones Landing on Peaks Island continues, but this time the venue was the Casco Bay Island Trust District Subcommitte.

This season's attendees' behavior generated a community questionnaire and a Reggae Festival Subcommittee, both initiated by Casco Bay Lines, in an effort to address islanders' concerns, visitors' comportment, and mitigate next summer's crowds on and off the ferry.

Casco Bay Lines suggestions to enhance crowd control range from suggestions to direct pedestrians at Forest City Landing to a periodic "pedestrian wagon" in the mainland terminal.

For 15 years, from Memorial Day to Labor Day, the sun-kissed Reggae Sunday at Jones Landing has thrived at Jones Landing.

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Nancy Wright to leave Peaks' health center

BY DAVID TYLER

After serving the Peaks Island Health Center for five years, Nancy Wright will be leaving her post in May 2008.

Although Wright is not leaving for another six months, the Board of Directors of the Casco Bay Health Center, which runs the island clinic, made the announcement now to ensure that a new practitioner can be found in time.

"One reason we wanted to get the announcement out, is it will give us time to find a replacement," said Kay Taylor, president of the health center's board. "We encourage pa­tients to talk with the health center during the transition."

Taylor said Wright, an island resident, will not be replaced. "We hope we can find someone with her abilities and her skills to fill her shoes," she said.

Wright has provided exemplary service to the health center and helped create a smooth transition from the health center's former location in a home on Sterling Street to its new location as part of the senior housing complex, the Gay Garm­man House, on Central Avenue.

Taylor said Wright spends a great deal of time with patients, carefully explaining what they need and what needs to be done in great detail.

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"She has turned out to be a brill­iant diagnostician," Taylor said. "She has found mysterious illnesses that other doctors have not been able to diagnose."

"We are in a period of rapid change, and doctors are not able to diagnose."

"Wright has also an excellent knowledge of area hospitals and specialists and has a knack of tracking down just the right specialist for her patients. We're hoping we can find someone who can come close to doing what she does, and that she can do what she can do."

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Nancy Wright lives in the Peaks Island health center.
In Brief

Candidates on the city island ballots

Peaks Island voters will be casting their ballots for the new, Peaks Island Council, for the City Council, the School Committee and the Board of Directors of the Casco Bay Lines Island Transit District (CBTID).

There are 14 candidates for seven seats on the Peaks Island Council. The candidates are: Matthew Barnies, Thomas Lynch Bolan, Jeanie Burton, Melissa Cland, Lawrence C. "Busy" Foster III, Jerry Ganman, Bob Harlin, Mike Langella, Kathryn Morgan, Howard Pedakina, Lynne Richard, Elizabeth Friedman Stout, Robert Tiffany and Jenny Ruth Yzel. The Island Times wrote a question and answer article about all 14 candidates in the October issue.

Voters on Peaks, Great Diamond and Cliff islands all vote for an at-large City Council seat, two at-large School Committee seats.

There are four candidates for two, City Council At Large seats. Incumbents Jim Clouter and Jill Dason are being challenged by John Anton and Michael Keeler. Keeler is an attorney and is seeking his fourth term on the council. Dason is the director of the state Bureau of Rehabilitation Services in Augusta and is seeking her third term on the council. Anton is a former Planning Board member and president of the New England Housing Investment Fund. Both is a Postal Service mail carrier and the commander of VFW Post 6905.

There are three candidates for one Portland Water District Trustee seat. Incumbent Gary Libby is being challenged by Keith Gibbons and Dennis Martin Jr.

There are five candidates for two at-large seats on the Portland School Committee. Incumbent Ben Minkjohn is running again; incumbent Allen Alcorn has decided not to seek re-election. Minkjohn has been challenged by Sidney Caron, Orlando Delcino, Leslie Minton and Kathleen Snyder. Minkjohn is a musician, writer and house painter. Caron is a civil engineer and a former Planning Board member. Delucito is also a former Planning Board member, a former City Councilor and a law professor. Minton is a mathematics specialist with the Maine Mathematics and Science Alliance. Snyder is a research associate with Boston University's Global Health Primary Care Initiative.

Early voting in Portland

Portland voters are able to vote for seven days prior to Election Day on Tues., Nov. 6. The city was one of the communities picked to part of the state's early voting program, approved by the State Legislature, according to the Portland City Clerk's office. This program is designed to encourage more people to vote and make it easier to vote. Although voting will occur early, the ballots will not be counted until Election Day after 8 p.m. There are security measures in place to protect these early ballots.

Early voting will take place in the State of Maine room on the second floor of City Hall (next to the City Clerk's office).

Early voting hours took place Oct. 25-Nov. 1. Additional hours were: Fri., Nov. 1 from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Sat., Nov. 2 from 8 a.m.-noon and Mon., Nov. 5 from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Voters can also stop by the City Clerk's office if they need to pick up a ballot for an immediate family member or friends or to pick up an absentee ballot.

Chebeague Special Town Meeting

There will be a Special Town Meeting on Dec. 9 at 9 a.m. The meeting will be to consider whether residents of the Town of Chebeague want to change or modify any ordinances that were carried over from the Town of Cumberland, according to Ron Grier, Town Administrator. When Chebeague became a town on July 1, 1876, some of the ordinances it adopted, such as victualers' ordinances, for example, were taken from the town it seceded from. Residents will decide whether they want to change any of those ordinances and make them more suitable for Chebeague, Grier said.

Council deadlock on Maine State pier proposals

The Portland City Council was unable to choose a developer for the proposed redevelopment of the Maine State Pier. At the council's Oct. 15 meeting, no proposal received the five votes needed for approval. Councilors voted 4 to 3 in favor of the proposal from Ocean Properties of Portland, N.H. Councilors Donna Curto, Jim Clouter, Jill Dason and Nick Mandadens voted in favor and Councilors Ed Suslovic, David Marshall and Kevin Donohue voted against, according to the minutes of the meeting. A motion to support the plan by the Olympia Companies was defeated 3 votes to 4, with Suslovic, Marshall and Donohue, the only councilors supporting Olympia. As a result, the issue of the Maine State Pier development issue will not be considered until after the election.

Chebeague takes part in forest clean-up project

Over the summer and fall, the Town of Chebeague has taken part in a project to clean up trees and branches damaged by this year's Patriots Day Storm. The project was finished by the end of October.

Long Island takes part in forest clean-up project

Over the summer and fall, the Town of Long Island has taken part in a project to clean up trees and branches damaged by this year's Patriots Day Storm. The project was finished by the end of October.

Long Island received a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the project. Please call me or email me with questions or comments.

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BOARD MEMBER
(Peaks Island)
CASCO BAY ISLAND TRANSIT DISTRICT

Hello, my name is Frank Peretti. I have been a resident of Peaks Island for 30 years. I am running for the Board of Directors of the Casco Bay Island Transit District.

I would like to introduce myself and to ask you to consider voting for me.

I have a strong financial and business background. In 2003 I retired from the oil industry after a 30 year international career as finance manager in the Middle East, Far East, Europe, Africa and South America.

I would like to volunteer my expertise to work towards a goal of bringing transportation relief to all islanders.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Please feel free to contact me.

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Frank Peretti
Casco Bay Island Transit District
Boo!
This year's Halloween pictures were taken by Rhonda Berg.
The Island Times says farewell to co-publisher David Tyler

BY DAVID TYLER

After working together for five years on the Island Times, it is with regret that I am resigning as co-publisher. In 2005, my friend Mary Lou Wendell came to me with an idea to start a monthly newspaper that would cover Peaks Island.

As Peaks Island resident, she saw that mainland media outlets could not do justice to the unique issues faced by island residents. The paper would be a place where islanders could connect and share stories and ideas.

Both Mary Lou and I spent our careers in journalism as reporters and editors. We had never run our own publication.

Getting started was tough. I think we did the first issue in three weeks. We had to learn about advertising, layout, distribution and much more. We laughed through some of the wacky problems we encountered, but there were months when we were amazed that the paper got out the door.

We always had help from many friends and islanders. Peaks islanders suggested the name of the newspaper. Optimistically, we decided to call the paper the Island Times (instead of the Peaks Island Times), so that we could eventually include the other year-round islands in Casco Bay.

In the spring of 2005, we expanded our coverage, adding columnists from Cliff, Chebeague and Little Diamond. We worked to get news from all the islands.

On a personal level, I welcomed the chance to write about Chebeague Island, where I spent summers as a boy and teenager, and where my mother, and my wife's grandparents live.

In March, my wife, Laura and I were blessed with the birth of our daughter, Mabel. We decided I would be the stay-at-home dad, taking care of our daughter while my wife is at work.

This was a wonderful experience and I feel very fortunate that I am able to be part of others. Presenting coverage of the islands is an incredibly rewarding life in this way. But with the commitment of being a stay-at-home dad, I no longer have the time for publishing the paper.

My experiences taking care of Mabel and putting out the paper over the last eight months has only increased my admiration for what Mary Lou has accomplished, publishing the Island Times while at the same time taking care of her three children. It's truly incredible that she's been able to juggle all her responsibilities and keep the paper going.

We're fortunate at the Island Times to have several regular contributors who are essential to the paper. With my departure, Mary Lou is going to need even more support from island communities. In order to keep the Island Times strong, more volunteers are needed to write and rewrite much of the writing that I have done.

I'd like to thank my wife, Laura, who has always supported me as I put countless hours and days into publishing the Island Times.

I'd also like to thank everyone who has helped Mary Lou and me with the Island Times. It's been a lot of fun, but none of this is possible without the help we have received, and continue to receive, from islanders. And Mary Lou and I have become even better friends as we got together each month to put the paper out.

I can't tell you how much I have enjoyed working for the Island Times. And the most important part has been getting to know so many people on the mainland who care about Casco Bay and so many people who live on Cliff, Chebeague, Long, Great Diamond, Little Diamond and Peaks islands.

I am grateful that all these people have shared their lives and stories with me. I have learned so much from island pedal. They are the reason Casco Bay is such a special place.
Saying Goodbye

BY MARY LOU WENDTLE

David Tyler has been saying that he was going to leave the Island Times for a few years. And every time he did, I would think about the future of the newspaper without him and couldn’t imagine it. It’s been five and a half years since we co-founded the paper and we have worked very well together, spending hours and hours planning each issue over the phone and turning my dining room into a newsroom at the end of each month. Of course, I was around the clock to get the latest news into the paper.

Ever now and again, David would even name the month that would be his last. But that month would always come and go with no change, likely because we have had so much fun working on this newspaper and because he loves the Casco Bay Islands. But now, things are different, and David feels the strong pull of fatherhood and wants to spend all of his time with his new daughter as a stay-at-home dad.

He will be missed.

We hardly knew each other when we started the Island Times. I had a nine-month-old son and was a stay-at-home mother, having recently stopped writing for newspapers to have a child. I had worked for David briefly when he was the editor of the now defunct Casco Bay Weekly newspaper in Portland. I was at home reading my newsletter about all the students from my class at Columbia University’s Graduate School of Journalism were doing. A couple of them were publishing newspapers, with one about dogs in New York City. The idea to publish a newspaper on Peaks hit me, and I immediately called David to see if he wanted to do it with me.

Without hesitation, he said, absolutely.

Neither of us had any idea of what we were getting into. We were both ready for any changes that would come, and that would help us put out a newspaper each month, often in the face of great adversity. The first issue of the paper was a perfect example.

We had to learn every aspect of how to put out a newspaper, including selling advertising, working with a printer under deadline, and laying out the newspaper using a program that we both knew nothing about since our only related area of expertise was as writers. Luckily, Peaks Island resident Craig Davis, a designer, agreed to help us layout the paper. But after putting many more days in than he had agreed to, Craig was running out of time. David and I were sweating furiously as we pushed right up against our deadline to get our first issue out before the Fourth of July weekend. This was back in 2002.

We had promised our 21 advertisers that they would benefit from the publication of our newspaper just prior to the very busy weekend. They believed in us. But we were running into so many technical problems, it looked like we were going to fail. We pushed our deadline with the printer back several days and were now at a point where we had just a few minutes to catch the last ferry that would get us to the printer on time. It was the Friday of the Fourth of July weekend and if we missed this boat, it would be a week before the printer could get to us.

We were finally done with the layout, but there was one thing left to do, that was get the paper off the computer and onto a disc of some sort to bring into the printers in Westbrook. David had already left for his home in Portland on an earlier boat. That left Craig, my husband, Ann Pearson, and me, working on the remaining few details. Suddenly, Craig said he had to go and threw a zip drive across the room for us to catch. It was easy, he said. Just use this to download the file. Then he threw his backpack over his shoulder and was out the door.

I looked down at this cable attached to a small black box in my hands and told my husband that it was all over with. It was time to give up. Ann furiously tried to get the “zip drive” to zip, but his efforts were fruitless. We had about two minutes left to catch the boat. I called David, “grab the computer!” he said. “Just take the entire computer with you on the boat!”

Brilliant. In a twenty-second conversation, David saved the newspaper. We barked out orders right and left, helped the computer, and our child, into the car and sped toward the boat. We made it. On our way out, I ran into an advertiser.

“Are you going to see the paper today?” she asked.

“Oh, yeah. No problem,” I said, trying to catch my breath.

“We’re on our way to the printers right now.”

And so it continued every month for more than five years. With each of us intermittent­ly saving the newspaper in different ways, and also moving it forward always with new ideas each month.

So now it’s time for David and the newspaper to move on. Without David and the partnership we created, the paper will surely have to change if it is to continue. That means it needs support from the community now more than ever. So look for the ad in this paper for subscriptions and give a gift of the Island Times this year. If you have never subscribed and read the paper every month and would like to see it continue, now is the time to do something about it.

Starting next month, you will find more information in the newspaper about what changes are underway at the paper and what you can do to help. One very important change is going to be an increased reliance on contributions from the community. So think about what you’d like to see in the Island Times as we move forward and let us know what you think. Write to us at htlmes@maine.rr.com.

And thank you so much to David, who is now a former newspaper partner and a very good friend.

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Driveways
Chebeague Chronicles

The Island Times would like to thank D. J. Callahan of Bowdoin College for the beautiful woodcuts he has had done for us for the past year-and-a-half. Unfortunately, she no longer continues with the project. So this month we introduce Deb Bowman, who has stepped in to write the Chebeague Chronicles.

BY DEB BOWMAN

What makes a Christmas stocking? What do we take a boat to? That we own more Bears bags than we should? That we have “reserve” vehicles sitting in the garage? Yes, yes and yes, but it is more than water which separates us from mainland folk. Islanders have learned to fend for themselves and make do with whatever is on hand. The more you have, the more you need to develop among islanders and when it comes to social services or networking, mainlanders don’t have a clue.

The social networking is the tricky part. It is a good thing for the whole population to know a person’s talent for say, beach combing or genealogical research or mushroom identification! That a person has a cousin with an empty apartment in New York City or needs a ride to the dentist a week from today?

Living in a small town means we all know a lot about each other. You can try and block out the stuff you don’t really need or want to know, but finding out about an empty apartment in New York City when you are thinking about launching a business is more than that.

The tricky part comes when you need to tap some of this information for your own benefit. You can call someone at the store or on the boat isn’t the same as having that person call you to person. First of all, you have to remember who it was that has this fabulous apartment and the courage of that person who is willing to offer it up.

It is helpful to know who the genealogists are on the island, as the Chebeague Island Library and the Museum of Chebeague History field many calls from people tracking down their ancestors. Genealogists know people’s birthdays because the records have been dead and buried for years. They can also be quite helpful in clarifying more recent relationships.

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amount of wastewater dumped into rivers, streams and the environment.

It was part of a legal consent order between the city and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), which has the authority to order changes on the island. As of the end of October, the city has spent $102 million on the Tier I project, as defined by the EPA.

As of Oct. 29, the city has finished 43 projects, including 16 Tier I projects and 27 Tier II projects. As of Dec. 31, the city has finished 39 Tier I projects and 75 Tier II projects. As of Dec. 31, the city has finished 39 Tier I projects and 75 Tier II projects. As of December 2008, the city has finished 39 Tier I projects and 75 Tier II projects.

As of Dec. 31, the city estimates it will have spent $1.6 million on the Tier I and Tier II projects. These two tiers are finished, about 25 percent of the overflows that occur due to CSOs have been eliminated.

At this point, the city will still have to eliminate CSO responsible for 60 percent of the overflows and the city’s overflow, according to the memo. The timing and cost of this last group of projects will not be determined until 2010, according to the memo.

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This group of Chebeague Island women made 200 Christmas stockings for service men and women serving in Iraq. From left: Martha Hamilton, Peggy Jones, Jane Abrahamson (behind), Joan Robson, Susie Stavroupolus, Joyce Souchek.

Photo courtesy of Cathy MacNitti

The group called the project “Chebeague Chronicles” to keep track of the progress. As of June 30, 2007 the average single-family home in Portland paid $30 annually for sewer charges. If the 31 percent rate hike were approved, that bill would go up to $65 annually. Commercial users will also see a 31 percent increase.

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Cliff Island News

BY LEO CARTER

The early autumn has been sum­
er-like. Lawns are still being mowed. Large
item trash has finally left the island via the
new barge landing. A few lobster boats have
come ashore for the winter, and one has
been sold as its owner, James Griffin, heads
ashore for a new career. This will reduce our
winter population by another four people.

There are two other boats in the cove still
for sale, but fortunately those do not involve
islanders leaving. As the number of seasonal
visitors decreases, our population steadily
approaches the winter count of less than 70.

People hopefuly await replacement of the
shelter on the city dock, which all have agreed
needs to be replaced. A new deck control
season is about to begin with an
estimated excess around 20 animals.

CHIC, Cliff Island Research Committee,
which originally formed to study secession
from Portland, has redirected its efforts to
the examination of the issue of affordable
housing. It has found that there is not
enough Islander support for Cliff Island to
leave Portland in order to establish an island
town.

The fire hazard associated with the re­
mainds of the Portion Days storm is about to
be reduced through efforts supported by FE­
MA (Federal Emergency Management
Authority) and the City of Portland.

Our one-room school

The open house at the Cliff Island one­
room school last month included an oppor­

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her ability to do that," said Taylor.

"I have heard very little but praise for her
medical skills—it will be a big loss to us," she

The board is advertising for the half-time
position. It could be filled by another nurse
practitioner or a retired physician who still
wants to work part-time, said Taylor.

The candidate does not have to live on
Peaks Island.

Both Wright and Dr. Charles Radzi, who
served the health center in the past, are is­
land residents.

"It is wonderful to have someone living
on the island because they can respond quickly,"
Taylor said. "This is a very difficult position.
We probably will not be so fortunate." 

Wright could not be reached to comment on
her spring departure.

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for the islanders, but it does help keep tickets
down... by far the busiest day of the week.

A sentiment echoed by Catherine Debo,
general manager of Casco Bay Lines, "it does
generate revenue, but it also generates grief."

The ferry ticket sales register $35,000 during
the season.

Other suggestions from the Reggie Festival
Subcommittee, meeting of Oct. 16, include
"modified scheduling of inner or down/bay
boats to Peaks, with 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.
departures on Sundays during the summer
season to allow families more attractive
options for returning to the mainland... no
drinking or open containers on specified
trips where CHIC has had problems."

"A knee-jerk reaction, I think," said Clark.

Also suggested was better communica­
tion with The Inn on Peaks Island, The
Tribune-Evergreen Improvement Association,
the Fifth Maine Regiment Museum and the
Eighth Maine Regiment Memorial Associa­
tion with respect to evened traffic.

The subcommittee memo included edu­
ca-tion concerning appropriate harbor be­
lavior in the form of announcements at from
landing prior to the egregious competitors' de­
partures, on the pier, and by the boat.

"Reggie people are on the upper deck,"
Nixon added. "Islanders mostly stay in the
cabin."

Or from. Said another resident, "I know
families who are prisoners on the island on
Sundays, afraid to expose their kids to the
behavior."

The subcommittee meets again in mid­
November.

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What's the Catch

By Cevia Rosol
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1. "B.C." monetary unit
2. Option, for example
3. South African
4. Whet
5. Screaming hit
6. The eyes have it
7. After which
8. Medical exercise
9. Scandinavian man’s name
10. Eels’ turf
11. Decomposers
12. Architect Saarinen
13. Grate
14. Hilt
15. Decorative edge
16. The eyes have it
17. After which
18. Musical exercise
19. Scanclanian man’s name
20. Elsie’s
21. Tte ·ta c· toe line
22. Tte ·ta c· toe line
23. Follows the head or heart
24. Why not?
25. Cremation explosive
26. Moroccan pocket dough
27. Go around
28. Seafood platter
29. Original price
30. Seafood platter
31. Queen’s home
32. Something to go for
33. Pique
34. Knight’s shackle
35. Adam and Eve’s grandson
36. Wafts
37. Benefactor
38. Red
39. Queen’s show
40. Tennis player?
41. Badday for Caesar
42. Go around
43. Enunciate
44. Acrylic
45. Tip holder
46. Rocked out and rolled
47. Constitution
48. “Fine” container for the catch
49. Rolled and rolled
50. Umm!
51. Way up
52. Gunmeted
53. Uninvited eingeblied
54. Guy named Bertie
55. “Fine” container for the catch
56. Bobyche
57. European capital
58. Old letter
59. Famed printer
60. Church recess
61. Profits
62. Profits
63. Lavish
64. Giraffe
65. Giveaway
66. Apex protomps
67. Wast. Ou7 your whistle
68. 1/4 of a quartet
69. Related through the mother
70. Out of sight
71. 1/4 of a quartet
72. Discourage
73. Augments

Down
1. Darren to Pythias
2. Canter
3. Wild ox
4. Taut
5. Bar morehol
6. Followed by win or picker
7. Related to down
8. Calculator display elements
9. Rest
10. Contrary person
11. Bush’s office
12. Lumbering Stations
13. Grave
14. Tic-tac-toe line
15. Follows head or heart
16. Another 71 down
17. Egyptian goddess
18. Goldfinger
19. Original prefix
20. Socio player
21. Something to go for
22. Papre
23. Walls
24. Redhead
25. Female player
26. Diamond incisions
27. Original price
28. Seafood platter
29. Queen’s show
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Star Gazing

BY MIKE RICHARDS

The Kuiper Belt is a huge ring of debris slowly orbiting the Sun beyond Neptune. From collisions or other interactions, an object occasionally falls towards the Sun, gradually gaining speed and becoming a comet. As it approaches, the solar ice begins to sublime, forming a tail pushed like a windsock away from the Sun by the solar wind. The comet is then said to be on its way out to the cold outer reaches of the solar system.

On November 7, 1992, Edwin Holmes of Maine discovered a comet that reached peak brightness (at magnitude 7.8) in about seven years. It is a short (less than 25 years) period comet whose orbit is influenced by Jupiter and thus is called Jupiter family comet. As it crosses Jupiter’s orbit, it maxes out at 2.7 AU (astronomical units), well beyond the orbit of Neptune, which is 30 AU. A comet will travel slightly away from the Sun, and then be thrown back out to the cold outer reaches of the solar system.

Holmes is approaching the Sun now, and, although it’s normally a dead, boring event, it is dazzlingly up and now visible to the naked eye in Perseus. Telescopes below 80000 x show a bright comet with a large tail, but for the naked eye, it is “nothing at all.”

The nuclei are usually bright at magnitude 8, and its peak brightness may have been achieved weeks ago. However, the tail is a delight, and for the astronomers who have been studying the comet,

Hoppin and Meyers seek at large CBTD seat

BY DAVID TYLER

In the only contested race, for an at-large seat, Peaks Island resident Chris Hoppin is the only name on the ballot. However, Peaks Island resident Henry Myers is running a write-in campaign for the seat.

This seat is held by Peaks Island resident George Taylor, who has decided not to run for re-election.

Hoppin is a writer and consultant and retired vice president of corporate relations for ITT Information Services in New York City, according to his platform statement. He is also a U.S. Air Force Veteran who is a member of the Maine Committee of Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve.

He is a member of the CBTD marketing committee. He served on the boards for the Fifth Maine Regiment Museum and Ingraham. He also worked on the Peaks Island Neighborhood Plan.

Hoppin and his wife, Barbara, first came to Peaks Island in 1981, bought a house in 1992 and moved to the island in 1999. They have four adult children and four grandchildren.

“All islanders want to retain our way of life and the ferry is a major part of that,” he said. “So I pledge to work to continue to enhance our fine service while seeking ways to reduce costs for residents and taxpayers.”

Hoppin wrote.

Hoppin said he wants to bring his business experience to issues of service and marketing. “I want to use my experience in public communication to help explain islanders’ wishes to the bay lines’ organization and vice versa,” Hoppin said.

Hoppin also said his wife, who is retired, is also interested in the issue of service. This is his first run for public office.

Myers, who is a member of the Student Government Association at the University of Maine and a member of the maine state planning commission, has been running a write-in campaign for the seat.

“My platform statement, Myers wrote that he is running for CBTD because more needs to be done to support island residents. “This is a critical issue,” he said.

Myers’ principal concern is the existing imbalance of business and housing, and supply will skyrocket if the city continues on its course toward approval of the Maine State Plan. Myers is concerned about CBTD’s ability to guide development and supply of water to the city.

Myers said that CBTD needs to be more actively involved in the process of dealing with the future of the island. In his platform statement, Myers wrote that he is running for CBTD because more needs to be done to support island residents. “This is a critical issue,” he said.
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New Chebeague pastor cares for people through ministry and nursing

BY DAVID TYLER
During the first function that the Rev. Linda Brewster, the new minister of the Chebeague Island United Methodist Church, presided over, a rainbow appeared.

"It was raining and we had a beautiful sunshine—it was just a wonderful way to start," Brewster said.

The occasion was the sunrise service held on July 1, 2007, celebrating the Town of Chebeague Island's first day of independence. It was Brewster's first day at the church. "It was a unique experience, because I didn't know anybody," she said.

Over the summer, and fall Brewster, from Cumberland, has become acquainted with islands and Chebeague.

"The folks here are wonderful," she said. "This is a community that really looks out for itself and cares for each other. I felt that care extended to me."

Brewster, 50, has lived in Cumberland for 30 years. She's been a member and a lay leader of the Tuttle Road United Methodist Church for that entire time.

Two years ago, during a service at the Tuttle Road church, she had an experience that led her to pursue the ministry.

"I just had been growing spiritually over the years and felt myself moving more deeply into the ministry. I was doing as a lay person," she said. "During a service, I had an experience that I would describe as meeting Christ. It changed my life, and here I am..."

She enrolled in the Bangor Theological Seminary. She is now in her third year. She applied to be a minister with the New England Conference of the United Methodist Church, the region's governing body. The conference serves the churches in New England and surrounding states.

Brewster said she was assigned to the Chebeague church as a supply pastor, with the hope she would not yet become a local pastor. She took over for the Rev. Glen Coombs who left on June 24.

She will travel to New York City in November and February for schooling that will allow her to become licensed as a local pastor. She would not become ordained until after a probationary period following her graduation from seminary, which she hopes to do by 2011.

Becoming a minister is "the latest chapter in Brewster's life. She grew up in South Portland and graduated from South Portland High School. She worked for 10 years doing accounting as the manager of Portland Pump Company in Scarborough. Thirty years ago she married her husband, Jim, who is 51. He works as a buyer for Kittery Trading Post. They have two sons, Ryan, 25, who lives in Louisville, Ky., and Seth, 20, who attends Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Mass.

Then Brewster became interested in nursing. She received an undergraduate degree in nursing from the University of Maine, Portland Campus. She has returned to her master's degree in nursing from the same school.

She worked as a nurse at Maine Medical Center until she went back to school at the University of New Hampshire to get a master's degree as a nurse practitioner, graduating in 1995.

From 1995 through 2003 she worked as a nurse for Bowdoin Medical Group in Portland. Since 2003, she has run her own business as a nurse practitioner in Yarmouth. She works part-time as a minister and about three-quarter time as a nurse practitioner.

The combination of the two disciplines makes perfect sense for her. "I'm caring for people—it's a similar vocation in terms of compassion and care and empathy and all of those things," Brewster said.

"I consider my practice in Yarmouth to be a Christian practice," she said. "I see this as an extension of that." She said about her new role as pastor.

One of the most meaningful experiences so far has been working the community has done fixing the parsonage. "Although she does not live in the parsonage, she does use it when she comes to the island for evening or early morning functions."

When she first started, she remembered going up to the attic where church members Joan Robinson and Mabel Doughty stashed all of their art. "They were moved these huge metal cabinets around and cleaning. It was fun to watch them—they had an energy and an enthusiasm that was really nice," she said.

She's come to know the church, she's learned how an island church is different from its counterpart on the mainland.

On the mainland, the church is quite structured with lots of committees and administration. "Over here, people just take care of business. When something needs to be done, somehow it just gets done. They don't need to have a lot of meetings. It's more informal."

Though she has lived in Cumberland most of her life, she has never come to Chebeague until she took this job. "It's more beautiful than I ever imagined. I wish I had come out here years and years ago. But I never ventured over."

Now, at a time when many start thinking about retirement, Brewster has come to the island for her own personal venture in the ministry, a new vocation that is both challenging and joyful.

"I just enjoy meeting people and working with people—this just gives me an additional opportunity to connect," she said. "I should be noted that Mabel Doughty is David Tyler's grandmother—in-law."

Chebeague voting hours
The polls on Chebeague Island will be open from 8 a.m. through 8 p.m. on Election Day, Nov. 6. Voting will be held at Chebeague Island Hall and Community Center.

If you were previously registered in Cumberland, that registration will stand.

Change in Chebeague
Community Notes

Long Island gallery presents VSA show
The Long Island Daywell Gallery is pleased to announce that the show "A Matter of Perception 2007: A Juried Exhibit by Artists with Disabilities" will run through Saturday, Nov. 3. The show will be on display for the months of November and December. The artwork includes a collection of 50 paintings and prints, photographs, fiber arts, books, and metalwork pieces created by artists from across Maine and is organized by VSA Arts of Maine, VSA Arts of Maine is a nonprofit organization providing art, educational and cultural opportunities for children and adults with disabilities in Maine. There will be an opening reception on Saturday, November 3 from 2 - 4 p.m. The gallery is located at the Long Island Learning Center. The exhibit is a juried one, which means the artists were judged by the gallery. The opening is open to the public and free to attend.

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Rabies clinic offered
Rabies clinic will be offered on Sat., Nov. 10 from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Chebeague Island Fire Station. The charge will be $15 per animal. The clinic is being offered thanks to the town Animal Control Office Pam Pellisier, a friend of Pan's, Dr. Turelle of Augusta, who is a horse veterinarian, will conduct the clinic.

Tax refund workshop to be held
Homes for Peaks Island Tax Assistance will co-sponsor a Maine Property Tax Refund workshop. The help of Herb Adams, a state tax expert has been invited to the island to help individuals fill out the two forms. The workshop will be held Tuesday, November 13, from 3-5:30 p.m. in the Peaks Community Building, and interested residents should bring their income tax and property tax return information for 2006 and 2007. Please contact Barbara Hoppin, 976-2383, bahoppin@me.com or Brooke Brewer, Island Fellow 693-355-7955, brookebrewerfas@gmail.com for any questions or concerns.

Clarification on Chebeague sheriff calls
In a weekly update, a reference was made to calling the Chebeague Island Town Administrator first with respect to any non-emergency concerns in the absence of every day sheriff's coverage. This may have caused some confusion. The sheriff's office has said that non-emergency or complaint calls should be made to the sheriff's dispatch number at 1-800-266-1444. This way the complaint is appropriately logged and then referred to the officer assigned to cover the island. As we previously stated, the town will have increased lights installed and will be having more officers on island each day each week starting in early November. Any complaints called in to dispatch will be referred to him.