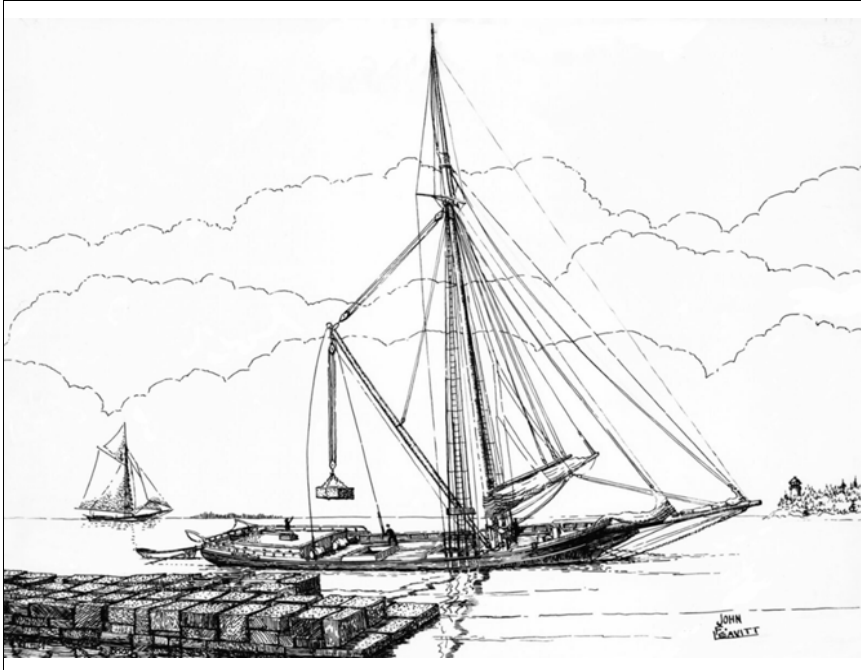


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Cover:

This year, the *Chebeague Island Annual Newsletter* features a sketch of the Chebeague stone sloop *M. M. Hamilton* working on a breakwater.

The sketch is from *Wake of the Coasters*, 2nd Edition, 1984, by John F. Leavitt, published by the Mystic Seaport Museum, Inc., Mystic CT. This artwork is used with the artist's and publisher's permission.

"The *Melissy Hamilton*" was built in 1860 at a cost of \$16,000. Quoting from Z. William Hauk's *Stone Sloops of Chebeague*, "The last and the most famous of the Chebeague Stone Sloops. It carried 1003 yards of canvas in her main sail, the largest mainsail that was ever carried. However, Leah Hamilton Webber of Chebeague remembers as a little girl that that sail carried 999 yards – she remembers feeling particularly sorry that there could not have been just one more square yard to make it a thousand.

"The *M. M. Hamilton* carried granite from Vinalhaven for the State War and Navy Building in Washington, the Chicago Auditorium and Chicago Board of Trade – and most talked about was the fact she carried the granite for the Washington Monument at Washington."

The *M.M. Hamilton* symbolizes the seafaring history which is the backbone of Chebeague Island and its culture. The ferries that have served Chebeague are a major part of that history. While much has been written about the old steamers, we know of nothing documenting Chebeague's home-grown ferries and water taxis. We hope to remedy that situation this year with a chronicle of the Boats of CTC, beginning on Page 6.

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Foreword

The Chebeague Island Historical Society publishes this report, the *Chebeague Island Annual Newsletter*, as its contribution to all the organizations that make the social environment of Chebeague what it is for our population. The *Newsletter* is a cooperative venture by the nearly 25 organizations of all sorts involved in life on our island, the largest “non-connected” island in Casco Bay. If it succeeds in summarizing what went on during the past year or so, this is due to the help and cooperation of many people who contribute their time and skills without reward. We appreciate their help with this effort, and hope that our product meets with your approval. As we like to say: If an organization’s report is missing, it is probably because they’ve been too busy doing all the good things they do for Chebeague; too busy to get around to reporting their activities to us for this publication.

As always, the cost of publication is underwritten by the Historical Society and met in part by the modest \$6.00 that we charge for each copy. We want to reach as many as possible; please help us by spreading the word. If you miss getting your copy hot off the press at the Fourth-of-July Parade and Picnic, you can pick it up at the Library, either of the Island’s two gift shops the Cobbler Shop and the Artisan’s Ice House, or at any of the Historical Society’s functions. After the new Museum opens, it will be available there as well. Upon request to Mac Passano, 168 South Rd., we will mail it to any address in the United States for an additional fee of \$2.00 .

We would like to thank our printer Portland Speedy for their patience and helpfulness to us. For those of you who are computer literate, the current and past issues of the *Newsletter* can be downloaded in standardized PDF format file from the Chebeague Website (www.chebeague.org). As an added bonus, the illustrations will be in *color!*

— The Editors:
David R. Hill
Beverly S. Johnson
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Archie Ross Tribute

Archie Ross 1924-2002

Chebeague Island, Maine. Captain Archie Ross died February 24, 2002 at Coastal Manor in Yarmouth, following a long illness.

He was born March 8, 1924, the son of Eli and Mary (Marie) Hatfield Ross and raised on Chebeague Island. Archie grew up

helping to support his family by clamming with his father. His first "real" job was aboard the ferry Nellie G. as a deck hand. The Nelly G. ran from Handy Boat on Falmouth Foreside to Cousins, Littlejohn and Chebeague Islands in season. He worked there until World War II broke out, when he ran boats for William Benson in the boat pool from Portland to the numerous military installations in Casco Bay. He was often called upon to train Navy personnel in seamanship and small boat handling. After the war, Archie earned his Master's licence, then a new requirement for passenger boat captains. He returned to work aboard the Nellie G. and ran the Nellie G. III as well as the Victory, which he later bought from the Swett family. He began running the Bustins Island trips while working for the Swett family. When he was offered the Bustins contract, he took the job and worked every summer for Bustins from 1946 until 1996. He won the mail route contract as well, carrying the mail to Bustins until 1997.

His first boat, the Victory, was lost while trying to save another boat in a storm in 1949. By the following summer enough money had been raised by the communities around the Bay to finish paying for Archie's new boat, the Marie L. For winter income, he shipped out in the merchant marine, worked on the old Portland pilot boat until 1963 and built wooden boats as half owner with Carroll



Lowell of Even Keel Boatyard in Yarmouth, until their last boat was built in 1989, the Calliope. When he retired from Bustins Island in 1996, Archie returned home to Chebeague where he and his wife Claire have enjoyed his last years together.

In addition to his wife Claire Macdonald Ross, Archie is survived by his sister Lavinia Ross Burns of Naples, three children, Wayne Freeman Ross of Austin Texas, Gale Marie Ross of Yarmouth and Lisa Sharon Ross of North Yarmouth, three grandchildren - James Stickney, Brown Ross and Kyler Ross - and a great-grandson River James Stickney and many nieces and nephews.

The preceding obituary of Archie was written by Claire and is republished here, slightly edited, as a tribute to one of Chebeague's best known and best loved native sons.

We also recently learned of another tribute to Archie, written by one of his friends and admirers from Bustins Island:

A Legend in His Own Time ... Archie Ross

Captain Archie Ross. A legend in his own time. A man of the sea. A friend of Bustins Island. He was Bustins' father ... Bustins' brother ... Bustins' son. A man of honor. A man of integrity.

Although small of stature, he was a giant in spirit and love. Few men will even fill his shoes (that is when he wore them).

His image is forever emblazoned in our minds and hearts. We will always be able to see him captain the Marie L. to and fro. For 50 years, he greeted each of his passengers like they were his dearest friend. He was always there when we needed him. No favor refused. No package too large for him to haul. Nothing too heavy for him to lift. He never expected a "thanks." His life's mission was simple ... be kind to others. That was Archie Ross.

A special person, one of a kind. There was never anyone like him. There never will be. We were fortunate that he shared our love. We will miss him.

We will never forget.

— Patricia H. LaFleur

Thank you for letting us share your tribute to a notable son of Chebeague Island.

— The Editors:

Barging, Pre-CTC

In 1961, the Casco Bay Lines car ferry *Narmada* was out of service and there was no way to transport vehicles between the mainland and the Casco Bay islands. Captain Sanford Doughty kindly offered to assist his neighbors by carrying cars aboard his seiner *Sirius*. My mother, Vera Ciampa Hill had her car loaded with supplies for the upcoming summer months on Chebeague, including 100 pound bags of fertilizer, peat moss, sugar and flour. In addition, the car carried clothes, electronic equipment, two .22 rifles, and various other items.

While waiting for Captain Doughty to arrive, I was offered a ride to Chebeague by Peter Johnson. Not wanting to go empty-handed, I took our parakeet in his cage and my mother's satchel full of prescription medicines. That move undoubtedly saved the life of our pet bird and many dollars worth of expensive medication. Might have even saved my life.

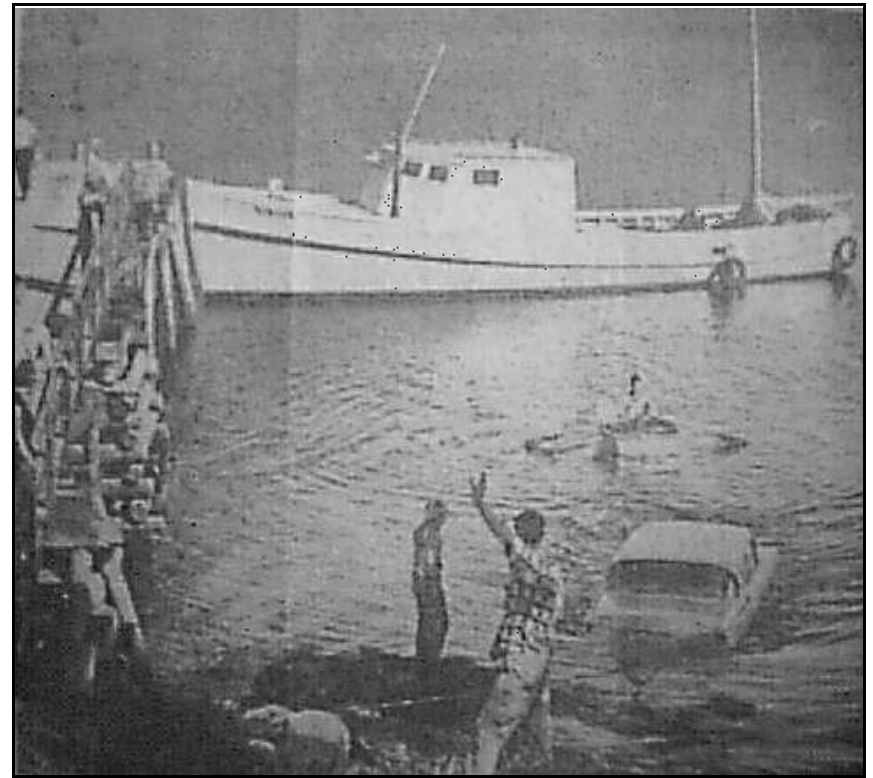
During the delicate process of loading the 1957 Rambler from the Cousins Island Wharf across the stern of the *Sirius*, the young driver from Cape Porpoise apparently managed to hit the gas pedal instead of the brake and then, in a burst of acceleration never before witnessed from that car, it jumped off the boat and into Casco Bay.

It took several minutes for the car to sink, but it landed on all four wheels, leveled by the load it carried. My mother calmly assessed the situation and came to the only logical solution: "Call the Triple A!"

The AAA road crew managed to winch the sodden Rambler up over the ledges and onto the shore. They blew out the cylinders and the distributor and got it started for the short trip to Yarmouth and service. The next day it wouldn't start and the day after that, the engine had seized up. Our insurance would cover either the car or the contents, but not both. It turned out that the value of the contents was roughly equal to the value of the car.

Given our loss, my mother was not amused by the headline accompanying the picture of our car on the front page of the next morning's *Portland Press Herald*: "Unscheduled washing."

— David R. Hill



Unscheduled Washing

A car owned by Mrs. William G. Hill, Alexandria, Va., filled with vacation gear, is hauled out of the water after it flipped into the ocean Friday afternoon as it was being loaded on the seiner *Sirius* (in background) at the Cousins Island pier. Capt. Sanford E. Doughty had volunteered to help out Chebeague

Island summer residents while the Casco Bay Lines car ferry *Narmada* is laid up for engine repairs. About 60 automobiles are awaiting transportation to the island. (By Staff Photographer Merrill) 11
1, 1961

Added note: The young boy rowing in the punt is Doug Hanscom.

The Boats of CTC

In 1955, construction began on the Central Maine Power Company (now Florida Power and Light) Wyman Station on Cousins Island and the connecting bridge between the mainland and Cousins. As a result, two changes occurred. First, Casco Bay Lines ceased servicing Chebeague, Littlejohn, and Cousins from Handy Boat Service on the Falmouth Foreside. And, second, to fill the need for adequate transportation, Jasper "Smitty" Smith began operating a water taxi service between Chebeague and Cousins. No discussion of the CTC vessels could begin without revisiting the boats which pioneered today's Transportation Company.



Legend has it that one summer day in 1958 when Smitty was tied up at the Stone Wharf, someone said "I'll give you a buck to take me over there," pointing to Cousins Island. Smitty agreed and it wasn't long before he was making the trip regularly. Initially, the water taxi was limited to only six passengers per trip.

The *Polly-Lin* (named after Smitty's children Polly and Lindy) was a 36' lobster boat built in 1953. In the winter of 1958-59, she was converted to passenger use, licensed to carry 23 people. The following summer, the *Polly-Lin* began official operations between Chebeague and Cousins. Smitty's son Lindy remembers making as many as 25 round trips in one day during that first year!

Around 1966, *Polly-Lin* was fitted with a band of oak sheathing covered by 22 gauge steel above and below the waterline, along with a steel bow cap. These additions facilitated passage through the ice that sometimes clogs Casco Bay in wintertime. Also, the boat was better equipped to more reliably transport the school children to the mainland after Skip Holman and *Gloriana* retired in 1970.

Recognizing the need for more passenger capacity, Smitty had the *Polly-Lin II* built in 1967-68. It was also a wooden vessel, 44 feet long and licensed to carry 49 passengers. Around 1971, Smitty re-rigged his old *Polly-Lin I* for lobstering and fished 150 traps. He and a group of old-timers even loaded her with trawl tubs and went long-lining once



more for old times' sake. *Polly-Lin I* was sold in 1981 and continued to fish in Casco Bay until recently, when she was hauled out for renovation.

Polly-Lin II was constructed along the lines of a large lobster boat. She was extremely popular and served the Island well. But despite the elephant wood sides intended to facilitate passages in ice, the need for a steel-hulled "winter boat" became apparent.



Debbie Varney, Gunnar Wood and Steven Johnson inside Chesuncook

In 1971, Smitty bought the *Chesuncook* from the Great Northern Paper Company. Built as a lumber boat (as was her successor, *Big Squaw*), she was fitted with an aluminum cabin and was licensed to carry 35 passengers. She also pushed the barge, and continued to do so after her retirement from passenger

service in 1987. The cabin was removed and found new life as Med Bowen's motorcycle garage. In 1998 the *Dovekie* went into service as the pushboat and shortly thereafter *Chesuncook* was acquired by Ralph Stevens of Yarmouth's Yankee Marina.



In April, 1975, the fledgling Chebeague Transportation Company acquired the water taxi operation from Jasper Smith. At the same time, the Company purchased the barge operations from John Gibson of Cousins Island. In a move that was criticized at the time and continues to be questioned, the Company raised needed working capital by selling *Polly-Lin II* to Hilda Dudley, who continues to this day to operate the boat between Portland and Cushing Island.



In February, 1977 the Company began renovation and reconstruction of a newly acquired vessel, the *Big Squaw*. *Big Squaw* was built in 1954 by the Birds Eye Company and, like its compatriot *Chesuncook*, was named after the northern Maine lake where she worked. It took several years and much expense for the Company to prepare *Big Squaw* for service, but she finally began running in 1981. She is 46 feet long and licensed to carry 58 passengers. In 1993, a complete renovation of the *Big Squaw* was undertaken, following the replacement of its aging engine in 1988. This provided safe, comfortable back-up capabilities to the *Islander*, while also giving CTC a smaller, more efficient winter boat. In 2001, *Big Squaw* was renamed *Dirigo* in response to those who objected to her original name.



As demand for ferry service increased between Cousins and Chebeague, CTC constructed a new vessel, the *Islander*, launched in 1985. The name was a result of a contest won by Winifred Blanchard of Cousins Island, then owner of the Cousins Island Parking Lot.

The interior compartment was designed to hold the same number of passengers as the *Big Squaw*. With the addition of a



second deck, the vessel's capacity was increased from 58 to 119. *Islander* was built by one of the finest builders of steel vessels in the State, Washburn and Doughty Associates of Woolwich and East Boothbay, Maine. Financed with an industrial revenue bond through Norstar (now Fleet) Bank, the loan was guaranteed by the Town of Cumberland.

The *Islander* has recently gone through a major repowering which has resulted in a much quieter running, yet more powerful vessel which should handle much better in the severe weather we often experience.

The barges operated by Smitty and CTC are also worthy of comment. Smitty built a barge which he operated from approximately 1966 through 1969. When CTC was incorporated in 1971, one of its first efforts was to take Smitty's barge and convert it to a large, safe float for use at the Stone Wharf.



In 1970, Smitty purchased the *William S. Hopkins* from John Gibson for use as a barge. Originally, the *Hopkins* had been used on North Haven Island as a self-powered barge with a wheelhouse. The engines and superstructure were removed during the conversion to barge use. Interestingly, this vessel was named after the grandfather of noted island-scape artist, Eric Hopkins, a benefactor of the Chebeague Recreation Center.

December, 1980 witnessed early ice so powerful that the *William S. Hopkins* sank. In March, 1981 a new, safer steel barge was constructed by CTC with overall dimensions similar to the old wooden barge at the bottom of Casco Bay.



The new barge is now pushed by a vessel specifically designed and built for such purposes, the *Dovekie*, a twin-engined pushboat which was launched in 1998.



We've come a long way, both in time and in mileage, from the days of the first *Polly-Lin* through today's reconditioned *Islander*. But whether made of steel or wood, the vessels which have served Chebeague over the years hold a fascination for those who depend upon them, either for a few days each year or for practically every day if their lives.

— David R. Hill
(with great appreciation to Lindy and Victoria Smith)

Casco Bay Island Development Association

A lighthouse - guardian of its area - stands almost unnoticed through sunny days and calm moonlit nights, but when the storm comes with raging black fury the lighthouse must be there. There is no time to build one. A lighthouse is the logo of Casco Bay Island Development Association (CBIDA), and a most suitable one.



CBIDA has weathered and surmounted the storms of inappropriate behavior of private owners of Casco bay Lines, an inappropriate development planned for Great Diamond Island and the possibility of post-war privatization of what is now Seashore Drive on Peaks Island. In the present period of calm it continues to stand watch, working with Waterfront Alliance which is committed to a working waterfront in Portland, and with the Casco Bay National Estuary Project which provides help to towns and organizations throughout the Casco Bay watershed in order to improve and maintain the quality of the Bay. CBIDA is responsible for Island representation on the Board of the Estuary Project and as part of its involvement also publishes the annual boaters' pamphlet emphasizing responsible enjoyment of Casco Bay and the islands. This pamphlet is distributed through the area's marinas, including the Chebeague Island Boat Yard.

A major challenge in the year past was the abrupt closing of the Parker Reidy's Restaurant without a word to CBIDA, although they had accepted a reservation for the annual meeting. They didn't even return phone calls. Tacking a note on their door, CBIDA moved to The Village restaurant nearby where the last-minute reception was so nice that the 2002 meeting will be there as well.

To add your light to CBIDA's beacon, contact President Irving (Bud) Fisher, 772-3616, or Jean Dyer, 846-4188. Annual dues are \$7.00 single or \$10 for a couple (sharing a mailing address). The Treasurer is Gene Taylor, 77 Torrington Pt., Peaks Island ME 04108.

— Jean Dyer



Christmas on Chebeague, 2001

Chebeague Care Resource

CCR was formed in 1995 to help provide Chebeague Islanders with access to health education, training and services. Our goal is to identify such needs of our island people and their families, and to inform them. We encourage folks to seek and make choices that maintain good health and a quality of life to which each is accustomed. In support of individual independence, we strive to advocate for those who wish to live in their own homes for as long as possible. We continue to act to satisfy our goal with the community support and dedication.



We thank all the individuals and organizations for this year's contributions of over \$35,000. Donations since April 2001 include special gifts in memory of:

Ernest P. Abrahamson II, Vivian Allen, Joan L. Barker, Leo J. Belesca, Clyde Bowen, Richard Brenton, Philip J. Bruley, John H. Calder, Frank E. Cofran, Marjorie Curit, Mary Doughty, Ginna Ensign, Richard and Barb Graves, Steve Graves, Ellen Hamilton, Eleanor R. Hanscom, Ann Hatfield, Cameron (Trot) Hatfield, Alden Hayden, Nancy Hubbell, Gard and Jeanne Layng, Edith McLellan, Ellsworth and Melba Miller, Ruth S. Millinger, Katherine Doughty Morrill, Francis Putnam, Pete and Anne Rodman, Archie Ross, Bill Ross,

Emery Ross, Lewis Ross, Lewis B. Sawyer, Gordon and Margaret Trower, U.S. Army Veterans, Leah Webber, the Weiss Family, Marian S. Wessell

and in honor of:

Gladys Bennett, Ellie Hill and all the faithful workers and volunteers at Island Commons.

CCR's 2001 Super Fanta\$tic Fundrai\$er Sale and another successful Golf Tournament orchestrated by the tireless John Thaxter and Vicki Marion raised an additional \$14,000. Proceeds from the two events helped to sustain our adult family care home, Island Commons.

Volunteers contribute amazing amounts of time and service to CCR. Over 1,200 volunteer hours were logged this year at Island Commons, and ten additional volunteers contributed 275 hours for nine wonderful Senior Lunches in the Parish House.

Donations of time, money and items are the very foundation of our service to the Chebeague community. We simply cannot sustain our goal without you. For this – and for all the rest of you – we are greatly thankful.

The CCR Board members are: Sally Ballard, Ann Belesca, John Birkett, Bob Brown, Mary Cushman, Pommy Hatfield, Ester Knight, Cynn timer Sheketoff and Vicki Todd.

— Pommy Hatfield



Start of the 4th of July Road Race

Chebeague Health Services

You know, we actually have come that proverbial long way. The Health Center is in use four out of five weekdays. In fact, there are weeks where it is five out of five days. The Health Center has Ginny Ballard, the Family Practice PA (Physician Assistant), seeing patients Tuesdays and Fridays and as needed. The physical therapist, Angela Hamel, comes out on Mondays. Stephanie Brooks, our massage therapist and equine therapist, sees clients on Thursdays. Shannon Meredith takes care of everyone's feet every 3 months. Our newest addition will be Dr. Curtis Libby. Dr. Libby is an ophthalmologist in Portland. Sometime this fall he will come out and do basic vision screening and eye pressure checks. If all goes well he and a small staff will come out once or twice a year to help provide basic eye care to those who find it difficult to get ashore.

Ginny's family practice has kept her busy. Gone are the days when you could just drop in and expect to be seen right then and there. Last summer the Island was introduced to their first PA student. Heather Lowe was welcomed with open arms. She, by the way, graduated from the PA program at UNE and is in practice in California. Chebeaguers also had two nursing students help with their care. I think Melba and Ellsworth would have adopted them if given half a chance.

Do you know how people keep track of how many pints of blood they donate? I guess I should count how many tubes of blood Joan Robinson has carried ashore! Joan leads the Health Center volunteers, Susie Stavropoulos and Beverly Perkins (summer Volunteer). Joe D. Ballard, my brother, has installed shelves for my plants, and with everyone's help moved cabinets, tables and what not. Thanks to Banú KomLosy's scrounging through a barn, the Health Center has its very own instrument sterilizer, a usable relic from Dr. Petterson's days as the Island's doctor.

All during this time Chebeaguers have been donating to the Samaritan Fund. This is the fund that helps pay for medicine that a patient couldn't otherwise afford. It pays for the emergency response buttons, humidifiers, mainland doctor bills; whatever is needed from a medical standpoint. It is a classic example of Chebeaguers helping to take care of their own. What I find the most amazing is when I hear

that a recipient of the fund comes up with a few extra dollars and they turn around and send it to the fund saying, somebody else needs it more than I do right now. (And people wonder why I love this island so much!)

In the background is the Island Council. The Council pays the phone bill, it pays for office supplies, OTC (over-the-counter) medicines that some patients can't afford. The Council pays Ginny's boat tickets and her malpractice insurance. The Health Center receives money from Chedemption, which is now part of the Council.

All and all the Health Center, the Island Council and Chebeague are, I think, a pretty good fit. Thanks to all who have worked so hard to make it work.

— Ginny Ballard PA-C



Lewis Ross and Bill Ross, many years ago

Chebeague Island Council

I would like to tell you about our major activities. Everyone knows and appreciates our monthly Island newsletter, the *Calendar*, edited by Karen Hamilton. It is mailed out the first of every month to everyone on Chebeague, free of charge. If you are off-island and a current Council member it will be mailed out to you third class (now called "standard Mail") to your present address. This mail service can be slow and will not be forwarded, so many of our members prefer to have us mail them their *Calendar* by the faster and surer First Class service even though we must charge you a mailing fee of \$15.00 (\$25.00 for International points including Canada) in addition to your membership. The responsibility for this *Chebeague Island Annual Newsletter* that used to be published by the Council has now been taken over by the Historical Society.

Another key service of the Council is to house and provide some support for the Island Medical Clinic at the Hall and Library building. Ginny Ballard PA-C, a qualified and licensed Physician's Assistant and life-long "summer native," has regular scheduled office hours throughout the year and can make house calls when needed. Details of this service can be found in the *Calendar*. She also serves some of the medical needs of the Island Commons, the assisted living facility on the Island. In medical emergencies the Rescue Service provides speedy travel to Portland hospitals. Police, Fire and Rescue services are all now quickly reached by dialing 911 on the telephone.

Your Council sponsors the annual flu vaccination clinic and, when it is again needed, the Meals-on-Wheels hot meals program. We also help CCR with a medical equipment loan program to make crutches, wheelchairs, hospital beds and the like available without charge. We sponsor and maintain the Samaritan Fund, administered by Ginny, to help those who are unable to pay for expensive drugs or other medical needs. Contributions to the fund are welcomed at any time by our Treasurer Gail Miller and we contribute to it with our share of the bottle redemption money we get from Chedemption (see Page 57), an informal group of dedicated volunteers which has just found shelter under the wing of the Council.

We sponsor the annual Fourth-of-July parade and picnic. We publish an annual *Welcome to Chebeague* brochure with a map and a visitor's guide, distributed free by the Island hotel and the guest houses, Fran's Veterans' Taxi and by the Doughty's Island Market. And in another way to help the coordination of various island activities, we are currently in the planning stage of building an outdoor bulletin board for the Hall.

As you know, the Chebeague Island Council has played a major role supporting Island life both seasonal and year-round since it was founded at the end of World War II over fifty years ago. The Council bylaws direct us to "... promote and assist in the development of activities and projects designed to improve conditions important to the inhabitants of Great Chebeague Island." We urge you to join with us in fulfilling this charge as we depend on annual memberships to support our various activities. Please send your check of \$12 to our Membership Chairman, Cliff Barker for an annual family Council membership.

The current officers and Board Members of the Council, until our next annual meeting Saturday August 10, 2002, at 9:30 am in the Parish House, are:

Mac Passano, President	Mona Calthorpe
Jane Abrahamson, Vice President	Louise Doughty
Susie Stavropoulos, Secretary	Karen Hamilton
Gail Miller, Treasurer	Banú KomLosy
Cliff Barker, Membership Chairman	Mark McGee
Nancy Adams	Peter Rice
Jennifer Belesca	

— Mac Passano and Cliff Barker

Chebeague Island Fire Department

Another year has passed, with only a few calls this year. Hope this will continue in the future.

Last spring we got a new (to us) fire truck, engine #8. This truck has a 1000 gallon a minute pump, where the old one it replaced had only a 500 gallon a minute pump.

Four new members joined the Fire Department this year. We welcome them and anyone else who would like to join. If interested call Deputy Chief Tom Calder, or any other member of the Department.

As most of you know, I have retired as Deputy Chief after ten years of service on the Chebeague Fire Department. I am proud of our Department and it was an honor to serve as chief. I have not left the Department, I have just stepped down. I want to thank everyone for coming to my retirement party and the gifts that I was given. I would also like to thank all the people who supported me while I was chief. In my opinion Chebeague is one of the best fire departments around. The firefighters know their equipment and how to use it. Thanks to the donations from all who gave to our drives for the department we have two of the latest pieces of firefighting and extraction equipment.

As you drive by the station you will see that we have a new flag and flagpole. After eight years of trying, she is flying!

Congratulations to Tom Calder for being made Deputy Chief to replace me on the Island. He will be a good man for the job. Tom or Dianne Calder are now the people to call if you want a burning permit. All fires need a permit. Be careful, and remember that only you can prevent forest fires.

And remember to check the batteries in your smoke alarm. Again, thank you.

— Med Bowen



Joan Robinson
congratulates the retiring
chief

Chebeague Island Garden Club

The Chebeague Island Garden Club is in its third year and we meet monthly at the Commons, on the second Wednesday of the month. We try to have a variety of educational programs, garden/house tours and hands-on workshops. From the beginning we have been committed to Island beautification; we have had two beautification community projects so far.

The first project is a perennial and annual garden in front of the Chebeague Island School. In April we spend some classroom time with the children doing a seed planting workshop, The preschool and kindergarten children planted Burpee “teddy bear” sunflowers, the older children planted calendulas which will reseed and come up again next year. The children keep their individual popsicle sticks with their names on them when we transplant the seedlings in May so that they can watch the progress of their plants during the summer and into the fall. Garden Club members take turns throughout the summer months weeding and watering the garden.

The second project is the Lewis Ross Memorial Garden at the second tee of the Golf Course. We have agreed to plant and maintain this garden as well as the “quiet reflection bench” at this same setting. We order our annual plants from Doughty’s Market and plant them before opening day at the Golf Club. We have received many compliments on the beautiful flowers over the summer. Members also weed this garden throughout the summer and into the fall. The new underground sprinkler system has been wonderful and eliminates the need for us to lug water to the site.

The Garden Club is open to anyone who would like to join and we welcome you to share your gardening tips even if you are only vacationing on the Island for a short time over the summer. We are a small garden club but we have accomplished a lot in three years.

— Mona Calthorpe, President

Chebeague Island Grange #576



The Chebeague Island Grange #576 was organized by Stanley Libby in 1951 and met in the Parish House with about 100 members for some years until they acquired the old Central School building which now serves as Grange Hall. Presently we have 33 members who support the work of the local, State and National

Granges and the Island community in various capacities. Our State Grange provides agricultural and nursing scholarships which have helped several Islanders with college expenses. Children and grandchildren of a Grange member may apply so we hope that more Island young people will consider asking for this aid. Locally we have a reciprocal standing in this community; we initiate the services and the Island in turn supports our work by volunteering to help with projects such as the Island Cleanup campaign in the spring and the Memorial Day service in the church. Joan Robinson is in charge of the flag marking of veteran's graves in the cemetery, while green sprays with flowers are traditionally made by Grangers and placed on the graves by those attending, after the service.

The ongoing Thrift Shop in the Grange run by Doris Feeney and her loyal crew during the summer months and the Grange Fair in September run by Frances Calder, members and volunteers, provide an outlet for unwanted clothing and household goods as well as a source for bargain shoppers and bidders at the lively Fair Auction. We appreciate receiving clean, useful and working items for the gift shop and the fair. These two endeavors enable us to raise money to maintain the old schoolhouse so that it is both an historical site and a functioning building for public meetings.

We support local organizations with donations and receive generous donations from Island residents to support our annual Shut in/Goodwill baskets and gift certificates at Christmas time to elderly

Islanders and to some who have had a hard time with illnesses and/or deaths in the family.

Current officers of this Grange are:

Frances Calder, Master

Dianne Calder, Secretary

Martha Hamilton, Treasurer

with Jane Abrahamson, Waneta Cleaves, Eleanor Morse, Doris Feeney, Byrle O'Neill, Laurel Usher, Nicky Weldon, Pam Curran and Marshall Bowen serving in other offices.

The Grange is one of the few organizations that involve the whole family in its activities and particularly recognize women in leadership roles. We are always looking for new members. If you are interested please talk to Dianne, Martha or Fran.

— Martha Hamilton



"Going once...going twice..." says Roy Jackson with Dianne Calder's help at the annual Grange Auction

Chebeague Island Hall Community Center

Again, we wish to thank the amazing number of people who so generously donated to another good cause for the Hall. The much needed storage addition will finally be built, hopefully before another winter arrives! We also look forward to making some improvements to the stage and lighting area around it.

We are proud as peacocks with the new look that our floors have acquired since Erik Weagle sanded and refinished the main floor and Cindy Riddle and Cathy MacNeill cleaned and polished the entrance and lobby floors. Really looks great! And we do not want to overlook the grand paint job that Peggy Jones and Martha Hamilton gave to the lobby walls recently.

The success of our Baked Bean and Casserole supper as well as our Corned Beef and Cabbage supper were largely due to the efforts and ideas of Cindy. We thank her, and also Cathy and Julie for all their help and keen interest in the Hall's affairs.

Last October our new Board of Directors was established for this year of 2002. It consists of:

Peggy Jones, President	Pat St. Cyr
Mabel Doughty, Vice President	Susie Stavropoulos
Martha Hamilton, Recording Secretary	Sylvia Ross
Dianne Brewer, Corresponding Secretary	Leland Hamilton
Beverly Johnson, Treasurer	

To rent the Hall, chairs, tables, etc., call Martha Hamilton at 846-4078. The Hall remains available to rent for a mere \$60; or \$100 if liquor is served.

BINGO NOTE: Sylvia Ross and caller Cliff Barker are taking much deserved time off from running Bingo this summer; but we are still hoping to hear from anyone, who must be sixteen or over, who would be interested in giving it a try.

— Sylvia Ross

Chebeague Island Historical Society

The past twelve months, from June 2001 to June 2002, have been a banner year for the Chebeague Island Historical Society. Soon, by August of this year, the banner will read Gala Opening of the Museum of Chebeague History.

The opening of the Museum will be the fulfillment of vision, planning, generosity, negotiation and close attention to the task of renovating the District No. 9 Schoolhouse and garage annex. Earlier boards of the Historical Society foresaw the need for a building to preserve and display the artifacts and records of Chebeague's past. They accepted ownership of the schoolhouse and annex when the Town of Cumberland built new garage facilities. They contributed and raised funds to enable Mike Darling and Bob Parker to repair the old structures, making them tight to the weather, while planning went on for the creation of a museum. They executed the construction of the public restroom, which will open this summer. They organized and carried out the fund-drive for the museum during the spring, summer and fall of 2000, when Donna Damon and Jill Malony led a campaign that enlisted the efforts of many volunteer solicitors. That Island-wide effort yielded generous giving by hundreds of Chebeaguers who together committed more than \$300,000 in gifts and pledges. In addition, we received support from the U. S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development Program, Davis Family Foundation and MBNA. These efforts set the stage for the accomplishments of the past year.

During 2001-2002 the Society completed plans for the Museum prepared by Carol A. Wilson and UJMN Architects, and presented last June at the annual meeting. After inviting interest from builders and contractors on and off Chebeague, conducting interviews and investigating past performance of a number of candidates, the board selected and negotiated a contract with the Thaxter Company. It was also necessary to develop a full site plan, with the services of Mitchell Rasor Land Design, to satisfy the requirements of the Town of Cumberland and to obtain a variance and building permit. Construction began in March and continues within budget and on schedule, with completion by August 15th. A building liaison team,

headed by Al Whitaker, with Ken Hamilton devoting many hours to close oversight of the work, and Jill Malony, Jim Millinger and Phil Jordan also serving, has monitored progress in construction. Before summer's end, the Chebeague community and visitors to the Island will be able to admire the historical preservation in the old schoolhouse and the renovation in the annex that comprise the creation of the Museum of Chebeague History

An important sideshow and assistance to museum construction was yet another CIHS-sponsored trip, again led by Suhail Bisharat with Leila Bisharat, this time to Turkey. Seventeen travelers and the Bisharats enjoyed a week exploring Roman, Byzantine and Ottoman Istanbul, with residence in a pension up against the walls of Topkapi Palace and directly behind Hagia Sophia, and five days cruising the Turquoise (Mediterranean) Coast on a gullet (a Turkish form of sailing craft). There were daily swims and visits to Lycian and Roman sites, and a final day back in safe, cosmopolitan Istanbul. Each traveler made a charitable contribution to CIHS towards construction of the museum.

Along with Museum construction, and travel, the Society enjoyed a series of splendid monthly meetings last summer and fall and this spring. The topics included: Central Landing, the Watch Factory, a workshop on the Great Bridge Controversy in preparation for the lecture on the proposed bridge this summer, and a presentation on the collection and preservation of newspaper clippings that has stimulated the creation of a working group who have met several times to sort clippings for our collection.

And finally, we have had a banner year for sales of merchandise - especially those wonderful Chebeague throws and Mac Passano's lobster buoy placemats - thanks to the enterprise, care and energy of Joan Robinson. We are looking forward to another great sales year ahead.

— Phil Jordan, President

Chebeague Island Library

What an exciting and wonderful year we have seen at the Chebeague Island Library. So many things have changed, and yet it is the comfortable, welcoming place it has always been.

Library circulation is now fully automated thanks to MBNA grant money and many, many hours of volunteer time. Our collection catalogue is on each of the four public computers; at some point in time you will be able to access it from your home. We can reserve material for you and will call when it becomes available.

The library's expanded hours have proven a big success, especially with students. We are now open four nights a week and bill it as "homework nights." Staff provides homework guidance, resources and supplies. A box is kept full of paper, markers, pencils and poster board for student use. The library also serves as the school orchestra practice area with Laura Summa directing students in the study of the violin. The Childrens Department under the direction of Sheila Putnam has been updated and reorganized to be more efficient. Many new books are on the shelves and displays have showcased these additions.



Fiddling around at the library

Summer was busy with many visitors; in the period June through August we had 6,890 people coming to the library. The library hosted several book signings with Kate Kennedy giving a reading from her novel *End Over End* and Rochelle Rice talking about fitness and her book *Real Fitness For Real Women*. Scientists from the Southworth Planetarium came and set up their telescopes at the Rec Center so we could all take a glimpse at the stars. Displays of art were very popular this year: B.J. Abrahamson's beautiful new bronzes, Clint Jones' metal sculpture with his lineup of familiar boats, Lee Bowman's breathtaking photography, John Howard's postcard perfect scenes of Chebeague; these talented artists brought many people to the library to enjoy gifts of art to the community.

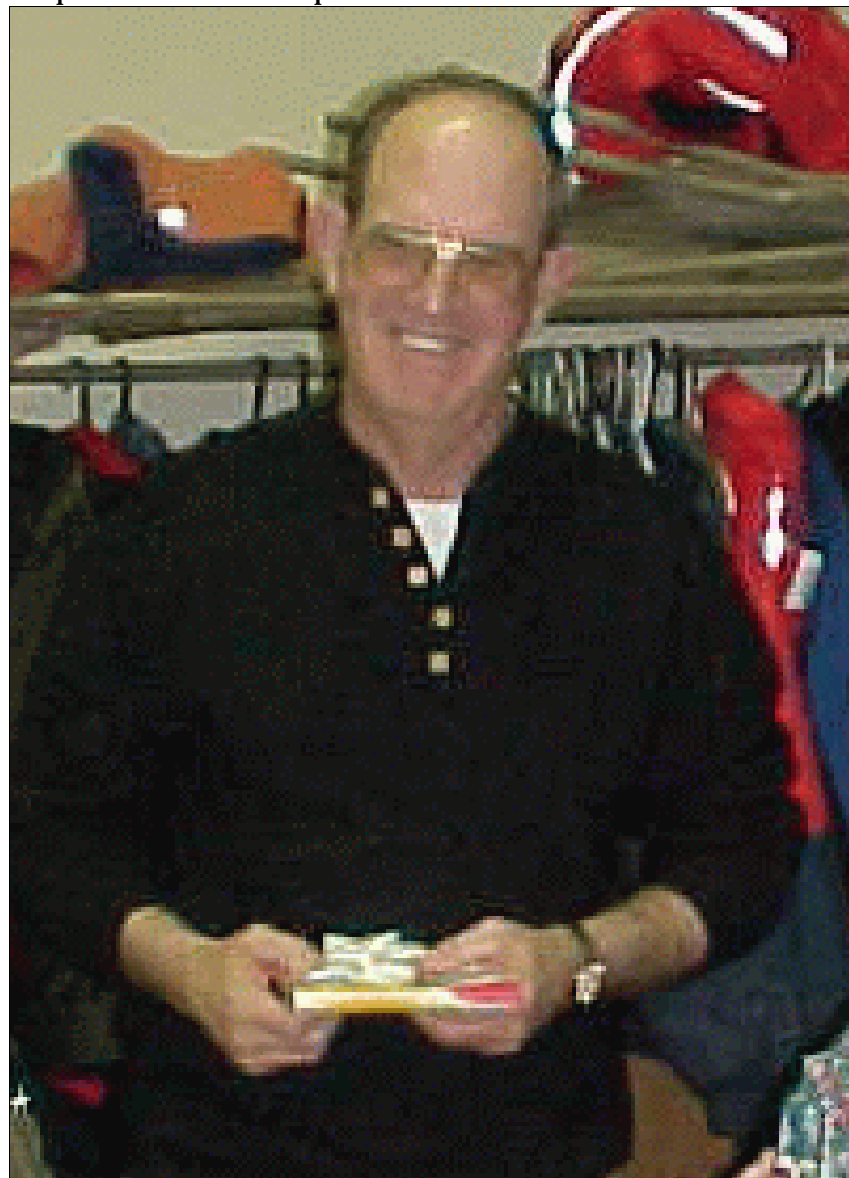
In the fall we started a series of facilitated book discussion groups sponsored by the Maine Humanities Council. These efforts were aided by the time and expertise of Phil and Sheila Jordan, Jerry Wiles and Jim Millinger. The library book group continued to meet throughout the year with topics ranging from the occult to TV .

The Board of Trustees of the Library is a group of talented and dedicated individuals committed to the Library and its mission of providing the best for the community. Our staff and our volunteers are to be commended for their dedication to bring the Library into the future. We are all looking forward to another rewarding and exciting year.

— Debby Bowman, Librarian

Chebeague Island Rescue

We had more calls this year than we usually have had in past years. There were a total of 91 calls where a patient was transported to one of the hospitals in Portland, and in addition we had several calls where the patient was not transported off island.



I am happy to announce that we will be getting a new rescue unit this year. Chief Boulduc and I have looked at several different models and I think that I would like one of each model so far.

We are also looking forward to working with our new Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) this year. A 133 hour EMT course as offered this year at the Chebeague Fire Station and we had six students from the Island and two from mainland Cumberland in the class. At the time of this report they have all completed the classes and had the state and national test. Now they are off to SMTC for the hands-on or practical part of the course. We will sure welcome them aboard! So all and all we have an exciting year coming up.

One more thing that is not so exciting is that we only have until June to talk Dianne Calder into staying on the rescue. Dianne and I have worked on the Rescue for 24 years. We have seen a lot of rescuers come and go, but we just hung in there. There has been a lot of laughs and sad times. I will miss her.

— Captain Marlene Bowen, Chebeague Rescue

Chebeague Island School



Grades 3-6

Left to right: *Principal Suzie Robbins, Music teacher Alison Manion, Anna Maine, Alissa Hamilton, Lida Munroe, Caroline Summa, Governor Angus S. King, Arianna Stefanilo, Conrad Birkett, Darya Johnson, Dennis Johnson, Mia Taliento, Nate Martin, John Summa, Britny Bernier, George Birkett, Tyler Weagle, Christy Phipps, Josh Doughty, Teacher Gwen Smith*

It is hard to believe that the 2001-2002 school year is coming to an end. This school year brought many changes to the Island. While going through changes is not always an easy experience, it does bring forth new opportunities to grow and become clearer about our values and beliefs. The school population increased from the expected 28 students last spring to 36 bright and eager faces in the fall. This meant the addition of desks and textbooks as well as ed tech support. We also welcomed four new staff members into the school community. They have all been wonderful additions and have brought different talents and strengths to the work with our children. Next year promises to look different as well. We will be sending our sixth graders to the Drowne Road School and seven of our students will be attending Greely Junior High next year. With the loss of one grade



Grades K - 3

Left to right standing: Teacher Carin Wilson, Julia Maine, Emma Todd, Megan Munroe, Julia Stefanilo, Reese Partlow, Tracy Calder, Amanda Campbell, Chloe Dyer, Benjamin Hillicoss, Tyler Campbell, David Hamilton, Cassidy Jeffers, and James Weagle

Sitting: Anna Hamilton, Jenny Dyer, Natalie Murphy, and Brennah Martin

level as well as a very large class, we are expecting the school population to decrease for the 2002-2003 school year. The staff is looking forward to the changes that next year will bring.

Cheryl Hillicoss has been a wonderful addition to the school. She joined our staff on the fall and was immediately put to work learning the routine of the building. She has added technology instruction to the school and has mastered the use of the Alphasmart computers for keyboarding lessons. Cheryl has also supported children in all other areas of instruction.

An instrumental component has been added to our music program by our new music instructor, Alison Manion. Alison has helped the younger children learn how to keep rhythm on xylophones. The older class started violin lessons and provide us with lovely music at concerts throughout the year. They were invited to perform at the State House before the beginning of a Legislative



The K-3 class on the playground

session and even met Governor Angus King. It was an exciting musical year for our students.

Tammy Heathco joined us as our new guidance counselor. Her weekly visits have included time for students as well as parents. Her lessons have focused on friendship, bullying and career issues. Tammy worked with other guidance counselors to put together a thoughtful and purposeful transition program for our departing students. She has looked for natural ways to make them part of activities on the mainland and has planned school visits and tours.

The older class saw the addition of Gwen Smith as their teacher. Gwen worked for MSAD 51 on the mainland before deciding to make the move to Chebeague Island. She has brought much knowledge of district expectations and a kind, gentle way with children. Gwen has made a concerted effort to keep connected with mainland curriculum and activities. This will help our children when it is their turn to leave the Island school.

Carin Wilson continued to work with the younger children. She spent the beginning weeks of school at home with her newborn son and rejoined us in October. She has helped our new staff learn about the Island School and the community. Her work with our children is

positive and encouraging. Carin has high expectations for her students and they work hard to rise to this challenge.

We have also been fortunate to have the ongoing efforts of Lee Robinson this year. Lee's work includes everything from recess duty to whole class instruction. Her dedication to the school and the children tends to go unnoticed as she enjoys working behind the scenes. Lee helps every day run smoothly and does it all with a smile.

We are happy to have Elaine Doughty in the school. She is an incredible cook and adds many homemade treats to the menu. The children and staff are very lucky to have such a caring individual in the kitchen. Elaine is loved by the children and she genuinely cares for each and every one of them. We also appreciate all that she does to keep the school neat and tidy.

Doug Ross has done a fabulous job as the children's bus driver. He greets children with a smile every morning and takes care to deliver them home safely every afternoon. Doug is also busy making trips to the Library and to the boat for special events. Doug's work has not gone unnoticed; he was nominated for Bus Driver of the Year. Congratulations!

While the school staff truly make the school a special place to learn, the school could not operate without many, many supports from the island community. The Library has been a wonderful support for children as they need resources for projects or are just looking for good books to enjoy. The homework support available in the evenings



Playing at the State House in Augusta

has been invaluable. The Rec Center has also been a great support for the school. They have offered after school activities for our students as another opportunity for them to learn a new skill or craft. The Island School is also fortunate to have such a high number of volunteers who perform a variety of duties. We have people who photocopy papers, make costumes, write grants, chaperon trips and burn music CDs to help with practice.

Mrs. Wilson's k-3 classroom has had a busy and exciting year. Their first unit of the year was colonial life. They had five presenters from the Island who brought in artifacts such as a bed warmer, butter churn, oil lamp and ice clamps. They had presenters teach them about braiding rugs and how to embroider. When the unit concluded, they had a colonial presentation. The boys wore jerkins and breeches while the girls wore dresses, aprons and pockets (marble bags). Each child taught their parents, family and friends about colonial life. On May 31st they took a trip to Norlands which is located in Livermore Falls. The boys worked in the barn and out in the field while the girls were inside learning to cook, weave and embroider. The children truly loved the colonial unit.

To celebrate the birthday of Dr. Seuss (Theodor S. Geisel, 1904-1991), the students created a classroom poetry book. The parents came for green eggs and ham while each child wore a pipe hat and read a poem aloud. The children also did an outstanding job creating their own stories and typing them on the computer, and making illustrations. They invited their parents in for an author's tea; each child read their book to the parents as they had tea and cookies. They will finish the year with a unit on reptiles and amphibians. A presentation by the Chewonki Foundation is planned. Thank you to Cheryl Hillicoss and Lee Robinson for their tremendous energy and hard work with the children.

The older class consisted of one Third Grader, four Fourth Graders, four Fifth Graders and seven Sixth Graders. These students have had an exciting year of learning. Highlights have included a trip in the fall to Plimouth Plantation to experience first hand the rigorous work, dedication and commitment of our forefathers as they settled in a new land. This trip was a joint venture with another class from Drowne Road School who were also studying colonial America. Other highlights this year have been a trip to Augusta to meet our Governor,

visit Fort Western and attending such musical events as the opera and the ballet. As we draw closer to the end of school, we are practicing our parts for an upcoming production of the American Revolution. We would like to thank all parents, community members and staff for contributing to such an effective and exciting year.

As you can tell, it has been a year full of opportunities for gown and new experiences. I wonder what the 2002-2003 school year will hold for us?

— Carin Wilson, Chebeague Island School



Fourth of July Fun Run

Chebeague Island Yacht Club

The Chebeague Island Yacht Club, under the leadership of Commodore Jane Frizzell, in 2001 had 147 members. The Chebeague Island Community Sailing School, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization under the umbrella of the CIYC, was directed by Barbara Marks. Both organizations had an active and successful summer of events.

Our races had many exciting starts and finishes and surprises, which provided hours of animated discussion over cocktails, long after the committee boat's last horn. Here are the winners of the past season:

Ocean Race: 1) Reggie Babcock, 2) Ralph Ragan, 3) David Burgess

Harper Brown Trophy for Small Boats: 1) Scott Earnest, 2) Bob Earnest, 3) Tom Damon

Indian Point Race: 1) David Burgess, 2) Jane Frizzell, 3) Reggie Babcock

'Round Island Race: 1) Tom Rothchild, 2) Jane Frizzell, 3) David Burgess

Small Boat: 1) Bob Earnest, 2) Toby Lunt, 3) Scott Earnest

Bates Island Race: 1) Jane Frizzell, 2) Tom Rothchild, 3) Scott Earnest

Small Boat Overall: 1) Scott Earnest, 2) Bob Earnest, 3) Toby Lunt

Large Boat Overall: 1) David Burgess, 2) Tom Rothchild, 3) Jane Frizzell

Club Champion: 1) David Burgess, 2) Tom Rothchild, 3) Jane Frizzell

Bungle Trophy: Ralph Ragan (other nominees: Zandy; Barbara)

Special note should be taken that Ralph Ragan, one of the most experienced and most knowledgeable sailors in the bay, was once again awarded the mighty Bungle Trophy, the clock that, when working, runs backward. We won't mention what he did to deserve this prize a second year in a row, but he must be getting used to referring to GMT when making appointments. Congratulations, Ralph!

Our special thanks go to David Burgess for his many years of time-consuming and enthusiastic service to the Yacht Club as Race Committee Chair. With his retirement this important job will be handled by Scott Earnest, one of our most able sailing school instructors.

The Yacht Club picnics were great social events, fun and well-attended. The non-boaters appreciated the addition of a launch driver, Donna Colbeth, who operated the sailing school launch from the boatyard for these events. At our first picnic on Crow Island the noted news commentator John Dougherty from Littlejohn, a member for 15 years but never before having attended a Yacht Club function, arrived with his family, had a wonderful time, and joined up for yet another year! The Bates Island picnic (planned for high tide assuring that no boats would be aground before the end of the lunch hour) was also notable notwithstanding the fact that some of the picnickers didn't read the chart accurately and ended up on a different island.

In 2002 additional picnics on neighboring islands will be added to the schedule, with detailed instructions for the non-chartables. Donna will once again be operating the launch.

Two successful Power Nights were planned by Nick Wessel, with shore dinners at the Falmouth Sea Grill and Diamond Cove. Unfortunately the annual overnight cruise had to be canceled but in 2002 we will again be hosted by Dodge Morgan on Snow Island, one of the most beautiful islands within a day's sail of Chebeague. We welcome all yachters to attend these events.

The Chebeague Island Sailing School headed by Senior Instructor young Barbara Marks, taught a total of 24 students. Instructors and students were excited by the addition of two new 420s which allowed the more experienced sailors to improve their racing skills in class and also to compete in the Saturday races. By the end of the 2001 season it was decided that the 30 year old Zephyr fleet which serves the beginning students need to be retired. With membership and foundation donations raised over the winter we have been able to purchase three new JY15s for the 2002 season.

The sailing school students were treated to a sail by American Promise, the 60 foot sloop which in 1986 set the world record (and still holds the American record) for non-stop circumnavigation of the world in 150 days. The U.S. Naval Academy returns the vessel to her

former mooring once a summer to do a short sailing program with the C.I.C.S.S. After the sail the crew was treated to dinner with club members and friends on Hamilton Beach. In 2002 the sailing school participants will once again have the opportunity to sail with American Promise, followed by a lobster bake at Hamilton Beach open to all Islanders.

— Jane Frizzell, Vice Commodore



To Fly Over Island Yacht Club

Miss Martha Trower, daughter of the Chebeague Island Yacht Club commodore [Gordon], and David Burgess, fleet captain of the club, display the new pennant they designed for the club. They were assisted by Jan Friis. The design incorporates a "lazy C" over the "I." The

emblem also is symbolic of the 300-year-old oak tree at Indian Point on the island, long a bearing for yachtsmen. Races for the more than score of sailboats flying the new emblem are scheduled every weekend during the summer. (Leonard Photo) *Press Herald*, June 7, 1967

Chebeague Long-Range Planning Committee

The Long-Range Planning Committee hopes to go out of business about the time this goes to press. This does not mean that LRPC members will be any less active, but we hope that the plan that has been prepared over the past three years will have a final set of hearings on Chebeague this summer, be revised and then be adopted by the Town Council as part of the Town's Comprehensive Plan. At that point we hope that the Council will appoint an implementation committee to keep working on the issues analyzed in the plan.

The past year has been one of getting reactions and making revisions. Jim Phipps who, as Town Councillor got us started and saw the plan through to its initial presentation to the Council, completed his second term. Donna Damon, Sam Ballard and Karen Hamilton all ran for the vacancy. Donna won and after several months of recovery and rapprochement, the Committee produced a revision that included the public and Town staff comments up to February 2002. This revision was submitted to the Town and a schedule for its review was developed.

Since then it has gone to the heads of the Town departments and to the Planning Board for a second review. The comments from these two groups were responded to in a further draft that has now gone to the Town Council. So that is where things stand as this report is submitted to the Newsletter.

Even while the plan has been in the process of being revised and considered for adoption, some of its recommendations have been carried out. A new Stone Wharf Committee has been working on such issues as wharf design and maintenance and parking. Sevee & Maher was retained by the Town to update the 1992 groundwater study of Chebeague. The State and the Town have entered into a contract to replace home heating oil tanks that might leak and pollute the groundwater.

In addition, some problems examined in the plan, such as rising property values, have become more acute. A lot of building has been occurring as a result of the resolution of the building cap waiting list issue, but it is not possible to tell whether this is a one-time "blip" or

a trend. No decision has yet been made about the Blanchard Lot court case. *[Editor's note: See Page 61, Donna Damon's report]* All of these issues have consequences for life on Chebeague and will have to be dealt with in the future, either deliberately or haphazardly. The Long-Range Planning Committee hopes it will be the former.

— Beth Howe



Chebeague Piecemakers

We should change our name to the Chebeague Handwork Circle. While we meet twice a month, enjoy each others' company and share wonderful meals, the work that we do has gotten more and more diverse. Some members have always had these multiple talents. Others have been learning new skills. Bev Dyer, Sue Jackson, Joan Robinson and Louise Doughty are as often found knitting as quilting. They produce colorful mittens, cute child-sized sweaters and scarves made of exotic filamentous thread. Joan can only join us when her duties as general factotum for Ginny and the Health Clinic don't send her to the mainland with blood in the afternoon. She has not become a vampire; she's just taking the day's samples to the lab.

Peggie Jones, Susie Stavropoulos, Louise, Lola Armstrong and Barbara Hamilton are also working on counted cross stitch, generally in the form of samplers. This is work that requires good eyes and lots of patience, but, like quilting, it recaptures skills of the past.

Joyce Soucek, Sue and several others have at various times worked on hooked rugs. The most spectacular project has been Joyce's portrait of Richard's dog Buddy, rendered in 2' x 3.5' size from a snapshot. This is a rug that will never lie on the floor or even under its eponymous dog. Joyce has also been "finishing" a piano-bench cover in needlepoint. Martha Hamilton has joined us this year with a 3' x 5' oriental rug and a number of non-sewing projects including the design of a wall mural.

Still, most of us keep quilting at least some of the time. Nancy Adams, Jane Harrington and Audrey Collins have been working to finish their "stack and whack" quilts which brighten everyone else's spirits simply by their vibrant swirls of color. Diane Ash finally finished the appliqued quilt for her grandson that she has been working on for some years. It features clever and beautifully embroidered pictures of every mode of transportation from train, car and garbage truck to rocket and ship.

Peggie and Lola took a quilting course in Vermont. As a result Peggie has been making a "Tennessee Waltz" design quilt with "snowballs" and "star blocks." However, everyone else thinks it looks like sunflowers, so she has finally bowed to the general consensus and

is appliqueing sunflowers in the border and quilting the squares with a sunflower design. Jane Abrahamson has begun putting together into a finished quilt the squares that various people gave her for her birthday last year. Jeanette Hamilton has been working on a splendid red and black quilt and on a series of traditional Hawaiian applique squares.

And so it goes -- there are more projects than can be described in such a report. We have settled into a set pattern of shared work and shared preparation of delicious dinners. Even people who don't come to work during the day are likely to turn up at dinner time. Sylvia Ross eyes, for example, have made quilting difficult this year, but she comes to socialize over dinner.

— Beth Howe



Geneva, Meredith and Marshall Bowen

Chebeague Post Office

Dear Patrons:

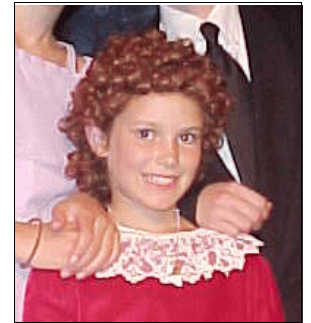
Due to the moratorium that the Post Office has set forth on the building of new offices, we will not be having a new Post Office in the foreseeable future. However, hopefully by September 1st we will start using our new E-911 addresses. You will receive a letter from the Town of Cumberland with your new address and instructions on how to change from your current address to your new address. In the meantime, please do not use your new address until the proper notification.

I would like to thank all of you for your support of our Post Office. It is very much welcomed and appreciated. And I would like to thank my coworkers Debra and Martha for all of their hard work and dedication. Also I am very pleased to welcome back to work Ginger, after a lengthy absence; she was greatly missed.

— Gina Ross. Postmaster

Chebeague Recreation Center

You're Never Fully Dressed Without a Smile! Smiles abound at the Chebeague Recreation Center and this past year has been no exception. Isn't it great to have a place to go on the Island to just have fun (like Cassidy Jeffers in the pool and Amanda Campbell at the Easter Egg Hunt), to hone a craft (like Vail Traina at rug hooking), to dance (like Jocie Emery, Jon & Lauren Miller at the Winter Carnival), perform (like Alyssa Hamilton in Annie), and volunteer (like Marcy Pope)? Opportunity for all this and more abounds at the CRC.



Alyssa Hamilton



Elizabeth Isenberg, Anna Maine, Chloe Dyer, Gemma Smith, Darya Johnson, Julia Maine, Shelby Campbell in ANNIE

Summer 2001 gave us lots of reasons to smile. The Children's Theater of Chebeague put on a fabulous production of Annie under the direction of Rachel Damon. The Chebeague Players entertained us with their hugely popular rendition of South Pacific, under the direction of Deborah Gordon. Camp Chebeague had six sold-out weeks, plus Lobster Camp. More children learned to swim and pre-teens and teenagers became triathletes. Morning lap swim continued to draw avid swimmers and open swim saw lots of happy

frolicking in the pool. Open for 87 days, the pool had at least 3,692 uses over those days, not including campers. We were forced to close slightly early due to a mechanical failure, but anticipate a full season this year. Marcy Pope and Nils Wessell were the CRC Volunteers of



Sanford Doughty throws out the first pitch at Volunteer Field

the Year for their tireless efforts at the pool. Besides swim lessons, day camp and theater, kids took advantage of classes in art, gymnastics, pottery, basket weaving and more. The Teen Center rock-and-rolled all summer long and finished the season with an overnight whitewater-rafting trip on the Kennebec. And families enjoyed the three barbecue pool parties held during the summer.

On Labor Day weekend, the community celebrated the opening of the newly renovated athletic field named Volunteer Field in recognition of the outstanding spirit of volunteerism on Chebeague. The CRC coordinated the festivities that included the triathlon, ribbon dancers, special guests and opening speeches, and softball games for kids, women, and men after Sanford Doughty threw the first pitch. Raffle drawings were held, including the CRC's summer fundraiser called the Island to Island Exchange to win a trip or \$2,500 cash. The lucky winner was Mary Ellen Webber, who turned around and gave it back to the CRC, thus enabling us to achieve our fundraising goal. Thanks Mary Ellen!



The teens held their annual fundraiser in January with the Winter Carnival. The Friday night talent show was entertaining as always. Nine brave souls took the polar plunge this year and raised over \$4,000 in pledges. After the plunge, the crowds were thick back at the CRC to judge the many entries of chili and chowder in the Chili & Chowder Challenge. This year the top prize went to Brenda Helbig for her chili, and to Bruce Hutchinson and Judy for their seafood chowder. Our friends Flamin'

Ramman and Sizzling' Suzzin returned that night for a family dance in the gym.

The winter flew by with lots of ongoing and new activities for all ages. The fitness room continued to gain in popularity and we hope to expand the space in the near future to more comfortably accommodate its users. The gym was a popular place for walking, Fitness with Shirley, pick-up basketball, and yoga. Young gymnasts have blossomed under the tutelage of Coach Bob Libby. Schoolchildren attended physical education classes in the gym every

Wednesday morning, and gave a marvelous presentation on Colonial Times here in late January. Adults learned to hook rugs, cane chairs, and weave rush chair seats. Kids learned to draw, paint, create pottery, run, and ski. Preschoolers enjoyed their time with Vicki Todd in the CRC-coordinated preschool program. In short, through the doors of the CRC came the wide-eyed faces of toddlers and the wizened faces of seniors, and everyone in between. It truly is a place for everyone.

All of this could not be done without the direction, inspiration and energy of the members of the CRC Board of Directors. At the June 2001 Annual meeting, we said goodbye to our retiring members Nancy Hill, Elizabeth Hill, and Erik Weagle, all of whom contributed in major ways to the CRC. We welcomed new Board members Paula Libby and Vail Traina. This year's Board consisted of:

Shirley Barker, Treasurer	Beverly Johnson, Secretary
Sandra Birkett, Vice President	Paula Libby
Leila Bisharat	Eldon Mayer
Warren Bogle	Gail Miller
Deb Bowman	Jarrod Smith
Erica Formisano	Geoff Summa
Jeanette Hamilton	Al Traina
David Hill, President	Vail Traina
Ginger Hobart	

In March, we welcomed Jerry Wiles to the Board to replace Sam Birkett who we wish all the best with her new baby due this June.

The Board is extremely supportive of the CRC staff and we would be remiss not to acknowledge their extraordinary dedication and hard work. Virginia Tatakis-Calder remains at the helm as Recreation Director (her third year) and puts a lot of time and energy into ensuring the success of the programs. Beth Dyer still performs the duties of Administrative Director in her fifth year of service, and Ken Hamilton enters his fourth year of service as Custodian and all-around handyman. Many part-time and seasonal staff members help run the CRC programs. In 2001, the CRC employed 26 people in various positions, all but six of whom are year-round Island residents. We welcome Carol Ryder to the CRC staff as our new Pool Director, and thank Rob Friedlander for his generous gift of time, energy, and enthusiasm over the past four years. We also acknowledge that the

CRC would not be as successful as it is without all of the wonderful volunteers who run programs, help with fundraisers, perform professional services such as accounting, and help in so many more ways.

This year promises to be as fun and fulfilling as the previous one and we look forward to theater productions of *Fiddler on the Roof* and *Oliver*, the happy faces of day campers and swimmers in the pool, teens having fun at the Teen Center, people working out in the fitness room, games in the gym and on Volunteer Field, craft workshops, dances, barbecues, and getting to know our friends and neighbors a little better. The summer fundraiser will be a golf tournament and party at the Inn on Wednesday, August 14th, 2002. Those of you who remember The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly tournament and Ho-Down two years ago will know that it's a lot of fun and you can do one or the other, or both. We will also raffle off the electric car on that day. The car is legal on Island roads and also can be used as a golf cart. Not only is it environmentally friendly, but it's great fun to drive.

We look forward to seeing old and new faces this year, and sincerely thank all of you for your support and generosity in helping us provide the level of service the community has come to know and



enjoy. Often when we give tours of the CRC to visitors from away, they comment how lucky we are to have such a place. We agree. But it is not just luck - it is extraordinary people who made it happen, and make it happen still.



Malcolm Rice and the three Bloody Marys (May Hall, Martha Hamilton, Bev Johnson) in South Pacific

— Beth Dyer, Administrative Director



Chebeague Transportation Company

“Gazillions” of hours. After 22+ years working for CTC, Dianne Calder figures she has put in that many hours. Dianne officially retired June 1st. When she came on board somewhere around 1980 (although it may have been as early as 1979 – our records are a little vague), Dianne was working with Jeanette Hamilton. Since that time Dianne has seen a lot: Getting the first steel-hulled boat, *Big Squaw* (renamed *Dirigo* by the school kids two years ago), so the school kids could travel safely in the icy winter; the delivery of the *Islander*; going from 846-5619 to 3700 (no one knows why the change); going from the overcrowded Drowne Road parking lot to the wide expanses of the Route One lot.

Dianne started working with the answering service in 1993, and



has been working with them ever since. When Jeanette Hamilton retired, CTC tried to get Dianne to take over the bookkeeping part of the business. She declined, preferring to stick with people. It has been the people – the community – that has kept Dianne on duty for those gazillions of hours.

Many of those hours never made it to the timecard. If a storm was on the way, commuters needed to be called so they would have a chance of getting home to their families. If there was an emergency on the water, Dianne would be on duty, and if the weather was just being a little “squirrely,” she’d be by the radio ready to help. Dianne did this because she was, “playing a part in peoples’ lives, she was helping them live on Chebeague.” She loved the sense of community that she had working with CTC.

For the past two months, Dianne trained her replacement, Susan Campbell, who was ready to step into the job on June 1st. Dianne recently confessed that she’s already missing her fellow employees. And, like many of us who depend on certain tasks to tell us what day it is (i.e., if it’s barging, it must be Tuesday), she’s a little confused as to the day of the week. So the next time you see her, you might want to not only thank her for all her years of service, but also sneak in what day of the week it is!

All kidding aside, Dianne Calder has been an asset to CTC since she walked in Jeanette Hamilton’s door. We thank her for the gazillion hours that she worked, for all the ideas that she brought to the company, and for the absolute, undying commitment to the Island and to CTC.

Another action-packed year has gone by the boards. For the second year, the CTC bus drivers were driving year around. They were taking Chebeaguers to their cars in the Route One lot, away from the congestion of the Cousins Island lot.

Louise Doughty’s garden creations continue to pop up in and around the Cousins Island parking lot. If you think of it, bring a jug of water when you come to the lot, as Louise has many plants to water. This past winter, all of the boat crew members were trained in CPR and use of the AED (automated electrical defibrillator) a device used if your heart stops. The AED was donated by SaveOne in association with Maine Medical Center.

The freight/warming shed got a little warmer this fall. Insulation and plywood were put on the floor, and holes in the walls were filled with foam. This spring, the roof was re-shingled. The floor and shingling labor were donated by Joe D. Ballard. The shingles were donated by Mark Dyer. The weather hasn’t cooperated of late, so the shed hasn’t been painted (but it is on the list). What has been painted is the *Islander*. To keep costs down, our boat crews have been helping to paint the boat at the Royal River Boat Yard. A thank you to the painters. Thanks also to the crew who have been covering shifts, so the repair work on the *Islander* could be completed. A special thank you to Lindy Smith.

Newcomers to CTC: Susan Campbell, CTC communications; Jamie Hamilton, relief deckhand; Polly Wentling, deckhand. New bus drivers are Paul Chesley and Brenda Anderson. Jason Doyle will be selling tickets at Route One on weekends this summer.

CTC Employees:

Bus Drivers:

Brenda Anderson
Lisa Arsenault (on maternity leave)
Paul Chesley
Diana Copp (until Dec.’ 01)
Bruce Doyle
Willie Doyle
Don Fish
Greg Googins
Jim Murray (on medical leave)
Bonnie Twomey
Paul Twomey (until June ‘01)

Weekend Ticket Seller:

Jason Doyle

Parking Attendants:

Don Blanchard
Louise Doughty
John Maxon
Bill Munroe

Office Staff:

Gloria Brown
Dianne Calder (retired June '02)
Susan Campbell (the new voice of CTC)
Louise Todd

Captains:

Don Buxbaum
Leon Hamilton
Leland Hamilton (until Dec. '01)
Jim Millinger
Lindy Smith

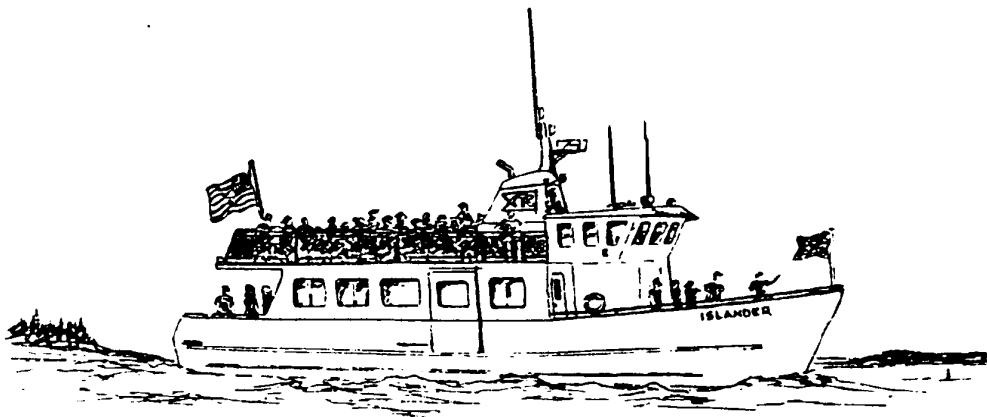
Deckhands:

Jamie Hamilton
Darren Hillicoss
Kim Munroe
Alnah Robinson (until Oct. '01)
Rebecca Stelle
Polly Wentling

Upper Deckhands (in 2001):

Lucy Brown
Cheryl Hillicoss
Bradley Putnam

— Ginny Ballard, Public Relations



Chedemption

Chedemption had a successful year, redeeming \$5930 worth of bottles and cans, and distributing the money to 12 non-profit organizations* on the Island. We also had the “first annual awards banquet” at the end of the summer. The food and cooking was donated by Arlene Dyer and all volunteers were given certificates of merit “suitable for framing.”

Now that we have been in operation for two years, we have the redemption process fairly well organized with the help of about 17 volunteers. We get the bottles and cans from the Inn all summer, and collect the rest year-round at the Chedemption shed at the Transfer Station. The bagged and boxed redeemables are stored until there are enough for a shipment and then Casco Bay Lines takes them to Portland free of charge where they are picked up by East End Redemption. During the busy summer months, volunteers monitor the Transfer Station when it is open, making sure that the bottles and cans are boxed, bagged, labeled and taken to the storage shed. It would help the effort if everyone donating beverage containers left only those marked “ME 5c” (or “ME 15c,” for wine and liquor bottles) and left them without caps and reasonably clean. Water containers such as Poland Springs carry a deposit, milk containers do not.

The major change this year was that we changed our storage system. We had been using the shed behind the ex-Nellie G. free of charge courtesy of Ross Martindale and John Thaxter. Now that Jonathan KomLosy has bought the house, he has uses for the shed. So we purchased a used 6 x 12" trailer for \$2362. Watch for it in the Fourth-of-July parade. We can store the boxes and bags in it and then take them directly down to the Chandler Cove Wharf, which is very convenient. This one-time expense for the trailer, will, of course mean that the payout for the coming year will be less than for last year.

Because we now have to license and insure the trailer, we asked the Island Council, which has been helping us with our banking, if we could officially become a Council subsidiary for purposes of trailer ownership. They have agreed.

We are always looking for volunteers to help, especially in the summer. So if you have a “tidying up” streak in your personality and want to help Island non-profits call any of us.

Tom Calder, Beth Howe, Gail Miller and Mac Passano

* the organizations are:

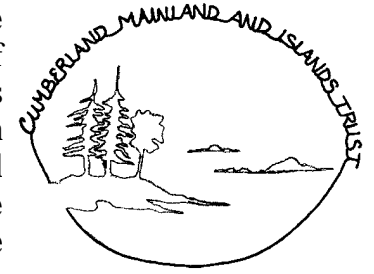
Chebeague Care Resource	Recreation Center
Chebeague Island Council	Sailing School
Historical Society	Sanford's Skating Pond
Library	Stephen Ross Scholarship Fund
United Methodist Church	Cumberland Mainland and Island Trust
Parents' Association	Hall and Community Center

— Beth Howe



Cumberland Mainland and Island Trust

2001 was and 2002 promises to be another banner year in the growth of the Cumberland Mainland and Islands Trust. Last spring the Trust received an outright gift of 12 acres of mixed forested lands on Range Road from the Carley family. The property will be another cornerstone in establishing a permanent greenway adjacent to the Trust's Frog Pond Preserve and the Town's open space surrounding the Idlewood subdivision. The property will also provide opportunities to link with undeveloped tracts in the immediate vicinity.



Minutes before year-end the Trust was also successful in negotiating the terms of a permanent conservation easement with the Berkovich family for another parcel of land on the Range Road. This easement will ensure that approximately 22 acres of mixed forest and riparian lands will remain permanently protected.

“Seaward” the Trust has also been very busy. This spring, in conjunction with the Maine Coast Heritage Trust, the Trust has been helping fundraising efforts to purchase Whaleboat Island. Trust members have already generously supported the effort; it is still not too late to contribute.

Summer is an ideal time for you to visit and enjoy the Trust's island properties. The public is welcome to use the Basket Island preserve for day activities throughout the summer. We remind everyone that during the spring and early summer, April 15th through July 14th, Stockman Island is closed to protect sea bird nesting areas. It is open for use by the public after mid-July. And be sure to take time to visit the Trust's Deer Point property this summer.

While enjoying our coast please be thinking of the many other promising activities to expand conservation lands on Chebeague, on Cumberland's other islands and on the mainland. The jury is back, and the verdict is that the hidden costs of development continue to impact adversely each of us. Landowners and communities can benefit from the many conservation opportunities available through our

organization. It is never too early to be thinking about how the Trust can help harvest the many rewards of land conservation through tax benefits. If you or someone you know would like to speak to the Trust about these opportunities, or have questions about the Trust operations and properties, please call me at my home (829-3201) or call one of the island representative, Dick Bowen or Sue Burgess. We would love to hear from you.

— Rob Crawford

From your Cumberland Town Councilor

Just about this time last year I was beginning my first year as a Town Councilor after a hiatus of eighteen years. To put it plain and simple it is much easier the second time around. When I was first elected to the Council in 1980 I was a young teacher. In fact I had the children of many of my fellow councilors as students. Many of the councilors were lawyers and businessmen and they were all men, so in the beginning they out maneuvered me on more than one occasion. But I was a quick study and it wasn't long before I was holding my own. They taught me more than parliamentary procedure. They taught me that even after heated debates we could shake hands and walk away friends. They also taught me that representing Chebeague was very difficult, because my fellow councilors knew very little about island life and island needs.

While communicating with the Town Manager and fellow councilors is important, it is essential to communicate with the people in the town. I have an advantage over my colleagues in that I interact with my constituents on a daily basis either at the store or on the boat. I may not always agree with you but thank you for sharing your thoughts and ideas with me.

Hardly a meeting goes by when the Council does deal with something relating to Chebeague and other islands in the Town. The following are some of the major issues that have faced the Council since I have been on board.

- Nancy Blanchard's appeal of the decision that upheld the taking of the Blanchard Lot by the State of Maine was heard in the fall and the court has yet to render an opinion. *[Editor's Note: On June 20, 2001, the Maine Supreme Judicial Court sitting as the Law Court ruled that the State of Maine was correct in taking the Blanchard Lot for use by people traveling to and from Chebeague Island.]*

- The MDOT will be presenting its preliminary plans for the redesigned turn around on Wharf Rd adjacent to the Cousins Island Wharf.

- The Hope Island session movement is in arbitration

- The Long Term Planning Committee under the leadership of Sam Ballard and Beth Howe has worked hard and the final draft of the plan should be adopted this summer.

- The oil tank replacement program is moving forward thanks in large part to Beth Howe.

- Steve Moriarty and Peter Bingham have joined Islanders on a new Stone Wharf Committee. The work at the Stone Wharf was divided among three subcommittees. A plan has been presented that will address structural issues as well as provide more opportunities for people to tie up punts and boats at additional floats. Parking issues are still being studied and recommendations should be forthcoming later in the summer.

- It has been determined that the lack of enforcement of existing ordinances as well as a lack of knowledge about the ordinances has resulted in cars being parked illegally in the area around the wharf. Please make arrangements for your car if you plan to leave the Island for more than 24 hours. Please be respectful of your friends and neighbors. Expect to see the Harbor Master, Ted Curtis, and members of the Cumberland Police Force at the Stone Wharf on a regular basis this summer.

- We are all in the midst of a revaluation of our property. The Town set up a revaluation committee to meet with the assessor on a regular basis. You are served well by Cheryl Stevens, Jill Malony and Jane Frizzell. They have been great advocates for the Island during a very difficult process. This is a tough time for everyone. The State constitution dictates the revaluation process. The only way to change the current system is to change the Constitution. Until that time it is entirely important that everyone carefully reviews his or her assessment cards, which are in the library. Please contact the Town if you find something that is wrong on your card. This is a tough time for everyone.

- The first paper street discussions will take place later in the summer when the Planning Board meets on Chebeague.

- Citizen concerns that have been passed on to the Council include speeding, road conditions, the floats and ramps at Chandler's Cove and Cousins Island [these have been addressed], rights of way, assessment concerns and various other issues

I try to keep you all up to date with what is going on in the Town on Beverly's WEB page. I apologize when things slip through the cracks. If you call my house and I don't get back to you in what you consider a reasonable amount of time, please call me again. My number is 846-5140 and you can also reach me by using my email address, which is publicserving1@aol.com. I look forward to hearing from you.

— Donna Miller Damon, Cumberland Town Councilor

Friends of the Library

The mission of the Friends of the Library is to raise funds which enable the Library to expand its services to all members of the Chebeague community. We thank everyone who contributed to our fundraising efforts last year. The raffle results were: The punt built and donated by Dave Stevens was won by Robert White; Paul Hodge won the painting by A. Keith.

Again in December we had the Holly Berry Bake Sale and Tea party, capably run by Jean Whitaker. A small fully decorated live tree was raffled and Ann Thaxter was our lucky winner.

Linda White has made a magnificent quilt - Flora and Fauna of Chebeague - which is being raffled off next Labor Day weekend. Posters and stationery featuring the quilt and individual squares for wall hanging are now on sale at the Library, through Robert White (846-4113 or rwhite@ghi.net), or at Archipelago in Rockland.

We are also selling shopping bags and aprons with the Library logo on them, and pins by Gail Miller (Miller Design). Both raffle tickets and all of these items are on sale at the Library, at special Island events and on Sunday mornings in front of the store. In 2002 we will have a new, the 14th, edition of the Chebeague Island Directory, an absolutely indispensable part of Island life. The new edition will again feature maps of the Island that show all the new road names, an updated "Chebeague Yellow Pages" section and will now include off-island telephone numbers as well as addresses. Editor Beth Howe promises that it will be ready by the Fourth-of July and will have a hole in one corner for hanging by the phone.

This year's Friends of the Library membership letter has gone out; this will be our major appeal for funds for 2002. Our annual meeting will be held on Thursday July 11th at 4 pm in the Library for the election of officers and discussion of new and innovative ways to raise Library funds. Everyone is invited to attend.

This year's committee has been:

Beth Howe
Al Traina
Linda White

Robert White
Jean Whitaker

— Vail Traina, Chair

<http://www.chebeague.org>

I really don't have much to say about the website, except that it never ceases to amaze me that there are so many people from so many places who are interested in what we're doing here on Chebeague.



I'd like to think that the website helps people keep up with events on the Island.

I've been told that it makes people either "homesick" or "summer-sick." Just as long as it doesn't make people just plain sick!

And I've been told that my occasional lapses in spelling and grammar

help to give the website a "down home flavor." I know that if my brother-in-law David Hill weren't editing this article that it would probably look a lot different!

One thing that I'm always looking for are photographs of interest to Chebeaguers. So if you have a shot that you're particularly proud of, please send it to me and we'll share it on the web and probably include it in next year's *Annual Newsletter*.

And also, please pass along any other news or information that your fellow Chebeaguers should know about.

— Beverly Johnson, Webmaster

Ladies Aid

The past year has been a busy and successful year of work and fellowship for us.

Both our Summer and Christmas Fairs did well, and were well attended. We thank all the others who help each year with these events and in making the wreaths. We appreciate it.

We feel fortunate that we have been able to give not only to the Church, but to other organizations both on and off the Island.

Sometime in the near future the Aid plans to have some work done on the Parish House to make it more accessible to the handicapped, and to update other parts of the house that are in need of it.

At present, our officers are:

Joan Robinson, President

Dianne Calder, Treasurer

Victoria Smith, Secretary

— Victoria Smith, Secretary



Great Chebeague Golf Club



The Great Chebeague Golf Club had another successful year in 2001. Golfers enjoyed a long, dry season, with the added distance on the fairways bringing new challenges as well as enjoyment. The success and fortuitous timing of the new irrigation system was evident in the very green greens. The system was fully funded by contributions from the membership, a nice testimony to the participatory nature of the GCCG.

Both the opening and closing Swatfests were well-attended, with the Fourth of July event one of the largest ever. The Lobster Bake/Tournament, the Family Scramble/Barbeque, the Blanchard Tournament and the Frost Tournament continue to be wonderful events with all ages and levels of golf talent participating, continuing the strong family tradition at the GCCG. The Junior Program was again one of our strongest activities and bodes well for the future of the club. The dates of the 2002 events will be published in the Newsletter Calendar each month as well as in the GCCG Tournament

and Events Schedule which is mailed to members and available at the clubhouse.

Several improvements were made on the course and the clubhouse last summer and over the off-season, including a new cart ramp to the clubhouse, a fence behind the fourth green, the greens nursery by the second green and continued beautification of the course with an emphasis on encouraging more bird and wildflower activity. Our greens superintendent, Bob Libby, continues his very hard work on the course and the results are gratifying.

The GCGC is concerned about the issues caused by the intersection of several fairways with Wharf Road. Directors and members of the GCGC continue to discuss creative solutions to this problem with the guidance of our representative on the Wharf Committee, Malcolm Rice.

We are looking forward to another successful season with lots of play on our very unique facility.

— Joan Dayton

Great Chebeague Tennis Club

The Great Chebeague Tennis Club continued last summer to be a center for instruction, friendly competition and fun for tennis players of all ages and levels. Young players received expert instruction from volunteer club members and Morgan Phillips, our court keeper and instructor.

The Monday men's scramble and Thursday women's scramble are a club tradition and offer members a chance to play with old friends, renew rivalries and find new partners.

The club's leadership placed greater emphasis on tournaments and were gratified with the interest and quality of play. David and Molly O'Donnell won both mixed-doubles tournaments last summer (the Perkins Cup and the Brown Cup) despite determined challenges from several other teams. Our clay courts, so forgiving and fun for beginners and advanced players alike, are fragile and require constant care. Club members take pride in pitching in to keep the courts in top playing condition. And, we are grateful to Bev Johnson and Jon Rich who responded quickly last summer when our water pump broke and needed to be replaced to keep the courts "alive" for the rest of the season.

At the end of the summer, members elected new club officers for the next two years: Carl Tubbesing, President; Hobey Hinchman, Vice President; Earl Phillips, Vice President; Tineke Breed, Secretary; and Tom Rothschild, Treasurer.

— Carl Tubbesing, President

Home Heating Oil Tank Replacement Program

Many people on Chebeague have oil furnaces or Monitor heaters, which means they have above-ground home heating oil tanks in their basements or outside their houses. These tanks can leak as a result of internal corrosion, by falling off high or unstable stands, by rupture of the pipe to the furnace, or by careless opening of the outlet valve. The state has also made the use of modified 55 gallon drums “non-conforming” and has asked oil dealers not to fill them.

If a tank does leak onto the ground or the oil seeps through a crack in a basement floor, the oil can easily pollute the groundwater. Since all of Chebeague uses the same groundwater “aquifer,” such pollution can be a real hazard. If you think it can’t happen here, think again. This winter an oil tank on the Island leaked, polluting the owner’s well. The leak was detected fairly quickly and the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (MEDEP) began the elaborate process of cleanup before other wells were affected. The cost of a single cleanup easily exceeds 10 times the cost of tank replacement!

Maine collects a tax on the sale of gas and oil to pay for cleaning up spills. But around 1998 MEDEP decided that it would be more useful and cheaper to try to prevent spills before they happened, especially in places like islands that are particularly at risk of groundwater pollution because each has a single aquifer where all the island’s inhabitants share a common resource. So they created a program to replace problem tanks on islands free of charge. Monhegan, North Haven, Matinicus and Long Island have all participated.

Carol White had been in touch with MEDEP about including Chebeague, and money became available in spring 2001. The Town applied and was granted \$54,000. During the summer an informational meeting was held, notices about the program appeared in the Calendar, and people signed up to have their tanks inspected. In August Beth Howe was trained by MEDEP’s Peter Moulton as a volunteer tank inspector. She then looked at tanks at 107 houses (some people have more than one tank), rating them, based on State

criteria, as to their potential hazard to the groundwater. Initially 27 tanks were put on a replacement list, with a “waiting list” of 13 more if money were available; 14 additional unused tanks were identified to be removed without any replacement tank being installed.

In early spring Town Public Works Director Adam Ogden signed a contract with Kelley Mechanical of Westbrook to do the replacement work. On the snowy morning of March 15, 2002, Adam, Peter Moulton, Bob Hannigan of Kelley, Med Bowen and Beth went around to look at all the tanks on the “certain” and “maybe” lists. A final replacement list of 29 tanks at 26 houses (and 1 “maybe”) was developed.

New tanks were brought out to the Island on May 22 and, as this goes to press, the work is ongoing. Participants get a new “state of the art” tank, and piping with a protective plastic sleeve to reduce the risk of leakage from the pipe.

However, this is not the end of this story. We hope we have replaced the tanks that posed the most of risk of polluting the groundwater. But it would not be surprising if some were not identified by the program. Also, the funding from the state was sufficient to do all the tanks that are a clear hazard, but tanks are not always clearly a hazard or not. A physically sound tank may sit on a base that makes it liable to tip over, or it may be under the overhang of a roof that, in a snowy winter, can dump compacted snow and icicles onto the filter, breaking it off, or water may gradually condense inside a tank, corroding it from within. The State DEP and the Town have done their best and have helped a great deal, but they can’t provide ongoing money or inspection of tanks. Now it is up to all of us to make sure that our oil tanks continue to be safe. When you get your furnace or Monitor heater serviced, make sure that your tank is inspected as well. Have your service person put a secondary containment sleeve on your pipe if you don’t already have one. Shield your filter if your tank is outdoors (literature on this is available at the Library) If you think your tank poses a risk, replace it. It is a small price to pay for protecting your own well and those of your neighbors.

— Beth Howe

Recompense Foundation

The Recompense Foundation is a private foundation established in December 1991 to engage exclusively in activities for charitable and educational purposes, within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, for the purposes of devoting and applying the funds of the Foundation for: a) the maintenance, preservation, conservation and beautification of Chebeague Island; b) the relief of the poor, needy, distressed and underprivileged residents of Chebeague Island, including providing funds to tax-exempt, charitable organizations which provide food, shelter and clothing, or basic services to such residents, and providing funds to individuals and families living on Chebeague Island who are unable to meet the costs of basic medical, health, nutritional and educational needs; c) for charitable, religious, scientific, literary or educational purposes.

The business affairs of The Recompense Foundation are conducted and managed by its Board of Directors:

Glenn S. Kersteen, Executive Director	Gail Miller, Director
Eldon C. Mayer, Jr., Treasurer and Secretary	Manny Morgan, Director
Roy Jackson, Director	Ralph Munroe, Director
Betts Mayer, Director	John Rich, Director
	Joyce Souchek, Director

During 2001, The Foundation supported the following charitable activities: a contribution of \$2,750 was made to the Chebeague Recreation Center to support its artist in residence and preschool programs, and for the purchase of a defibrillator; a contribution of \$2,500 was made to Chebeague Care Resources in support of its studio renovations; the Foundation supported the Chebeague Island Historical Society museum fund raising program with a donation of \$2,500, the Fire Department with an award of \$1,000 for extraction equipment, the Long Island Library Construction fund for \$500, and support of the Chebeague community web site for \$1,100. In addition, \$3,000 was contributed to MSAD #51 in support of its Chebeague instrument and children outing programs. The Foundation continued to support the Beautification Program with a grant of \$313.

The Board would appreciate it if all applications for awards be submitted by August 15th, 2002. A summary of the financial condition of the Foundation follows. The market value of its cash and securities is \$143,051.

Balance Sheet as of December 31st, 2001

cash	\$ 2,274
money market account	132,072
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total assets; Foundation equity	\$ 134,346

Statement of revenues and expenses, year ending December 31st, '01

Investment income	\$ 5,065
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total income	\$ 5,065
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professional fees	\$ 44
taxes and fees	64
charitable contributions	13,663
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total expenses	\$ 13,771

Realized gains (losses)

excess of expenses over revenue	\$ (8,706)
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The annual tax return (form 990-PF) of the Foundation is available for inspection during normal business hours by any interested person within 180 days. Contact the Executive Director, Glenn S. Kersteen, 20 Long Creek Drive, South Portland ME. (773-2986)

— Glenn Kersteen, Executive Director

Stephen Ross Scholarship Fund

To review the origin and purpose of the Stephen L Ross Scholarship, the Fund was established in 1964 in memory of Stephen Ross, son of Gerry and Lewis Ross. Steve died from injuries received in an automobile accident here on Chebeague Island while a senior in high school. The scholarships are available to high school seniors and college freshman that are commencing their second year of college. The criteria for awarding scholarships is based on financial need and academic excellence for those high school students living on Chebeague for at least six months.

Our principle has grown over the years from the kind donations that many of you readers give each year. Memorial gifts also make up a good part of our income. Only interest is used in the awarding of scholarships.

Last spring we were happy to award \$2,730 in total to Rachel Damon and Ryan Ross. This year our awards went to Rachel Damon as a second year student at Colby College and who is obtaining excellent grades. The other recipient is Lauren Miller who will be attending the University of Maine at Farmington. Each of the girls will receive \$1,400.

If you haven't made a donation to this very worthy cause, perhaps this is the year for you to help the young people with their education costs. Last year I suggested that it was time "to get on the train." Well, I can tell you folks that the train just stopped a way down the track so this could be another opportunity.

Committee Members:

Maxell Doughty

Dianne Calder

Douglas Ross

Susan Burgess

Hartley Brewer

Betsy Ross

The Stephen Ross Scholarship Fund

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— Ken Hamilton, President

Transfer Station

The transfer station had another busy year. The annual bulky weekend was a very busy three days. However, this year saw the amount of material brought in actually decrease just a bit. Have we finally caught up with it?

We are seeing a general increase in household rubbish and cardboard. There's also a bit of an increase in the recycle bin (paper, tin cans, glass) so keep up the good work. All recycling helps to save a bit on the expense of operations.

I have seen an increase in the amount of brush/wood being brought in for chipping. One would think you could see from one end of the Island to the other with all the clearing being done. Everyone remember there's a good supply of wood chips free for the taking.

Thanks to everyone for being safe and driving slowly at the transfer station.

— Tom Calder

United Methodist Church



We begin a series of anniversaries this year. The United Methodist Church began on Chebeague Island with a revival service by an English Methodist preacher which was held on Mosier Island. His message caused many to reconsider their relationship to God and the meaning of their lives. People began meeting that year to pray, to wait on God's spirit and to praise him. This was exactly 200 years ago, in 1802. Almost 150 years ago our present church building was erected at its current location, replacing an earlier meeting place located nearby. This makes 2005 our building's sesquicentennial. My favorite anniversary date is 1807, when the Congregational Church in Yarmouth threw out a Chebeaguer for being a Methodist. Apparently there was enough evidence to convict her!

All these anniversaries over the next five years remind us that our community and our church don't stand still. We change and grow. This year our church was active in supporting local, national and worldwide endeavors. We continue our work in Christian education for young and old. We are making the Parish Hall handicapped accessible. The harvest and Thanksgiving will be coming. For two hundred years we have gathered each Sunday to praise God and

rejoice in his blessings. Today we do it with an improved sound system. The systems may change, and new technologies help us to witness to God's love, but the message remains. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever. Join us in celebrating this gift and praising his love.

— Robert Leon, Pastor

Whalers

With the rousing success of a “joint” concert at Christmas, 2000, the Whalers adopted a slightly different format for their concerts in 2001. By “joint” we mean that some of the summer theater performers, particularly the “gentlemen from Oklahoma,” took part in the Christmas concert which featured an hilarious ballet and several duos and solos. The June concert entitled “The Whalers sing of Freedom, Peace and Unity” was half and half; the first part was traditional group singing and the second half was solos, duos and trios. We also gave a sing-a-long with a Western theme in March for the benefit of the CIHCC, which provides our practice hall.



Deborah Gordon, Khaki Habig, Sally Ballard, Ruth Houghton, Carol Lynn Davis, Sam Birkett, Beverly Johnson, Vail Traina, Caroline Partlow, Malcolm Rice and Dianne Calder

We were debating a repeat of the June concert for September when the 9/11 attack occurred and the idea of a Red Cross benefit concert mushroomed into a spectacular evening, including the Whalers and Island talent galore contributed by men, women and children. It was “standing room only” despite a long program; the proceeds topped \$5,000.



Doug Clark (!) and Deborah Gordon

After the successful meld for the Christmas 2000 gala and the Red Cross Concert it was a challenge to come up with something to wind up the year. However, our “fearless leader” Deborah Gordon persevered and in December we presented The Whalers and Company USO Show featuring the ballet corps again in a memorable recreation of the Mother Ginger segment from The Nutcracker as well as several ensemble numbers and unusual duets, etc. If you weren’t there, try to see one of David Hill’s tapes of that show. It’s a dilly! Besides the Whalers, who were Sally Ballard, Sam Birkett, Dianne Calder, Carol Lynn Davis, Khaki Habig, Martha Hamilton, Ruth Houghton, Beverly Johnson, Eleanor Morse, Caroline Partlow, Joan Robinson and Vail Traina, our guest performers were Marlene and Med Bowen, Bruce Bowman, Bob Brown, Doug Clark, Clayton Hawks, Malcolm and Sandra Rice, Peter Rice and Al Traina. Musicians were Jim Cole and Barbara Porter.

The whole thing was held together and performed under the expert direction and with the determination of Deborah Gordon.



Eleanor Morse and Martha Hamilton



Sally Ballard, Carol Lynn Davis and Joan Robinson of the USO

Little did we know; it was the last Whaler concert under Deborah's leadership as mounting difficulties in her private life are forcing her to move off the Island. We wish her well and will sorely miss all that she has provided us in the ten years or so of musical instruction and involvement. It will be very hard to keep up the standards she demanded, but we hope to stay together and make a credible showing of what she taught us.

We still meet once a week on Monday afternoons at the CIHCC and welcome anyone who likes to sing. Please come join us. Possibly there will be a concert again, in June. We will see.

— Martha Hamilton of The Whalers

Chebeague Census

A quick census of Chebeague was done in January, 2002. There were approximately 363 people on the Island.

WEDDINGS.....

Kathy McCollom to Joe Vincent
 Steven Fernandez to Shelly Rice
 Pam Brewer to Richard Lydet
 Jonathan Forten to Julie McDonald
 Christina McGuire to Brendon Adelman
 Christopher Brown to Erica Stowell
 Heather Malony to Michael Dougen

ENGAGEMENTS.....

Mika Holliday to Nate Lentz
 Matthew R. Stewart to Stacy KomLosy
 Jennifer Vintinner to David Horner
 Kai Adams to Ashley Sidor

BIRTHS.....

David Thomas to
 Tina and John Jordan

Mark James to
 Suzanne and Grant Sharples

Jacob Mathew to
 Christina and Scott Varney

Robert Mara and Julia Stetson to
 Sheila and Tom Phipps

Suzanna Grace to
 Jennifer (Buxbaum) and Ramon Serrano

Zoe Layng to
Erin (Layng) and Eric Benisck

Isabelle Grace to
Paige (Lestan) and Ricka Boisvert

Braeden James to
Kelly (Soule) and Sherman Rich

Aaron Paul to
Jennifer (Smith) and Paul Belesca

Ruben Spencer to
Lisa MacNeil and Jeffery Brown

Joshua Lawrence to
Heidi and Alex Todd

Laura Nicole to
Pam Pulsifer and Jeffery Hamilton

Ryan Stuart to
Victoria (Perry) and Jeffery Doughty

Keegan Jayce to
Carin (Douglass) and Gary Wilson

Hannah Eva Marie to
Sam and John Birkett

DEATHS.....

Frank "Bud" Bennett
Earle Bradley
Lee Brown
Charles Clark
Frances Clark
Frank Cofran Jr.
Mark Doughty

Mary Jenks Doughty
Virginia "Ginna" Toohey Ensign
Charles Graves
Gerald Grover
Richard "Rick" Hall
Betty Hamilton
Bruce Hamilton
Alden Hayden
Nancy Hubbell
Francis "Arkie" Killian
James Kuntz
Melba Hamilton Miller
Ellsworth Miller
Katherine Doughty Morrill
Louis Osgood
Gloria Tobey Perini
Archie Ross
Everett "Bill" Ross
William "Billy" Shuttleworth Jr.
Doreen Thompson
Priscilla York Webber

CONDOLENCES TO.....

David and Molly O'Donnell - mother Marjorie Bryan
O'Donnell
The family of Edna Hamilton Webber
Charles Kuntz - brother Carl Kuntz
Laura and David Usher - father John "Jackie" Woodworth Jr.
Linda Newcomb Holmes - husband Leroy Holmes
Ruth Slowik - sister Marion Ramsey
Carol Lynn Davis - sister Linda Dyer
Gloria and Bob Brown - mother Alice Gray

If you have a birth, death or marriage statistic you would like to have included in the Annual Newsletter next year, please contact either of us.

— Census data provided by Dianne Calder
and Marjorie Munroe