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On the Cover:

"Gaylea Cottage" was built in 1937 for attorney Henry Knight of Boston by a contractor from the mainland. It was purchased by the Weld/McGwire family in 1951 and then sold to Bob Buxbaum in 1977, who continues to own it today.

The monthly House Histories are selected and written by Martha Hamilton. This series is presented on behalf of the Chebeague Historical Society and Island Library to provide additional information and correct what had originally been documented in the 1977 House History Survey. Martha welcomes further clarification or detail about any house she reports on... 846-4078. Martha has been doing the Calendar cover since 1965!

About the Calendar

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The deadline for the December issue is December 19 due to the holidays.

Preferred delivery method is via email attachment (**ads:** .jpeg or .jpg or .pdf **submissions:** .doc or .docx). No computer? No problem! Just drop off or mail your contribution to the Editor.

Payment is required at the time of submission. Please mail your payment to the Chebeague Island Council at P.O. Box 12 or place your addressed envelope in the Library Drop Box.

Always welcome: news, stories, art, photos or anything else you would like to share with our community!

CALENDAR EVENTS DECEMBER

3 TUESDAY

-
- CISD School Committee School 6:00 PM

7 SATURDAY

-
- Free Boat Day CTC All Day
 - Whalers Concert The Hall 7:30 AM

8 SUNDAY

-
- Christmas Open House Island Commons 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM

9 MONDAY

-
- Pot Luck Christmas Party Historical Society 6:00 PM

10 TUESDAY

-
- CRC Board Meeting Craft Room 4:00 PM - 6:30 PM

14 SATURDAY

-
- Free Boat Day CTC All Day
 - Children's Christmas Party The Hall 4:00 PM

17 TUESDAY

-
- CISD School Committee School 6:00 PM

18 WEDNESDAY

-
- CIC Board Meeting Parish House 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM

19 THURSDAY

-
- Calendar DEADLINE for next month's Calendar 5:30 PM

21 SATURDAY

-
- Taizé Worship Church 7:00 PM

24 TUESDAY

-
- Christmas Service Church 7:00 PM

CHURCH SERVICES ARE EVERY SUNDAY AT 10:00 AM

LADIES' AID MEETS EVERY THURSDAY



If you have any important upcoming dates you want to have listed in the calendar above, please send an email to island.calendar@chebeague.net with: *title of the event, location and time.* Thank you.

Island Council Calendar Notes



The Chebeague Island Council Calendar will **no longer** be sent via bulk mail off the island. Instead, you may:

1. request first class mailing, or
2. view the Calendar online at www.chebeague.org

And, yes! The Calendar WILL CONTINUE TO BE MAILED TO ALL ACTIVE ON-ISLAND MAILBOXES



From the editors

This month the editors decided to change things a little bit in the lay-out of the Calendar. Rumors on the Island are that nobody rips out the calendar and puts it on the fridge anymore, so we figured that a listing of events would be more appropriate. We are very curious what our readers think of this change and therefore feedback is much appreciated: island.calendar@chebeague.net

We wish you all Happy Holidays!

Tom Schutte
Editor

Clarifications

About the Calendar:

The correct email is island.calendar@chebeague.net

Miss Etty Quette:

Chebeague Island is part of District 29. In regards to hunting, the law states there is to be no discharge within 100 yards of a dwelling or building without permission from the landowner.

Did you know
Chebeague Island
has no skunks?



FROM THE RECOMPENSE FOUNDATION:

Have you ever wondered why The Recompense Foundation is called what it is?

Here's the history of our name. Recompense, like so many words in the English language, has many connotations, all related yet subtly different. A common one is something given to thank others.

Second, did you know that Chebeague Island was once called Recompense?

We give out of thankfulness to those who over the last several hundred years have bequeathed to us the beautiful island and community (once Recompense) we enjoy today. It did not happen by chance. Hundreds of other Maine offshore islands once supported year round communities but no longer do. Chebeague would not have sustained itself without hard work by the many who tilled the soil, preserved the woodlands and shores, built the roads and our transportation links, and created island institutions such as the church, the Hall, the Fire and Rescue Department, the Library, and the Health Center, to name just a few key island facilities.

Perhaps more important still, our forbearers created and have passed down the culture that distinguishes Chebeague as such a special, caring community.

The gifts we have received from those that have gone before are many, and often simply accepted. It is in the spirit of thankfulness for these gifts that The Recompense Foundation gives back to the island we love.



Town of Chebeague Island

192 North Road
Chebeague Island, ME 04017
(207) 846-3148 – Fax 846-6413 – email: clerk@chebeague.net

BUDGET TIME:

Please check our website
www.townofchebeagueisland.org for all budget
information, including the workshop schedule.

DOG REGISTRATIONS:

All dog registrations expire on December 31, 2013.
A valid rabies certificate is required at the time of
registration.

- If your dog is spayed or neutered, the cost
is \$6.00 to register.
- If the dog is not spayed or neutered, the
cost is \$11.00 to register.

WINTER PARKING:

With winter weather not far off, we want to remind
you to park your vehicles well off the road so they
do not impede snow removal, public safety vehicles,
or create unsafe driving conditions for other drivers.
Please note the Ordinance was updated on 10/9/2013.
A copy is available on our website.

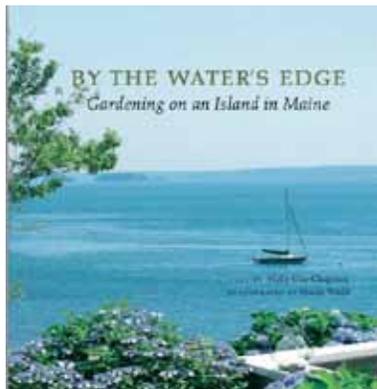
CLOSURES:

All town facilities will be closed on Wednesday,
December 25, 2013 in observance of Christmas and
January 1, 2014 in observance of New Year.

BY THE WATER'S EDGE

Gardening on an Island in Maine

by Mally Cox-Chapman and Stacie Webb is
available now at the library and the museum.



Copies can also be ordered by contacting Stacie at
maineislandpress@gmail.com.

Copies of the book are \$35 each plus S&H.
(Maine residents add 5.5% sales tax.)



John Holt ... 207-370 4017

Annette Kincaid ... 207-619-0052

Chebeague Island Community Center

Every Wednesday, the Chebeague Island Community Center will serve coffee at 9:00am and soup will be served 12:00-1:00pm until the Niblic opens in the spring. Donations are accepted.

Game night will be the 2nd and 4th Saturday evenings 7:00-9:00pm. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. We have a variety of games available or you could bring your own game. You may make up a team or join a team. Light refreshments are provided.

Come by and join the fun!



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Chebeague Island Library



phone: 846-4351 fax: 846-4358

Monday 6-8 pm,

Tuesday & Thursday 10 am-4 pm & 6-8 pm,

Wednesday & Saturday 10-1 pm

& Friday 10 am – 4 pm



**You can check the Library catalogue on line and then call or email to reserve a book: <http://Chebeague.chebeague.lib.me.us>
cheplib@hotmail.com**

NEW BOOKS

The Luminaries by Eleanor Catton White Fire by Preston & Childs
Sycamore Row by John Grisham Alone Together: Why we Expect More from Technology and Less from Each Other by Sherry Turkle



Need a last minute holiday gift?

Consider shopping at the Library! We have soup mugs, book & bird journals, book bags, books by Chebeague authors, gently used books, Chebeague Calendars, bumper stickers and license plates, note cards, Chebeague cookbooks and more. Stop in!



Mark your calendar, pack your picnic basket, get out your red shoes and crystal ball, look both ways before crossing the yellow brick road because we are going to OZ.

Saturday, March 22, 2014

Christmas Giving Tree

The Root Cellar has again, provided us with a list of wishes for a family who in need this Christmas. Call or stop in to the Library for details. Unwrapped gifts may be brought to the Library no later than Saturday, December 8th. Thank you!

Sponsored by the Library, Church and you!



Chebeague Island Historical Society (CIHS)

SHOP AT THE MUSEUM GIFT SHOP
Sundays 12/8 & 12/15 1:00 - 4:00



We have a new shipment of the book "By the Water's Edge: Gardening on an Island in Maine" by Stacie Webb and Mally Cox-Chapman.

And Cathy MacNeill's 2014 Calendar featuring beautiful Chebeague Photos.

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Chebeague magnets, flashlight pens with a stylus for cell phones and touch screens, note cards, cookbooks, bumper stickers, and mini wooden toys make great stocking stuffers!

If you want to make sure we have your favorite stemless wine glasses, custom aprons and towels, bistro mugs, letter openers, bags, bookends, hats, tee shirts, Maine themed wreath holders, books (including classic Maine children's books, the new Standard Bakery and Harbor Fish Market Cook Books and the Eric Hopkins Book!), and much more, **you can order by internet (chebeaguehistory@gmail.com) and we'll have them ready for you.**

If you are not returning to the island but would like to buy some items we will be happy to ship for a shipping and handling fee. And don't forget our special deals - Remember something is always on sale at the Museum!

Did you know that December 25 was first celebrated as Christ's birthday in 336 AD?

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Please join us Monday, December 9th at 6:00pm
Historical Society **Potluck Christmas Party at the Museum**
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Congratulations!

10/27/13
Born to Heidi and Dane Pomerleau a son, Jackson Dane Pomerleau. He weighed 8 lbs. 1 oz. His sister is Cali.





Chebeague Recreation Center News

www.chebeaguerec.com * crc@chebeague.net * (207) 846-5068



Save The Date!!

2014 Winter Carnival will be
February 15th
Polar Plunge
Chili/Chowder/Soup Challenge
Music at the Hall



The Kids' Place

Come Join the Holiday fun!

Thursday afternoons 3:30 to 5:30 Ornament making, wrapping paper making, caroling and cookie decorating!! Its all happening in December!! Lots of fun for everyone.

Check out CRC's website and click on the Kids Place link for daily details and descriptions. Or just give us a call: 846-8712

Busy Month!!!

Circuit Training

Tues & Thurs 8:30-9:30, 4:30-5:30

Dec. 4- "Deck The Rec"

Holiday Centerpiece Designs

Dec 8 at 1:00

Dec 11-Holiday Kids Craft Day

Dec 20 Preteen Teen Holiday Party and Yankee Swap!

Dec 27 Family Pizza/Movie Night

Tae Kwon Do

Piano Lessons

Teen and Preteen Night Ongoing

(Reduced office hours over school break)

Vicki Todd

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one FREE (1 ½ hour) massage!

www.vickitodd.massagetherapy.com and
look for Vicki Todd, LMT on Facebook

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Chebeague Health Center



NEW LAB HOURS AT THE HEALTH CENTER



It's still on Tuesday,
but now it's
7:30am to 9:30am

Call 846 4988 Tuesday am

Did you know,
20 % of the
households on
Chebeague have
an individual living
alone who is at least
65 years old?

Forty-nine Chebeaguers got their annual flu shot last month! Thanks goes to Claire Ross for taking over the reins while I was out of town. Ann Belesca is our tried & true greeter for more years than any of want to admit. Beth Howe & Mac Passano continue to make those wonderful donuts, which makes for such a great coffee hour. The Community Hall donated the space, the Island Council sponsored the Home Health Service Visiting Nurse. Ann, the nurse, had a wonderful time on the Island.

Thanks to Nancy Hill and Claire Ross, lab work and/or blood pressure checks will continue to be done at the Health Center office on Tuesday mornings. Please call the office on Tuesday morning at 846-4988 to make an appointment. NEW LAB HOURS: 7:30am to 9:30am.

If you need to be seen for an office visit:

- Royal River Family Care will happily see any Chebeaguers at their mainland office in Yarmouth. Call 846-0716 for an appointment.
- You can contact your own Primary Care Provider.
- You can also go to Mercy Express Care Route. One in Yarmouth. They are open 8am to 8pm 7 days a week.

If you need Emergency Fuel Assistance or know someone who does, please ring Gin Ballard at 653 5651. All calls are confidential. The Emergency Fuel Assistance program is to help get you through a rough financial spot. The program will put money towards WHATEVER your heat source is.

If you want to send a donation to the program, make the check payable to: Chebeague Island Council. Put "Fuel Assistance" in the memo section. Mail to: Island Council Treasurer, PO Box 12 Chebeague Island ME 04017. Your donation will help a neighbor get through the winter - Thanks.

The Whalers Present
AN AMERICAN CHRISTMAS

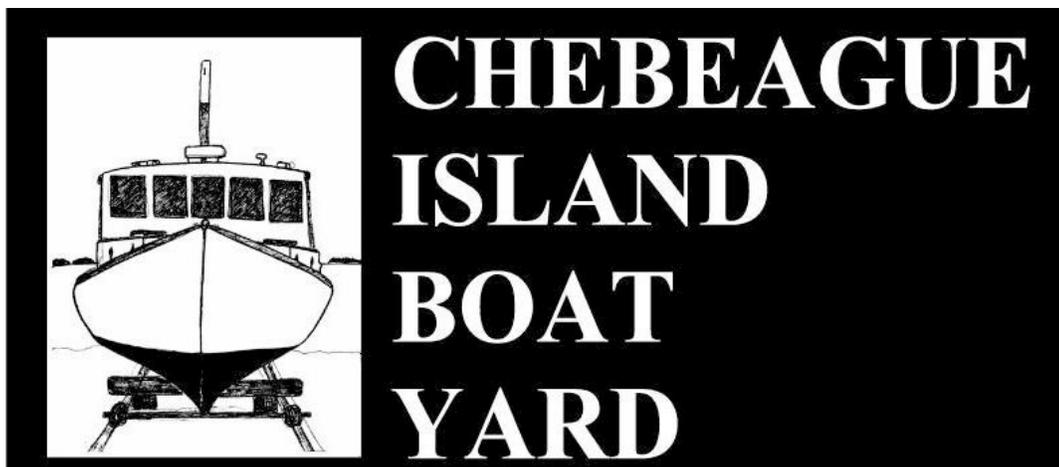


Saturday, December 7 7:30 p.m.

Adults \$8 Under 12 \$4

Thank you for your loyal support of an island business. We truly appreciate your continued patronage and we wish everyone a blessed holiday season & a healthy and peaceful new year!

From your friends at:



The next time you see Ethan, say, "thank you"



Did you know
90 % of the
toothpicks
produced in the
USA come from
Maine?

Chedemption, like the Town of Chebeague Island, thrives because of volunteerism. A study done on Chebeague while we were contemplating secession revealed that 85% of the residents of Chebeague actively volunteered in at least one organization. I suspect the other 15 % were "on a break."

This winter I will highlight a different young person who has excelled as a Chedemption volunteer.

Ethan Belesca is a thirteen year old eighth grader at Harrison Middle School. Besides being a good student, he plays basketball, soccer, and the clarinet.

Ethan is descended from Chebeague royalty dating back centuries. His bloodline has been enhanced with the work ethic of American veterans and hard working immigrants.

Paul and Jen Belesca have done a superlative job teaching their son Ethan to give to the community to make it stronger. However, the real thanks goes to Ethan himself.

Chebeague United Methodist Church News

Mary Jane O'Connor-Ropp, Pastor
846-4106

Worship

10 a.m. Sunday mornings
(nursery care available)

Hangin' of the Greens

Saturday, November 30th
Meet in the church at 5:00 p.m.
Pot luck supper after the church is decorated

Taizé Worship

for the Longest Night
Saturday, December 21st
7:00 p.m.

Join us in a quiet, reflective worship experience with
candles, music, prayers and times of silent meditation
on this Winter Solstice evening.

Traditional Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Tuesday, December 24th
7:00 pm

'Tis the Season

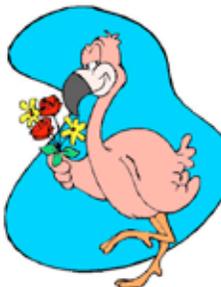
To remember those in need.

Is there a special Christmas treat that you purchase
for the holidays... a can of mixed nuts, ribbon candy,
peanut brittle, a can of sardines, a wedge of cheese,
some crackers,
a can of coffee, a box of hot chocolate? Will you
think about contributing a similar item to the Food
Pantry?

Please contact Lola at 846-4737 to donate in the spirit
of the season.

Deirdre Sulka-Meister, FNP-C
is still on extended medical
leave. She would love to
hear from you. Please send
your well wishes & positive
energy to:

Royal River Family Care
60 Forest Falls Drive Suite #1
Yarmouth Me 04096



Happy Holidays to all!

Jane Leonard

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THE FOOT DOCTOR, RUSSELL RYBKA,

is coming to Chebeague
Wednesday 11th December at 9:00am
Call 829 6463 for an appointment.



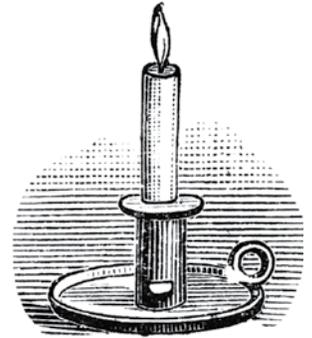
FireFighter Footnotes



Did you know that a dry Christmas tree can go from a spark on a branch to a fully inflamed tree in a matter of seconds – that it will be burnt to a crisp in just over a minute? To see how quickly a DRY Christmas tree can go up in flames compared to a well-moistened tree go to USFA.dhs.gov then go to the Holiday & Christmas Fire Safety section. There is a 30 second video. After you see that you'll want to **water your tree every day.**

When you put up your tree, place it away from any heat source – including heating vents. Make sure that you still have a clear pathway to all exits. Check your Christmas tree lights for frayed wires. Unless the directions allow it, don't link more than three strands of lights together. Periodically check the wires – they should be cool to the touch. If you're getting an artificial tree, make sure that it's flame retardant.

Everybody likes to have candles burning this time of year. Be sure that the candles are in stable holders. Put them where someone won't easily knock them over. If you're going somewhere else in the house – even if it's just for half a tick, blow the candle out – it's easy to get distracted and forget that the candle is burning in the other room. OR try using the battery operated candles this year.



When you're cleaning the house for your Christmas party, run the vacuum cleaner hose over your smoke/carbon monoxide detector. If you haven't done your monthly test of the detector, do it now.

When you're inviting your friends to your party, please remind your guests to pull off the road as much as possible AND have them park on the same side of the road. This will allow Fire/Rescue vehicles to respond quickly to a call.

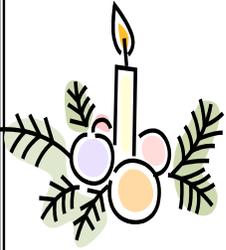
Happy Holidays from the Volunteer Fire/Rescue!

Important resource numbers



- AA 24hr hotline 774-4335/800-737-6237
- Al Anon/Alateen 284-1844/800-498-1844
to help family/friends of alcoholics.
- NA hotline 800-974-0062
- 24 hr Crisis Intervention and
Suicide Prevention Hotline 888-568-1112
- Statewide Sexual Assault Crisis Hotline..... 800-871-7741
- Family Crisis Services 800-537-6066

Did you know the tradition of Christmas lights dates back to when Christians were persecuted and a simple candle in the window meant that Mass would be celebrated there that night.

**Island Commons
Holiday Party**
Sunday December 8th
4:30—6:30

**Holiday Cheer with Good
Food and Friends...and many great
Raffles to take a chance on!!
Hope to see you there.**

Join Us for Lunch!
*Come and enjoy a hearty,
home-cooked meal and lively
conversation with staff & residents.
A great opportunity to socialize and
beat the seasonal
blues !*



Cost for Lunch: \$6

Volunteer Opportunities
We have an active group of residents with varied interests who truly enjoy interacting with their Chebeague neighbors and would love to get to know YOU!. Just a few minutes of your time will really brighten someone's day at the Island Commons! Not sure what you can offer? Come for lunch at the Commons (*see above*). it's a great way to meet the residents!

Have an idea? Call Nancy Olney 846-5610

Loan Closet Reminder...
We are happy to provide medical equipment to our community.
Please remember to return items borrowed from our loan closet.
We can help pick it up! Call us to make pick up arrangements
And please note that donations are always welcome to our loan closet.

JOB OPENING...
Immediate, full time position for Certified Residential Medication Aide (CRMA)

Competitive Pay & Benefits, must be willing to work some weekends and overnights.
Call Amy Rich 846-5610

ISLAND COMMONS~A Place to call Home...
The Commons is now full, but we are adding names for our wait list...please call to inquire!
Amy Rich, Administrator 846-5610




Children's Christmas Party

Come join us at the Chebeague Island Community Center in our annual tree lighting and Christmas Party. We will sing carols while the children await Santa arriving by fire truck. Hot cocoa and cookies will be served.
All are welcome!






Saturday December 14th 4pm

If you have any children that santa should have on his list that may be attending please call or e-mail Polly or Meredith ASAP.
Polly -pkwentworth@chebeague.net 846-3171
Meredith -jakylory@chebeague.net 846-0766

Burn permits and parking

A Burning Permit is an absolute must if you are planning any type of outside burning. The permit is FREE. The permit lists the items that can/cannot be burned. Please read the permit PRIOR to starting the fire.

ALL Fires must be attended at ALL TIMES!

To get a burning permit contact:

Dianne Calder
846 4176 281 South Road Anytime

Tom Calder
846 8758 108 North Road Anytime

Town Office
846 3148 192 North Road
During business hours.



You do NOT need a permit to cook on your Outdoor Grill or Outdoor Fireplace.



Fire/Rescue needs your help.

Please be sure to pull off the road as much as you can when visiting a friend's house. If you have a meeting/party, have everyone park on the same side of the road. This will allow Fire/Rescue vehicles to respond to a call quickly.

Thanks!

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What's New at CTC?



Annual Parking Permits

Applications for the Cousins Lot were due on November 25th. We are in the process of reviewing all the applications. Permits will be mailed in mid-December.

Holiday Gift Idea

We have the perfect gift for the person who has everything! How about a cruise on the Piper next summer? Order your gift certificates from the office now!



Customer Survey

Thanks to everyone who has completed the customer survey. If you haven't taken it, you can find it on our website or on the ferry.

Business Office:

(207) 846-5227/846-3700
8 Soule Road, PO Box 27
Chebeague Island, ME 04017
ctc@chebeague.net
chebeaguetrans.com

Protecting Our Boats

Over the last month, Captain Kevin has been busy installing new systems on the Dovekie, Pied Piper, and Islander that will greatly enhance our ability to monitor what is happening on the boats. Kevin located a system (Siren Marine) that :

- monitors water levels in the bilge.
- monitors the battery charge.
- monitors the temperature in the boat. (If the furnace on the Islander fails and the temperature falls to a certain level an alert would be sent.)
- monitors the location of the boat. If the boat leaves a predefined area, an alert will occur. (For instance, if the boat breaks free of its mooring, and starts

drifting, we would know it.)

-sends an alert if the boat is boarded when the alarm system is active.

In addition, remote operation of some systems on the boats will be possible.

The full system is nearly installed. Kevin has been in close contact with the founder of Siren Marine who was so impressed that we were installing so many of the system's capabilities that he visited the island on 11/21 to meet with Kevin and the CTC Board.

Thanks to Kevin for researching and installing this product that will greatly improve our ability to protect our very important assets—our boats!

Designated

Commuter Parking

in Cousins Lot is now in effect.

Winter Office Hours

Monday - Thursday
9am - 4pm

2013 Holiday Schedule

Christmas Day and New Year's Day

Bus Leaves Route One	Ferry Leaves Chebeague	Ferry Leaves Cousins Island
7:45 am	8:00 am	8:15 am
9:45 am	10:00 am	10:15 am
11:45 am	12:00 noon	12:15 pm
3:45 pm	4:00 pm	4:15 pm
5:45 pm	6:00 pm	6:15 pm
7:00 pm	7:15 pm	7:30 pm

Free Boat Days

are December 7th and December 14th. *Happy Shopping!*

Plans for the Winter

The Pied Piper will be spending the winter at Chandlers Cove and the barge will remain at the Stone Pier. We are having two moorings installed at Chandlers. Because the barge will not be hauled, it will be available for barging this winter. We have not finalized the plan, but are considering offering barging one day per week from Yankee Marina. We will publish our plan on our website and Facebook when it is finalized.

Cancellations

If you want to be notified via email or text of ferry or bus trip cancellations, you can sign upon the "Cancellations" page on our website or call the office for more information.

Did you know,
83% of statistics
and quotes on the
internet are made up?

Abraham Lincoln, 1867



The call went out and Chebeague answered. Within 36 hours of Mary Jane making the announcement from the pulpit virtually all of the spots for the 4 hour trek to take Mary Gomez for her radiation treatments were filled. We started taking "back up drivers" after that. Mary successfully completed her treatments as planned! This couldn't have happened without the assistance of (in no particular order):

Pam Johnson, Kit Johnston, Mary Jane O'Connor Rope, Joan Robinson, Claire Ross, Arlene Dyer, and Mary's relatives, Ann Marie Gomez & Harland Webber.

Hopefully, we haven't left anybody out. Thanks so much for your help.

Gin Ballard

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I want to express my sincere thanks to all who helped spread the word about our dinghy that was lost last month.

I asked Beverly to put the notice on chebeague.org and within 2 hours I had a call from a neighbor who had found it! A true testimonial that Chebeaguers are always caring and will go the extra mile to help.

I feel so lucky to be a part of the community. Thanks to all again.

Vicki Marion

I want to thank all the ladies who helped me get to the MCCM for my therapy. It took 6 weeks, a lot of trips, but you all made it more pleasant with your company. I couldn't have done it without you. I also want to thank Ginny who organized all the trips & much more.

Mary Gomez

This is an overdue Thank You to Chebeague Rescue and to CTC for all their trips to the hospital this past year (too many!). But when my temperature goes to 104, and the doctor says get off the Island, I have to go. I certainly appreciate your help.

Anthony Gomez

Our thanks to Chebeague Rescue for their rapid response to our request for help on October 21st and the care Margaret received. Also, our thanks to the C.T.C. boat crew for their ongoing help with moving the necessary wheelchair up and down the ramp. Margaret's leg appears to be mending well, but total recovery will take some time.

Jack and Margaret Prescott

Chebeague Birds



Red-bellied Woodpecker

This photo is of a female red-bellied woodpecker. They were rarely seen on Chebeague until the last few years. They are about 9" to 10" long and can live to be twelve years. The male has a bright red crown and nape (back of the neck), and the female has a gray cap. They have a mild red wash on their belly. These birds, which may be seen and heard all winter on Chebeague, may be found around bird feeders. They eat insects, fruits, vegetables, seeds and sap and have a soft rolling quivering voice krurrrr.

Come up with the best idea for the 4th of July 2014 parade theme!



The best idea will be chosen and you may participate as a judge!

Submit your idea to
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*'Twas the night before Christmas, he lived all alone,
In a one bedroom house made of plaster & stone.
I had come down the chimney with presents to give
And to see just who in this home did live.*

*I looked all about a strange sight I did see,
No tinsel, no presents, not even a tree.
No stocking by the fire, just boots filled with sand,
On the wall hung pictures of far distant lands.*

*With medals and badges, awards of all kind
A sober thought came through my mind.
For this house was different, so dark and dreary,
I knew I had found the home of a soldier, once I could see clearly.*

*I heard stories about them, I had to see more
So I walked down the hall and pushed open the door.
And there he lay sleeping silent alone,
Curled up on the floor in his one bedroom home.*

*His face so gentle, his room in such disorder,
Not how I pictured a United States soldier.
Was this the hero of whom I'd just read?
Curled up in his poncho, a floor for his bed?*

*His head was clean shaven, his weathered face tan,
I soon understood this was more than a man.
For I realized the families that I saw that night
Owed their lives to these men who were willing to fight.*

*Soon around the world, the children would play,
And grownups would celebrate on a bright Christmas day.
They all enjoyed freedom each month of the year,
Because of soldiers like this one lying here.*

*I couldn't help wonder how many lay alone
On a cold Christmas Eve in a land far from home.
Just the very thought brought a tear to my eye,
I dropped to my knees and started to cry.*

*The soldier awakened and I heard a rough voice,
"Santa don't cry, this life is my choice;
I fight for freedom, I don't ask for more,
my life is my God, my country, my Corps."*

*With that he rolled over and drifted off into sleep,
I couldn't control it, I continued to weep.
I watched him for hours, so silent and still,
I noticed he shivered from the cold night's chill.*

*So I took off my jacket, the one made of red,
And I covered this Soldier from his toes to his head.
And I put on his T-shirt of gray and black,
With an eagle and an Army patch embroidered on back.*

*And although it barely fit me, I began to swell with pride,
And for a shining moment, I was United States Army deep inside.
I didn't want to leave him on that cold dark night,
This guardian of honor so willing to fight.*

*Then the soldier rolled over, whispered with a voice so clean and pure,
"Carry on Santa, it's Christmas Day, all is secure."
One look at my watch, and I knew he was right,
Merry Christmas my friend, and to all a good night!*

By Lance Corporal James M. Schmidt (Submitted by Fran Calder)