

Olde Bristol Days

Jenny Pendleton & Joyce Thompson, Co-Chairs

After many months of planning, the arrival of Olde Bristol Days 2009 was finally upon us. With it came beautiful weather for the event weekend, which equaled a great attendance for the town's celebration.

With a budget cut of \$2500, we, as the coordinators for this long running event, became aware that a celebration of the caliber was going to be a challenge to pull off with a budget of \$5000. Sherley Geyer stepped up to the plate and proceeded to solicit donations in memory of his friend, Andrew Lang. His work did not go unnoticed as the donations were used towards the fireworks which were spectacular this year. Knowing that creativity was going to yield success, we were able to work out fantastic deals with Atlantic Tent Co. (Round Pond), Ideal Septic (Bristol Mills), and Country Coach Charters (Nobleboro). Promoting Country Coach Charters with signage and banners there is an estimation of 1,100 attendees who took advantage of the free air-conditioned shuttle bus service. The \$5 parking at the Fort parking area helped to cut down on the congestion at the Fort, providing a safer area for those attending. The proceeds from this charge were split between the Colonial Pemaquid Fort Grounds and the Bristol Fire Department.

The promotional t-shirts for this event are a huge expense until the monies from sales comes in. This year with the help of Heather Leeman, the committee searched for sponsors for the shirts. D & L Screen Printers worked with us to help keep costs manageable. Many thanks go to local artist Ron Fletcher for his artwork for the front of the OBD shirts. This year we welcomed the Bristol Footlighters and their local talent show as a part of our schedule. Attendees were able to enjoy free music at the Fort Grounds all weekend, great craft vendors and a wide selection of food. Other attractions for this venue was the two presentations from the Chewonki Foundation, which was enjoyed by young and old and who could forget the large lobster a.k.a. Crushstation, the monster truck owned by Greg Winchenbach of Jefferson. With the stressed economy and wanting to keep OBD affordable to families, we offered free bounce house, blow up slide and waterslide on Saturday.

The parade this year was one of the best ever. The parade route was lined with American flags flying from the utility poles. Permission to use the poles was granted from Central Maine Power and with the help of Sean Hunter, the flags were put in place, giving Snowball Hill Road and the parade route a festive flair. Two local bands joined in the parade fun and we were honored to have Rod Swank as our Grand Marshall. The viewers of the parade were very excited to watch two of the Kora Shriner mini-cart groups perform.

In preparation for 2010, Michael Morrison with Mark Hanley as his pilot flew over the fort grounds, taking pictures to use for future promotion.

Many thanks to all who donated funds, labor and creative thoughts to make 2009's Olde Bristol Days one to be remembered. It is because of your generosity that we were able to put together this grand weekend on the Town's budget of \$5,000. Your donations are greatly appreciated and were wisely spent.

One final note: We are very grateful that we can have our Town's annual celebration at the Historical Colonial Pemaquid Fort Grounds. The history lesson along with the crafters, the food vendors, kids games, waterslide, the ecumenical church service, the Lobster Boat Races and.... the VIEW... go together so well to make for a memorable weekend. ❖

Lincoln Academy

George Masters, Jr. & John E. Reny, Trustees

Lincoln Academy is an independent secondary school (a 501(c)3 not-for-profit corporation) chartered in 1801 to serve residents in the midcoast area, and is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. L.A. is a comprehensive high school, offering courses in the areas of English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, World Language, Fine and Performing Arts, Business, Technology Education, Physical Education, and Health at all levels. Regional Vocational, Alternative Education and Special Education programs are available. It is governed by an independent Board of Trustees; New Harbor resident Jay Pinkerton is Head of School.

Enrollment

Lincoln Academy is the secondary school of choice for students from 17 towns in the area. Students who live in a town that does not have a public high school may choose to attend any secondary school they wish, and their respective towns pay the State-determined tuition.

Enrollment - October 1, 2009

	Town of Bristol	Total
Grade 9	141	30.5*
Grade 10	126	26
Grade 11	150	28
Grade 12	137	40.5
Total	554	125

The Class of 2009

134 members of the Class of 2009 graduated in June. 91 (68%) enrolled in post-secondary education (66 in 4-year colleges, 25 in 1-3-year programs), 7 enlisted in military service, and 36 entered the work force. The Academy consistently has a graduation rate of approximately 95%, and between 65 and 70% of graduates go on to further their education.

On Advanced Placement exams by juniors and seniors, 46 members of the Class of 2009 took at least one AP Exam - 33.8% compared to the national average of 24.4%. One student received outstanding recognition as a National Scholar. Eight students qualified for the AP Scholar with Distinction Award, two students for the AP Scholar with Honor Award, and 17 students for the AP Scholar Award.

Individual teachers, students, clubs and teams received State and national recognition for significant accomplishments in the arts, foreign language, mathematics, athletics, auto racing, Jobs for Maine Graduates, nursing, public speaking, community service and leadership during the year.

Funding and Value Added

Tuition is determined by the State based on average Maine public high school expenditures in the previous two years. 2009-2010 tuition is \$8,718.45. An additional

charge of 10% is designated for facilities maintenance and improvement. This factor was reduced to 5% by legislative action for 08-09 and 09-10, resulting in a \$500,000 decrease over the two years.

Because the Academy is a not-for-profit organization, it can raise funds from private sources. The Academy conducts an Annual Fund each year. Contributions and endowment income add approximately \$500-600 per student to the annual operating budget. The Third Century Capital Campaign raised \$4,600,000 to build the Alumni Dining Hall, Ryder Science Wing and four tennis courts and renovate the Parker B. Poe Theater. The Town of Bristol contributed \$213,200; contributions from the six Union 74 towns total \$723,600. We appreciate this support very much.

For more information, contact the Development Office, 563-3599.

Central Lincoln County Ambulance

Warren S. Waltz, Service Chief

The Central Lincoln County Ambulance Service Inc. Reports the following for 2009 Responded to Emergency Calls:

Town of Bremen - 38
 Town of Bristol - 264
 Town of Damariscotta- 612
 (includes nursing homes)
 Town of Newcastle - 181
 Town of Nobleboro - 176
 Town of South Bristol - 44
 Town of Edgecomb - 13
 Town of Jefferson - 59
 Town of Waldoboro - 3
 Town of Wiscasset - 5
 Town of Boothbay - 2
 Town of Alna - 2

We would like to thank all of the Towns we serve and look forward to providing quality care in the year to come. We continue to focus on training and equipment to better serve our patients. In the New Year we look to add additional 12 lead Cardiac Monitors as well as a new power cot to provide comfort and ease of patient transport. As always we would welcome any comments or concerns, and invite you to stop by for a visit. You can contact us at 563-7105. Located at 29 Piper Mill Road Damariscotta. ❖

Lighthouse Committee

John Allan, Chairman

The Lighthouse Committee was appointed by the Selectmen of the Town of Bristol in 2006 to review the rules and application procedures on the licensing and eventual disposition of the Pemaquid Point Light Station Tower when the Tower is deemed to be excess property by the Federal government.

When Congress passed the National Historic Lighthouse Preservation Act of 2000 (NHLPA) to provide for the disposal of historic light stations, the law recognized the cultural, recreational and educational value of these historic resources and authorized properties to be transferred at no cost to local governments through an application process.

After receiving the support of Bristol citizens at the Town Meeting in March, 2007 to pursue the application process, the Committee has progressed towards that goal. An Application to Obtain the Pemaquid Point Tower of the Historic Light Station Property has been completed. Our Application includes a Preservation and Maintenance Plan, Use Plan, Financial Plan and Management Plan, along with a detailed history recording the relationship between the Town of Bristol and the Lighthouse since 1827 when the tower was erected. The Committee is continuing to closely monitor any action by the U.S. Government regarding the eventual excess property determination under NHLPA guidelines.

Since 1940 The Town of Bristol has owned and operated all of the historic Light Station except for the tower which has remained under the supervision of the Coast Guard.

Starting in 1958, The Bristol Park Commission and dedicated volunteers have provided the daily operation and maintenance for parking, sanitary facilities, lawn care, landscaping, picnic areas, fire protection, emergency services and clean toilets enjoyed by visitors to both the Park and Light Tower.

Within this historic perspective, the Committee has been working to ensure that the entire Pemaquid Point Light Station, including both portions of its central structure – the historic Light Tower and Keepers House building – be protected as a single entity for present and future generations of Bristol citizens through the eventual transfer of the Light Tower from the U.S. Coast Guard to the Town of Bristol. ❖

State Senator

David Trahan

It is a great honor to represent the people of Bristol in the State Senate. I look forward to working on your behalf and advocating for the needs of the community.

The 124th Legislature is facing many challenges this session. One of the first items we dealt with was a \$150 million revenue shortfall in the current budget. In an attempt to fill the gap, the Governor called for 10% across the board cuts in most state government agencies, which trims slightly less than half the shortfall. The Legislature has been tasked with finding an additional \$80 million in savings just to get through the current fiscal year ending June 30.

Early in January the Governor introduced the budget for the next biennium; with an estimated shortfall of \$800 million lawmakers will have some very tough decisions to make. My priority is to ensure that spending is reduced across all levels of state government and not simply passed on to municipalities and property owners. In today's economic climate it is essential for lawmakers to find ways to reduce expenditures; we simply cannot ask taxpayers to continue to foot the bill for new spending.

I will work hard to cut wasteful spending while preserving the safety net for Maine's most vulnerable citizens. While some lawmakers may tout raising taxes to increase revenue, I'm opposed to such measures. In November Maine people rejected a new tax on beverages, beer, wine and health insurance claims and sent a clear message to Augusta that no new taxes would be tolerated. I am committed to addressing Maine's budget crisis without further burdening Maine's taxpayers.

One of the most rewarding aspects of my job as your State Senator is the ability to help constituents. If you or a member of your family is having an issue with a state agency please feel free to contact me, I would be happy to help in anyway I can. I can be reached in Augusta at 287-1505 or at home at 832-4135. It is both an honor and pleasure to serve you in Augusta.

State Representative

Jonathan B. McKane

It is an honor and a privilege to serve the citizens of Bristol as your State Representative in Maine's 124th Legislature. I will continue to work diligently on your behalf.

The Second Regular Session deals with emergency and carry-over bills. Carry-over bills are pieces of legislation that originated in the First Regular Session but need more investigation, debate or study. I encourage you to visit the Legislature's website at www.state.me.us/legis/ for up-to-date information on all of the bills before the Legislature. From here you can search for bill submissions, amendments, public laws and voting records of all legislators.

Perhaps the most difficult task that we are dealing with is the \$438 million budget shortfall. While I am glad that the Governor has pledged not to raise taxes in order to balance this budget, I am concerned that the need to control state spending will be ignored in favor of short-term solutions and tax shifts.

Other issues we will be dealing with include new business mandates, labor laws, health insurance mandates, health insurance alternatives, changes to the tax code and literally hundreds of other possible new laws that affect many aspects of life in Maine.

In my committee, Marine Resources, we have been discussing and debating the saltwater fishing license, seaweed laws, scallop closures, lobster rules and more.

My job is to represent you in Augusta. Please contact me with your opinions, questions or suggestions at any time. Additionally, you may listen in on the House Session via live audio by going to http://www.maine.gov/legis/house/h_video_int.htm.