

**Eliot Historical Society Fund Raising Committee** Chairperson, **Margie Brown** reports that our partnership with *Robert's Restaurant* in Kittery has sent us a check for \$512.58. You may remember that this partnership was set up by Margie to have *Robert's* set aside a small percentage of their profits on February 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> (normally slow days for them) and donate it to us. Our part was to flood their dining room with members, family and friends to boost their (and our) profits. All the while, having a delicious meal. It was tough work, but WE did our part! As President Paul Johnson wrote, "I love this kind of volunteering! It was also fun to look across the dining room in the various corners and see familiar faces. During this gloomy year of 2020 where everything has been cancelled or seriously impacted by the pandemic, it is wonderful to see Margie and her Fund-Raising Committee pull off this very successful fund-raising effort. A Big Thank You to Margie & her committee and everyone who went out to eat those nights. \$512 is a substantial amount of money!"

We would like to thank the residents of Eliot who have consistently supported the Eliot Historical Society and our work. We received \$2500 toward this year's expenses from Town Approved Funds. These funds are used to help protect and preserve the collections in the Society's archives on behalf of the town.

**#8 Schoolhouse** - Three old school desks have been donated to our one-room schoolhouse by Colleen Gillis Carson and Rosanne. We thank them for their donation.

If you get a chance stop by the **Eliot Post Office** and see the new display, in the entry hall, put up by Jan Cerabona and Judith Hilt honoring Maynard Douglas, one of Eliot's earliest mail carriers!



## **GIVING AND SHARING**

We've been presented with a lot of opportunities to show our concern and caring for our neighbors during this pandemic. As we enter into the Thanksgiving and Holiday Season, we see even more opportunities to become involved. Please check out these things that have been happening and those that are now in place to help, should you or your neighbors need them! Please support these organizations, as you are able, during this especially difficult time for many in our community.

**The Town of Eliot** hosts several helpful programs through the winter season in which you can participate. This coming winter may prove to be very difficult for some residents of our Town.

**ELIOT FUEL FUND:** People can make donations to the emergency Fuel Fund (administered by our General Assistance Administrator). Checks can be made out to: "Town of Eliot Fuel Fund", and can be dropped off at the Town Office.



Over the holidays, they also sponsor "**THE GIVING TREE,**" a program where people donate unwrapped gifts for children (up to age 16). The Eliot Community Service Department along with the Eliot Police Department sponsor this program. People in need may come over to the police department and pick up an application for assistance at Christmas. This is for children that live in Eliot and within the household of the person making the application. People come in and select a tag(s) off the tree and then the gifts (with the tags) are dropped off at the Eliot Police Department by December 21, 2020. People may also make monetary donations and they can be sent to "Friends of ECSD", 27 Dixon Road Eliot, Maine 03903 or dropped off at the Police Department.

The Town also serves as a collection spot for non-perishable foods to help our partners at **FOOTPRINTS FOOD PANTRY.** We also accept pet food and baby goods on behalf of Footprints Food Panty.



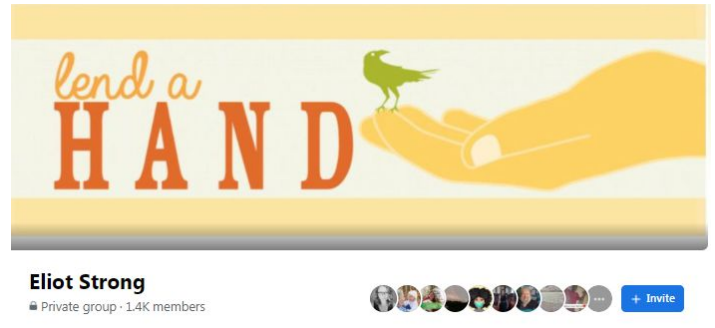
If you are elderly and live on your own, the **SALT and SAND PROJECT**, sponsored by *Meals on Wheels* will provide sand/salt for your walkway to help prevent slips and falls. Please call Amanda Ouellette at *Meals on Wheels* in Eliot at 207-475-7399 and let her know and she will see that buckets of sand/salt are delivered to you. Shoveling and snow removal are not included in this offer but Amanda will work to find the resources to have that done also, if that is also needed.

The Eliot Lions Club recently had a food drive for **PROJECT SHARE** which, each year puts together holiday food baskets for members of our community who might otherwise not have a nice meal. They will be putting Thanksgiving baskets together and delivering. Cindy Waters and the Eliot Lions Club would like to thank the community for their successful food drive.



**FOOTPRINTS FOOD PANTRY** is putting their Holiday food baskets together for distribution. The Pantry hours are Tuesday: 5:30-6:30PM and Wednesday: 9:30am – 1pm. Donations may be dropped off on Tuesday mornings 8-10am and Wednesdays 8am – 1pm. Considering a food drive? Call and ask about their “Adopt a Shelf” program. If you know people in need please let them know what is available for them. 37 OLD POST ROAD, KITTERY, MAINE. 207-439-4673

If you are looking for help, want to offer “a hand” up to others or share some helpful information, please be sure to check out the **ELIOT STRONG** group on Facebook.



<https://www.facebook.com/groups/222440499140913>

## NEWS AND EVENTS

### HONORING OUR VETERANS

In past years there have been in-school gatherings at the Elementary School and Middle Schools to honor our Veterans and First Responders. Covid-19 has required an innovative approach. This year **Marshwood Middle School** produced a very moving video as it celebrated their 20<sup>th</sup> Veteran’s Day Celebration virtually. The video highlights past observances and features students reading letters they have written to Veterans and their congratulatory wishes. If you are able to you can see the video by following this link:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Z7SLaxXujuF5vDFnlcfd3YMM6hDsoAgl/view?usp=sharing>



At the **Eliot Elementary School**, the “America’s Little White Table” was set up in the hallway and information given to students, reminding them of this important day and the sacrifice of many to protect our freedoms and our lives. The students made wreaths to honor veterans and **Wreaths Across America** donated a wreath that was used in the display. Photos: Jan Cerabona



**STURGEON CREEK FARM ~ FARMER’S MARKET**



Jan reports that she had a wonderful time at the recent **Tri-Town Farmer’s Market** at **Sturgeon Creek Farm**, here in Eliot. Everything was done safely, according to the way we are now living. Everyone was helpful and ready to share information about their products. A wide variety of items including vegetables, home-baked goodies, soaps, spices, sauces and pickles were offered.



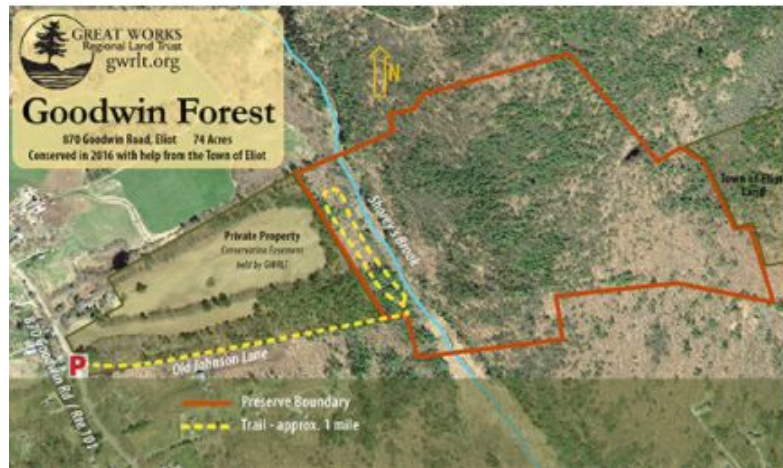
Stalls were set up inside the barn, with you walking through the front of the barn and exiting through the rear. Come and enjoy this unique experience. The next market date is Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>. The Market will be open the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month, 11am – 2pm, from November to March. 1651 State Road. Eliot long-timers will recognize this location as Mole Hill Farm/George Ireland’s. Photos: Tina Valliere





In case you missed it - **The Goodwin Forest**, in Eliot, is now officially open! You may remember that is property was once owned by June Goodwin and her family and recently purchased by **Great Works Regional Land Trust** to preserve and protect these lands. The land abuts our Town Forest, making a beautiful contiguous, protected area for recreation. The citizens of Eliot voted to contribute toward its purchase and now will have the

opportunity to enjoy the peaceful atmosphere of its trails. If the weather holds out perhaps, you'll get a nice walk in before the snow flies! Photos: Julie Johnson



**WINTER WONDERS** is now happening at *Sandy Hill Farm*. Tickets must be pre-ordered and are available on-line at <https://www.sandyhillmaine.com/winter-wonders>

