

**Our November 1<sup>st</sup> meeting** will hopefully be at the Eliot Boat Basin Pavilion. 5:30. No refreshments but you may bring something to eat, if you would like. Our **October 4<sup>th</sup> meeting's program** will be a look at the items that have been submitted for Eliot's Maine Bicentennial Time Capsule.



On September 25<sup>th</sup> the **Time Capsule** was sealed at Eliot Festival Day. This was preceded, on September 23<sup>rd</sup>, with Jan Cerabona, Lydia Goodwin and myself, meeting at the town hall to document the placing of the items in the Time Capsule. Tracey Graffam-Dickson joined us to video the event, on behalf of the Historical Society. She also took pictures of each of the

items, recorded the information about them and their relationship to Eliot's celebration that went from August of 2019 to September of 2021. The town also recorded this event and it is available from the town website on the *Town Hall Streams* link. More about the items in our next newsletter and don't forget the **burial of the Time Capsule will take place at Hammond Park on October 15<sup>th</sup> at 10AM!**





Jan Cerabona found this neat old poem. Seems it has been around since at least 1947. It was written by Walter L. Colburn and over the years found its way on postcards. **How many of these Maine places have you been to?** We'll have a little contest and the one who has been to the most will win Paula Bennett's cookbook *Imagining Ichabod*. Drop me an email or call and let me know. - Rosanne

## News and Events

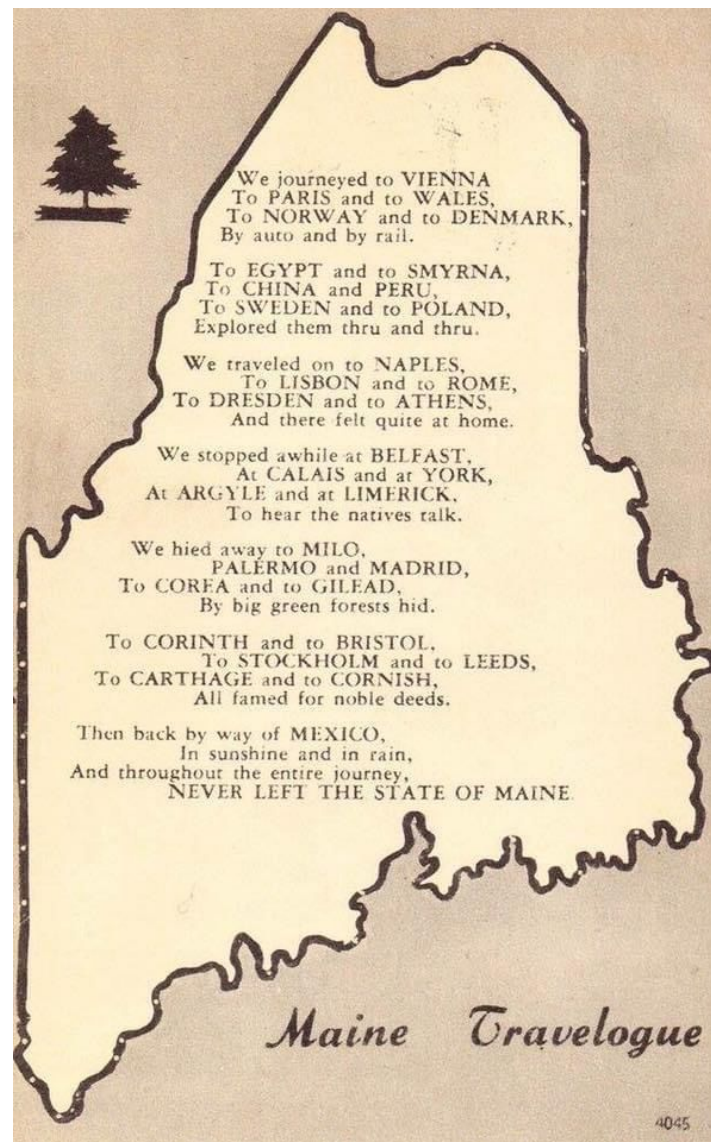


The Maine State Bicentennial Parade was held on August 21<sup>st</sup>. The town of Eliot was well represented by one of its most

historical landmarks – Green Acre. The Baha'is of Maine submitted this float highlighting the contributions of Sarah Farmer and Green Acre to promoting



peace throughout the world. The parade was carried on WGME, channel 13.

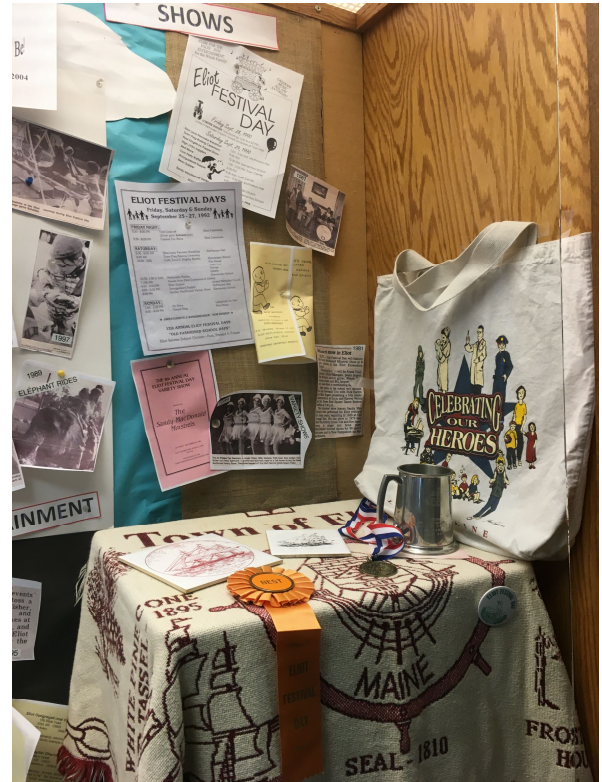
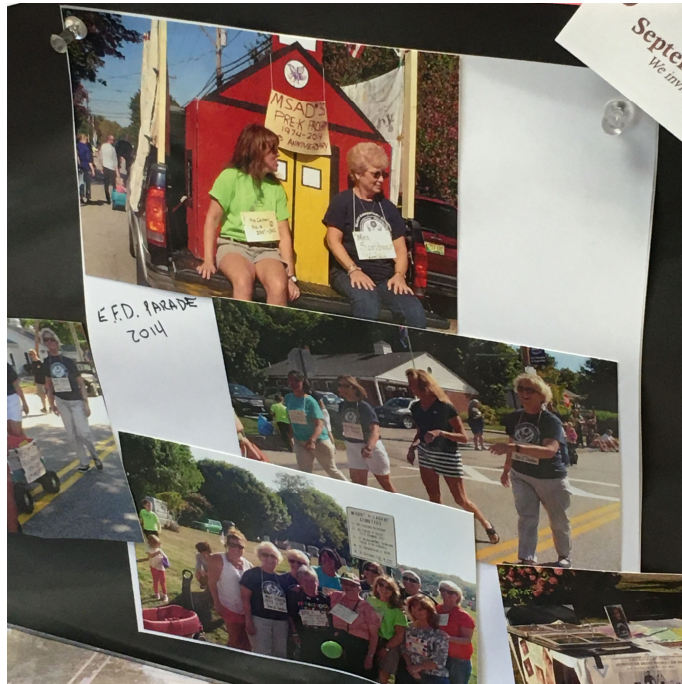




**Our display at Eliot Elementary School** for October, focuses on ELIOT FESTIVAL DAY. We're going to feature some of the pictures from that display here, while talking about the history of the event. The pictures cover various years, including that first in 1981. Note: If you have any pictures you'd like to share, please send them to us, and we will print in a subsequent newsletter.



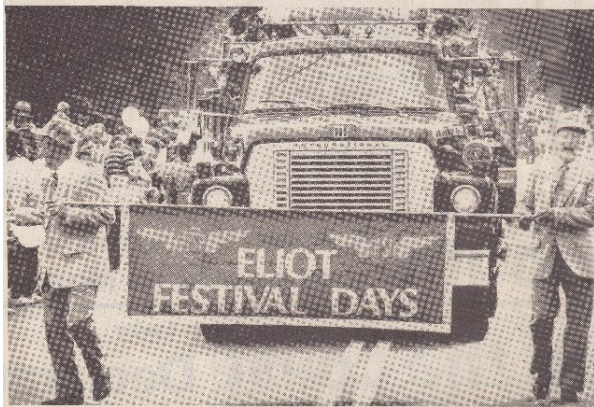




According to the record that we have, written after that first Eliot Festival Day in 1981, the Selectmen called upon the Eliot Lions' Club to sponsor a community event. Committee members Ralph Chase, Bob Barter, and Dave Hager were joined by Jessie Kent, who coordinated the *Sandy McDonald*



*Minstrel Show* which went on for at least 13 years to raise scholarship funds for a High School student.



Eliot Selectmen Larry Kent (left) and Clayton Hinds carry the official banner marking the start of the annual Eliot Festival Parade Saturday morning.

Elementary School to start the activities.

The first event was the *John Burridge Memorial Road Race*, which kicked off at 10AM with the firing of a cannon by Eliot's Independent Artillery. Bruce Ellis of Exeter, NH came in 1<sup>st</sup> and Mark Moriarty of Eliot came in 2<sup>nd</sup>. The first 100 people to finish were given a special tee shirt commemorating the race. This was followed by the parade.



and baked goods offered by the Methodist Church. Inside the Grange hall was a display of antique farm implements.

Many organizations and groups joined to promote the event with a theme, following that of the Lions' Club, of "Service to the community." The Eliot Volunteer Firemen put up the Festival Day banner and at 8AM, on October 17, 1981 the flag was raised by the American Legion at the Eliot



Ruth Sawyer and her husband, Bob, ride with the Maine chapter of Wheelmen in the Eliot Festival Day parade Saturday. (Democrat photo — Ross)



At the William Fogg Library the Historical Society set up an exhibit of historical pictures and documents; the Friends of the Library had films for the young people; and the Eliot Lioness Club sponsored a doll carriage, stroller, and tricycle parade. In the yard of the John F. Hill Grange a Farmer's Market was held with craft tables sponsored by the Advent Church

**ELIOT LIONS**  
**Festival Day Pancake Breakfast**  
24 September 1988  
7:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Adults \$3.00 Children (5 thru 12) \$1.50  
Eliot Congregational Church





The Eliot Senior Citizens had a lawn sale in the parking lot of the Congregational Church and in McPherson Hall was an arts and crafts exhibit sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary, along with a turkey raffle; an exhibit by the Girl Scouts; and free flu shots, blood pressure tests, and a film on detecting breast cancer sponsored by the Eliot Health Council.

At the Eliot Fire Station the firemen gave life saving demonstrations, including CPR by Jay Muzeroll and the opportunity to sign up for future courses; demonstration of the Scott Air Pack and other rescue equipment; and all the department's fire equipment was on display.



30 ELIOT FESTIVAL  
**LOBSTER FEAST**  
 September 29, th.  
 Held at the  
 United Methodist  
 Church on rte 236  
**Menu**  
 2 Lobsters  
 2 Ears of Corn  
 Bowl Fish Chowder  
 Coleslaw  
 Potato Salad  
 Brownie/ Ice Cream  
 Coffee or Soda  
 Donation \$12.00  
 Time: 5:00 p.m.



## 20<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL ELIOT FESTIVAL DAYS "20 Years of Community Spirit"



September 29, 30 and October 1, 2000



Tables were set up by various organizations including the Eliot Girl Scout Brownies, Kittery/Eliot JC Men and Women, Rainbow Girls, Eliot Lions' Club, American Legion, Marshwood Band Boosters, Meals on Wheels and National Honor Society. Other events, during that day, included a bike parade and face painting booth sponsored by the Elementary School volunteers; the Fire Department Auxillary "Dunk the Selectmen" booth; a tin can crushing contest sponsored by the Babe Ruth



The Eliot Festival Day offered many activities on a beautiful, fun-filled Saturday. Shapleigh Hill Farms offered hay rides for those who wanted to experience a taste of yesteryear. (Staff Photo — Deb Cram)



The Puddle Dock Express whose fares tee gave train rides to festivalgoers and rode raised funds for the Eliot Recycling Committee in the parade.

League; performances by the *John Perrault Trio* and the *Down East Square Dancers* and an aerial display coordinated by Jack Hardy.



BAHA'I GUEST — Dr. Gari on Inralls' youngsters with his Indian regalia. He is an elder of the Dogrib Indians of the Mackenzie River Valley in the Canadian Northwest Territory. He noted Baha'i does not have missionaries as such but rather individuals teach by care and loving. For the past 10 years he has lived in Paraguay, teaching by example. (Staff Photo By Donahue)

The first Eliot Festival Day drew to a close with the lowering of the flag at sunset, following a Harvest Supper prepared by the John F. Hill Grange, at the Grange Hall. The 100 tickets sold out early.



The final event of the day was the *Sandy McDonald Minstrel Show* which was headed by the musical group organized by Frank Trull, with Pat Hannigan on piano, Bob McIntyre on guitar and Eric Foye on drums. There was a minstral chorus, Bill Jacques was interlocutor and there were many musical pieces, dancing, walk-on songs, and skits. This first year \$200 was raised and in 1985 the first scholarship was given.



The Jo Bridges Tap Dancers — Angie Chick, Milly Defazio, Ruth Dow, Bea Jordan, Gert Mullen and Helen Splittorff — performed Saturday night to a full house during the Sandy McDonald Variety Show. The show topped off the Eliot Festival which began Friday.



ELIOT FESTIVAL DAY — Eliot Festival Day will be held Saturday at the Elementary School. Participating in the variety show scheduled that night at 8 are, left to right, Pat Hannigan, Frank Trull, Bob McIntyre and Eric Foye.



# PROGRAM

1. Opening Chorus . . . . Ladies and Gentlemen of the Chorus
2. End Song . . . . . Jerry Moynahan  
"Bicycle Built For Two"
3. Reading . . . . . Manny Reimer  
"The Shooting of Dan McGrew"
4. Vocal and Guitar . . . . . Bob Barter
5. End Song . . . . . "Shine". . . Bruce Trott
6. Accordion Solo . . . . . Sandi Goodwin
7. Hula Dance . . . . . Anita Hager  
Vocalists: Linda & Merle Molasky  
Apryll Kingsbury, Rose Marie Dougherty  
Doreen Cloutier, Dave Hager
8. End Song . . . . . Dick Wood  
"Is it True What They Say About Dixie"
9. Vocal & Guitar . . . . . Terri Reimer
10. The Whistler . . . . . Bob Gagne
11. End Song . . . . . "Parakeets". . . Eb Gerry
12. Solo . "Daddy's Little Girl". Merle Molasky
13. Banjos . . . . . Orland McPherson, Ed Rogers
14. End Song . . . . . Roland Guay  
"Rock-a-bye Your Baby to a Dixie Melody"
15. Walk-on . . . . . Bruce & Cabot Trott
16. Solo . . . . . Frank Trull  
"I Left My Heart in San Francisco"
17. Eliot Fun Band . . . . . Jeanne Trueman  
Bobbi Jean Gosselin, Jackie Hutchins  
Roberta Kelly, Deborah Gagne, Jean St. Pierre  
Sis Lane
18. End Song . . . . . Orland McPherson  
"Last Night on The Back Porch"
19. Grand Finale . . . . . Entire Chorus



**COMING UP:****October 15 – 10AM Burial of Eliot Time Capsule**

Director of Public Works, Steve Robinson and his crew have gotten things ready for the burial of Eliot's Time Capsule at Hammond Park. Make the date on your calendar and join us and the children of Eliot Elementary School for this historic event!



**October 28 – 7:30 PM A History of Maine Railroads** This online (ZOOM) presentation by Bill Kenny will talk about Maine's rail history. Maine was one of the first states to build railroads and trolleys and had, at one time, over 90 communities with trolley service. Come find out about the characters and stories and the communities that built these rails. Preregistration is required. Email [info@oldberwick.org](mailto:info@oldberwick.org) or phone 207-384-0000.