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News and Updates from the Cataumet Civic Associates, Inc.

Our Mission

To enhance the village of Cataumet and the lives of its residents and also lessen the burdens of government; by advancing interest, instruction, skill and appreciation of the Arts, Education and Science through the sponsorship and promotion of public exhibitions, festivals, entertainment and symposia; by encouraging the conservation and preservation of lands and natural resources and the maintenance of public parks and historical structures so as to combat community deterioration; by granting scholarships to deserving students; by taking an active and useful part in the social and civic affairs of Cataumet and the Town of Bourne; by providing charity and social relief to the needy.

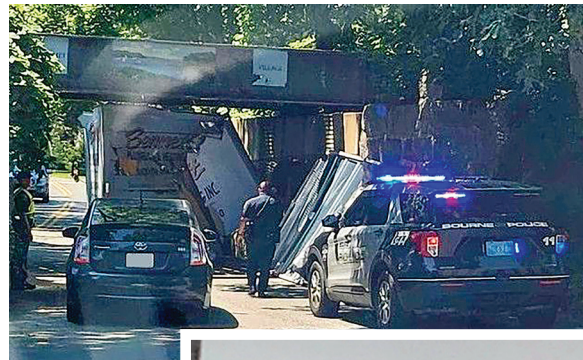
Message from the President, Jane Hurter

The Cataumet Civic Associates, Inc. (“CCA”) has been very busy this past year with both new initiatives and our usual programs.

along with dates and times. The request to improve signage is now languishing at the town level.

Bourne Rail Trail

CCA was very involved last year in disseminating information about the proposed “Rail and Trail” project. See page 8 for a more detailed account of our participation.



Railroad Bridge Signage

How many times have fellow Cataumet residents seen a truck smash into the Railroad bridge or the resulting wreckage? After attempting to manually raise the bridge (joking) several CCA Board members took the initiative to try and improve the signage on each side of the bridge with the intent to warn unwary truck drivers. Board Member Trish White contacted the Town of Bourne Roadway Traffic Safety Committee and communicated CCA’s concern. She included photos of various mishaps



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Playground Picnic Table

CCA has offered to pay to replace the broken Picnic Table at the playground.

Membership

The CCA repeated the May Membership Drive, again with much success. The Drive resulted in approximately 150 membership renewals and 20 new members. CCA has also acquired a new membership software program that will assist us track existing and new member trends. But of course, as it goes with new technology, there are a few “glitches” that we are working out. As a result, many apologies for any mistakes in the Membership section of this Newsletter and in member information. And, contrary to popular belief, it has not washed any windows for us. A dues envelope is enclosed within this Newsletter for those who have not yet joined or renewed their membership.

Scholarships

The CCA partnered again with the Cataumet Schoolhouse Preservation Group (CSPG) and awarded \$1,000 each to 18 deserving students. CCA was also fortunate to again receive \$5,000 from the Mears Family Fund at The Cape Cod Foundation for additional scholarships. Please refer to our Scholarship Article for more information on our recipients.

Library Strategic Plan Survey

The Jonathan Bourne Public Library Board of Trustees and staff have embarked on updating their strategic plan, and are interested in generating stakeholder feedback through workshops and surveys. The results will be incorporated into decisions on future Library programs and services for the next 5 years and beyond.

Please complete the survey that can be accessed through this link: <https://www.cognitofirms.com/TownOfBourne/LibraryStrategicPlanSurvey>

Civic Programs

Along with the traditional programs that the CCA is committed to provide, we were able to continue to add new events.

CCA’s annual **Christmas Tree Lighting** was held on December 10th with both Santa and Caroling. Our favorite programs, the **Easter Egg Hunt** and **Puppet**

Show returned. The CCA also brought back a celebration of **Earth Day/Arbor Day** in April.

Candidates Night was co-sponsored by the Pocasset Village Association and CCA on May 10, 2023.

You can read more about these activities in this Newsletter.

Open Houses/Green Giveaways

The CCA held an Open House on Saturday, October 22, 2022. Forty bags of 40 daffodil bulbs were distributed. Around 50 residents stopped by, many were pleased to be able to explore the inside of the depot and view the archives.

Another Open House was held on Saturday, November 12, 2022 with Austrian Pine seedlings available.

Cataumet United Methodist Church/ Cataumet Civic Associates Ice Cream Social

The Cataumet United Methodist Church introduced an Ice Cream Social co-sponsored by the CCA. A much-needed break from this hot, humid weather! See page 3 for more information and photos of the event.

George Eckstrom - Author in Residence

Another story from our esteemed author, George Eckstrom, telling the saga of “The Case of the Delayed Mail”. See page 7 for this thrilling anecdote.

Last But Not Least - Volunteers

Volunteers are the lifeblood of our community and with their help, Cataumet Civic Associates, Inc. continues to be an important asset to the residents of Cataumet. Please take a moment to read the accompanying articles about some of the CCA activities in the past year. All these activities and events happen with the generous support from all our volunteers, too numerous to name. CCA has always had a group of “unsung heroes” who continuously contribute their time and effort...but we are always in need of some additional “hands” and we welcome all of you to become volunteers too. Many of these tasks are a one-time commitment that would not take much time out of busy schedules. Join a CCA committee to meet new friends, learn more about our village, and share your skills and time. This is what makes Cataumet a special community. Feel free to email: cataumetcivic@gmail.com for more details or if you have other questions, comments, or ideas. To find out more about ways you can help, please visit www.cataumetca.org.

The CCA sends thanks to all of you who supported our Village with dues and special donations!

We make every attempt to ensure that all members and donors are acknowledged. If you donated during the past year and your name does not appear in these lists, please notify us at Info@CataumetCA.org.

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CCA Membership

Listed below are the 2022 members of the CCA, including individual, family, and business members. If you are not a member of the CCA, please join! It's your village, and the CCA works very hard to keep it a special and unique community. Your contributions help provide scholarships for deserving Cataumet students; enhance Washington Park, the Playground, and Depot; and fund many civic and family events during the year.

How to Become a Member

- Dues are \$15 for individuals, \$20 for families, and \$40 for businesses.
- December 31st is the deadline for becoming a member each year.
- Please ensure that your name, address, and email address (for our Eblast updates) are on the dues envelope.
- Double your contribution? Oftentimes, the CCA qualifies under employer matching gift programs!

The CCA is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt, non-profit organization; your dues and donations are tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.

Individual and Family Members and Donors

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Edie Jones & Ralph Johansen
Mark & Debbie Juckett
Geary Kaczorowski & Bunky Hurter
Harold & Kelly Kalick
Martha Kea
Karen & Stephen Kelly
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"Non-Food" Drive

Last year, August 8th – August 20th, 2022, the CCA held its annual Non-Food Drive for the Bourne Food Pantry. This event is an opportunity for our village to help support about 700 Bourne residents with needed items which can't be purchased with their government benefits, such as pet food, hygiene products, paper goods, diapers, and wipes. Bins were left in front of the Depot and at the Cataumet Club for neighbors and friends to drop off any non food items. During the week the bins are checked throughout the day and items brought into the Depot, sorted and bundled. At the end of the week, we were pleased to have a car load full of non-food items, including cases of baby diapers, to deliver to the pantry. Many thanks to Jane Carroll and her family, and Trish White for making this happen by collecting, sorting, and delivering the items.



The Pantry also accepts money; each \$1 donated provides an estimated five meals to those in need. The Pantry can serve 30-50 families on any given day that they are open, more during the month of November and December. Now more than ever, with ever increasing costs of food and other necessities, Cataumet's contributions were much appreciated.

CCA plans to hold another Non-Food Drive this August, keep a lookout for our signs and bins. Please help make this event our best yet.

~ Jane Hurter, President

Candidates Night 2023

The Pocasset Village Association and the Cataumet Civic Associates and held its annual "Meet the Candidates Night" on May 10th. This event was structured as a hybrid meeting with attendance available by both Zoom and in person at the Pocasset Community Center. Candidates for both contested and uncontested offices were each allowed a brief introduction. A Question and Answer segment followed.

Candidates Night provides a wonderful opportunity for candidates to present their positions on issues facing our town and villages and to respond to questions from the audience.

Next year's Candidates Night will be held in early May and led by CCA.

~ Jane Hurter, President

Cataumet Civic Associates/Cataumet United Methodist Church Ice Cream Social

CCA cohosted a new Ice Cream Social with the CUMC on Sunday, July 16th at Handy Hall. This is a new event developed by the group at CUMC. It was a success with approximately 30 adults and children attending and making good work of five ice cream flavors with various toppings. CCA members Jane Hurter, George and Julia Eckstrom, Linda Barlow Palo and Paul Palo, and Mike Lipchak assisted in set up, scooping, and cleanup. CCA hopes that it can participate in this event in the future.

Jane Hurter





2022 Scholarship Awards

Cataumet Civic Associates and Cataumet School House Preservation Group are pleased to announce the 2023 scholarship recipients to an outstanding group of young people from Cataumet and Bourne. Scholarships are made possible in part by the generosity of the Mears Family Fund of the Cape Cod Community Foundation, and CCA/CSPG members. The \$1,000 scholarships are awarded after the students have completed their fall semester and enrolled in the spring semester. Eligible recipients are high school graduates, continuing and returning students for undergraduate and graduate degrees. This year eighteen scholarships will be awarded.

Congratulations to the following recipients:

Alexa Ariagno is a 1st year scholarship recipient attending Elon majoring in Business. At Bourne High School, she was on student council, National Honor Society, a weightlifter, photographer, and traveled to six countries in one year.

Andrew Ariagno is a 4th year scholarship recipient entering his senior year at the University of New Hampshire majoring in Finance and Information Systems and Business Analytics, with the goal of pursuing an MBA. Andrew belongs to Sigma Beta Fraternity and the UNH Sales Club, the Financial Partners Program, Order of Omega, and UNH Human Resources Association. He maintains a 3.35 GPA.

Madeline Saavedra Bagdonas is a 2nd year scholarship recipient. Attending Barnard College, she is majoring in Biochemistry. She is planning on graduate school and eventually a career in laboratory research. Madeline graduated Cum Laude from Phillips Exeter Academy. She did summer research at Columbia University Irving Medical Center. Madeline is a member of Mujeres, a Barnard College Latinx affinity group.

Madeline Burg is a 4th year recipient attending Leslie University majoring in Social Work. She is in the accelerated Master's in Social Work program expecting to graduate with her Bachelor's in 2024 and her MSW in 2025. Madeline is a first-generation college student

and dean's list student. Madeline is interning at the Cambridge Department of Human Services in their Center for Families continuing her education into social work and helping families. She is a 3-year Dean's List student, in all gender A Capella group on campus called Harmogeddon, and active in the Lesley University Hallel Club on campus.

Jonathan Grygent is a 1st year scholarship recipient and will be attending Norwich University with plans to pursue a career in criminal justice. While at Norwich, he will be enrolled in the Corp of Cadets. Jonathan attended John Paul II High School where he played varsity football for four years. Jonathan participated in the Leadership Team for Varsity Football his junior and senior years. He also was in both the Chess Club and Investment Club and was involved in community service all four years.

Logan Hawkes is a 1st year scholarship recipient and is a Senior at Colby College majoring in Biology and planning on graduate school after college. Logan plays on the football team, is a member of the Chemistry Club, and a teaching assistant in Chemistry. Logan is a volunteer and a Board Member for the REM Community Center in Waterville, Maine.

Quinn Hawkes is a 1st year scholarship recipient and will be attending University of Rhode Island majoring in Computer Science. A recent graduate of Bourne High School, Quinn was a member of the drama club and won two Excellence in Acting Awards. Quinn was a peer on the Unified Track team, a student PYA volunteer, a member of the Student Council, and the National Honor Society.

Jiajun Kaczorowski is a 3rd year scholarship recipient. This year she will be attending the University of the Redlands in Redlands, CA, majoring in Environment Science. She previously attended Suffolk University in Boston and was an honors student. Jiajun has played soccer for Suffolk University and was a member of the Asian American Association Club. She is a graduate of Sturgis West.

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Christmas in Cataumet

Summer days may swell our appreciation for Cataumet, but for those of you who are here only in the summer, you may not have yet attended the Cataumet Village Christmas Tree Lighting and Carol Sing. This is another special time that the Cataumet community shines. After rain date was called for Saturday December 10th, joyous spirit filled Cataumet Village on December 11th. The event was led by Rick Wedge as Master of Ceremonies with Andrew Lowenstein on guitar. The Cataumet Civics Associates board members, guided by Stephen Sullivan, facility chair, had decorated the depot with Santa spot-lit on the depot roof and Christmas lights strung on the park fence and tree. A donated "Charlie Brown" tree graced Washington Park and the tree lighting event began after a countdown. Rick Wedge led the group with traditional carols. Then small groups took turns leading the carolers in song for "The Twelve Days of Christmas". A visit from Santa (Erich Giebel) followed with gifts for all the kids. After the singing we gathered around in the depot with hot cider and cookies.

A most cheerful evening was had by all and would not have been possible without the help of many hands. Next year we look forward to continuing this tradition with lighting of a new tree planted in the park.

Trish White

Puppet Show • Whales Tales

CCA presented Whale Tales by Talking Hands Theatre. The aquarium came to the children of Cataumet on July 15th at the Cataumet Clubhouse. Kiddies met lots of creatures that live in the sea, including a walrus, a seahorse, a giant beluga whale, and many more. This musical theater brought to life Massachusetts science standards for Pre-K through 2nd grade. There was also a puppet making workshop after the show. As you can see from the photos, everyone, both young and not so young thoroughly enjoyed the show!

Jane Hurter





Bourne Rail Trail

As many of you may know, the plan to continue the Bike Path up to the canal has been in process for many years. Many agencies including the Friends of the Bourne Rail Trail and The Town (of Bourne) Administrator Advisory Committee of Pedestrian/Bicycle Pathway (TAACPB). The most current design shows that the Bike Path would actually run alongside the tracks and end at the RR Depot, emptying at the playground.

This design raised many concerns in regards to road and pedestrian safety, parking, and traffic. As a result, CCA committed to inform residents about not only the design but other details on a timely basis. In addition, CCA Board members contacted the AACPB and requested that another informational meeting be held by Zoom for all interested parties. CCA then advertised a special Zoom meeting on September 28, 2022. Close to 100 residents participated and voiced their multiple concerns. This meeting was the impetus in the decision to revisit the design which would remove the tracks and replace them with the bike path.

According to their website “The Friends (of the Bourne Rail Trail) have long promoted the construction of a “rail-to-trail” pathway, with the removal of the Falmouth Secondary and placement of the path in its stead. Until now, the Town has planned for a “rail-with-trail,” where the path is built alongside the track. In March 2023, the Select Board voted unanimously to **pivot to the “rail-to-trail” approach**. If Commonwealth officials concur, the development of the project will be accelerated by decades at a significantly reduced cost.”

In addition, on July 14, 2023, The Friends of the Bourne Rail Trail sent an email to many interested parties including CCA. This email was an urgent request to show a strong and unified support for removal of the Falmouth Secondary rail line and construction on the rail bed of the Bourne Rail Trail. The Friends of the Bourne Rail Trail asks residents to convince our elected officials that the public interest in a pedestrian and bicycle trail far outweighs the limited benefits of the relatively little used Falmouth Secondary rail line. This letter with accompanying instructions for contacting the State House can be viewed on CCA’s website.

On behalf of CCA, I wish to thank all the people who took the time to become involved and speak up with many serious concerns.

Jane Hurter

Easter Egg Hunt

The annual Easter Egg Hunt at Bourne Conservation Trust’s Spring Hill Farm on Sunday April 2nd was another community success! A rain date was called on Saturday April 1st, allowing us to enjoy a beautifully sunny day on Sunday. It was picture perfect and the children, divided into three age groups quickly found over three hundred eggs hidden by our volunteers.

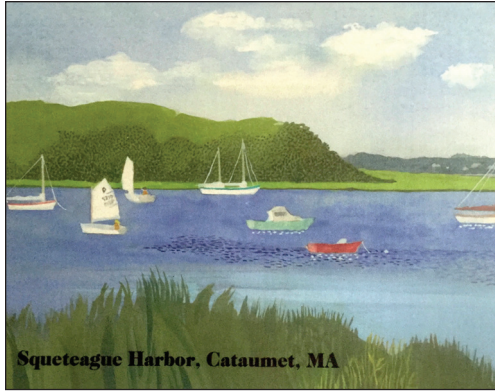


The event not only brought together dozens of families, but also a wonderful group of volunteers. Special thanks to our Easter Bunny, Candace Sjogren, who hopped into the hot bunny suit at the last minute. The event may be organized by the CCA, but also is a collaborative effort with the Cataumet United Methodist Church and the Bourne Conservation Trust (BCT). Many thanks to Rich Dow from the church and Sally Ballentine from Spring Hill Farm at BCT who were instrumental in preparing the spaces. The CCA board rallied with support, but a special “thank you” goes out to Tracy and Kendall Cyr without whom the event just wouldn’t have been the same. Tracy and Kendall prepared all the egg and the trail markers for the three age groups. Many thanks to all who volunteered and attended. It was beautiful event and we have plans for many more eggs including the golden egg next year!

Trish White



CCA Merchandise Available



The CCA will be placing another order soon for our logo and mural merchandise.

3½" x 4½" folding note cards, with envelopes, are on sale for \$10.00 per pack of eight; the options are:

- a) 8 Squeteague Harbor cards
- b) 8 Cranberry Bog cards
- c) 4 of each scene

Mugs are \$15.00 each.



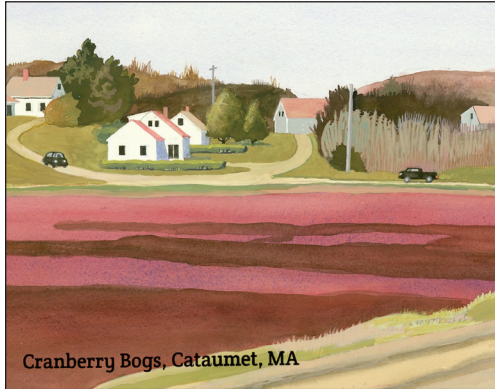
Please contact Info@CataumetCA.org for more information.

And a few left from

the Bargain Basement:

Children's T-shirt sizes
S, M, L

A steal at \$5.00 each!



CCA Treasurer's Report: January 1st through December 31st, 2021

ASSETS AS OF JANUARY 1, 2022

CHECKING ACCOUNTS	
OPERATING	\$ 193,099.55
PLAYGROUND	1,981.41
MEARS BEAUTIFICATION	3,024.43
SAVINGS ACCOUNTS	
OPERATING	15,007.67
SCHOLARSHIP	12,041.07
INSURANCE CHECK FOR	4,013.88
TRESTLE MURAL DAMAGE	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 229,168.01

OPERATING INCOME

INTEREST	\$ 226.19
MEMBERSHIP DUES	4,215.00
MERCHANDISE SALES	101.93

DONATIONS

SCHOLARSHIP	\$ 13,105.00
PLAYGROUND	320.00
GENERAL	6,580.00
	2,653.25
FENCE	5,095.00
TOTAL DONATIONS	27,753.25

TOTAL INCOME \$ 32,296.37

ASSETS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2022

CHECKING ACCOUNTS	
OPERATING	\$ 23,385.05
PLAYGROUND	2,081.41
MEARS BEAUTIFICATION	3,024.43
SAVINGS ACCOUNTS	
OPERATING	197,814.44
SCHOLARSHIP	14,526.43

TOTAL ASSETS \$ 240,831.76

OPENING BALANCE JAN 1ST \$ 229,168.01

OPERATING EXPENSES

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

MURAL REPAIR	\$ 1,500.00
SCHOLARSHIPS	11,000.00
BCT DONATION	500.00
BEAUTIFICATION	525.00
TREE LIGHTING	434.76
EARTH DAY	393.85
GREEN GIVEAWAY	292.72
WATER TESTING	150.00
RAIL TRAIL	165.00
NEWSLETTER	1,406.08
PUPPET SHOW	210.00
TOTAL COMMUNITY	\$ 16,577.41

PROPERTY INSURANCE	726.00
BOARD MEMBER INSURANCE	825.00
COMPUTER SOFTWARE	35.00
WEB MAINTENANCE	347.24

UTILITIES

NATURAL GAS	\$ 559.63
WATER	171.00
ELECTRICITY	575.57
TOTAL UTILITIES	1,306.20

OFFICE EXPENSES

POSTAGE	232.00
CLEANING	280.00
SUPPLIES	303.77
TOTAL OFFICE	815.77

TOTAL EXPENSES \$ 20,632.62

NET OPERATING INCOME 11,663.75

CLOSING BALANCE DEC 31ST \$ 240,831.76

~ Jane Hurter, President; Pam Pollock, Treasurer



CCA and CSPG Combined Scholarships

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Maryn Kestenbaum is a 1st year scholarship recipient and graduate of Sandwich High School. She will be attending Clarkson University studying Engineering and Management. Maryn was President of the Student Council and member of the National Honor Society, Math National Honor Society, Social Studies National Honor Society, Science National Honor Society, Sandwich School Committee Representative, and a peer leader for the Anti-Defamation League. Maryn also played field hockey and tennis.

Caroline Lane is a 1st year scholarship recipient. She graduated from Bourne High School and will be attending Cape Cod Community College. At Bourne High School Caroline was in the Drama Club, Yearbook Club, Book Club, and a volunteer at Highfield Hall for the College Light Opera Company.

Margaret Olson is a 2nd year scholarship recipient and attends the University of Washington in Seattle where she is a majoring in Biochemistry with a Classics minor. Maggie is a tutor, participates in Club Swimming and maintains a 3.7 GPA.

Samuel Olson is a 2nd year scholarship recipient and will be a senior at Rochester Institute of Technology where his major is in the area of Cyber Security. Samuel received the Computer Science Award and plays rugby, and is part of a team to create a personal phone app.

Jenna O'Melia will be attending Regis College pursuing her Master's in Speech Language Pathology. She graduated from the University of New Hampshire. Jenna was recently a Speech Language Pathologist Assistant at the May Institute.

Hope Salamone is a 2nd year recipient and will be attending Brandeis University in the Master's program where she plans to be a User Experience Designer and work with healthcare to develop projects for patients.

Rose Segadelli is a 3rd year scholarship recipient and a junior at Loyola University in Chicago majoring in Nursing. Rose is a member of Alpha Sigma Alpha working on the Special Olympics and Girls on the

Run nationwide. Rose provides education on risk management policies and alcohol awareness to organizational members and played intramural sports.

Phoebe Strudnick is a 3rd year scholarship recipient and a junior at Roger Williams University in Rhode Island majoring in History. Phoebe plans to pursue a Master's in Archeology and become a museum archivist. She is an orientation advisor and committee co-chair.

Nathaniel Swift is a 2nd year scholarship recipient and attends UMASS Dartmouth majoring in Marketing and plays Rugby.

Sommer Washabaugh is a 1st year scholarship recipient and a graduate of Bourne High School. She will attend the University of New Hampshire and will major in Education. At Bourne High School, Sommer was a member of the National Honor Society, Student Council, Student Intern Program as a 3rd grade student teacher, and was awarded the Southcoast Conference Sportsmanship Award for softball, Coaches Award for Soccer, Cape Cod Tufts Club Book Award, and 2023 Teachers Award.

Pam Pollock, Scholarship Chair



The Depot is Available

The Depot is the perfect spot for small events!

During the past year, the Depot has hosted private parties, yoga classes, and other meetings.

Get your functions on the calendar now.

Inquire at Info@CataumetCA.org or visit www.CataumetCA.org for details and a Reservation Form.

The Case of the Missing Mail

It was the fall of 1980. My occupations at the time were house painting and commercial shell-fishing, the former I had been doing off and on since a teenager, and the latter for a few years. I also had an application in to the USPS specifically Pocasset, North Falmouth, and Cataumet locations. One day, while picking up my mail, then Cataumet Postmaster Alberta Harding called me aside for an interview.

Apparently, it went well as the next day she offered me a position. "Hmmm" I said "This sounds like a good opportunity as I live across the street and it would be steady work, but I love fishing for a living. Could I get back to you in a week or so?". She answered "You can get back to me tomorrow!". After due consideration and consulting with my older brother, I decided to accept the job and thus began the start of a thirty two-year career with the Post Office.

I liked the job from the start. Alberta and I got along very well and quickly became friends as well as co-workers. In those days all mail was hand-cancelled using a nifty machine which I have in my possession to this day. You would line up the letters and use the



circular crank to run them through. The metal type would imprint them with the day, time, and year. One of the requirements was to change the date each day, much the way a newspaper typesetter does. Each day you change the date; each month the month; and on the first day of the new year; you would change to the new year. On the first day of business of 1981, I dutifully changed the year from 1980 to 1981.

Business continued in the usual, routine fashion for a week or so until one day I noticed the cancellation was a little faint, indicating the need to put more ink on the pad. Upon examination of a sample piece, I noticed to my horror, a discrepancy. Now dear reader, I would like you to write 1981 on a piece of paper, then turn it upside down. I think you

will find it now reads 1861, as it did on ten days of mail originating at the Cataumet Post Office as a result of my putting it in upside down! To the public's and any postal inspector's eye all the past ten days mail was delayed by 120 years! With more than a little trepidation I brought this to Alberta's attention. "We'll just keep this to ourselves, don't you think?", and we did.

George Eckstrom

CCA Celebrates Earth Day

CCA invited the village to participate in our 2nd Earth Day event on Saturday, April 22, 2023. Families joined in planting wild flower seeds in flower pots to take home, poster making, and a scavenger hunt on the BCT trails near the depot. This year we gave away tulip tree seedlings to the many villagers who stopped by.

Pam Pollock

