

January 2024 Storms: The Impact One Year Later



Residents of Maine's outer, unbridged islands are used to the ebb and flow of the tides, and the constantly changing landscape of their island. Josh Gray, co-owner of Newman & Gray Boatyard on Great Cranberry, points to a poignant example on his island: Edgar's Tractor. The tractor got stuck in the sand in 1950, and when Edgar Bunker left to fight in the Korean War, it stayed there awaiting his return. When he was killed during battle, it became a memorial, and over the years, the ocean crept up, getting closer to the tractor as it slowly rusts and sinks into the sand. This kind of erosion has happened over decades, but the storms that hit in January of 2024 brought new challenges ...

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College and Career Exploration Fair on the Downeast Campus

Join the Mission on Friday, March 21 from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. for a college and career exploration fair at the Weald Bethel Community Center, 39 Weald Bethel Lane, Cherryfield. During this event, students and community members can meet with representatives from different schools and businesses throughout Maine and New England.

"We are excited to offer students and community members the opportunity to learn more about the different career and college options available to them," explains EdGE Secondary and Post-Secondary Program Director Christy Oliveri. "With a wide range of representatives..."

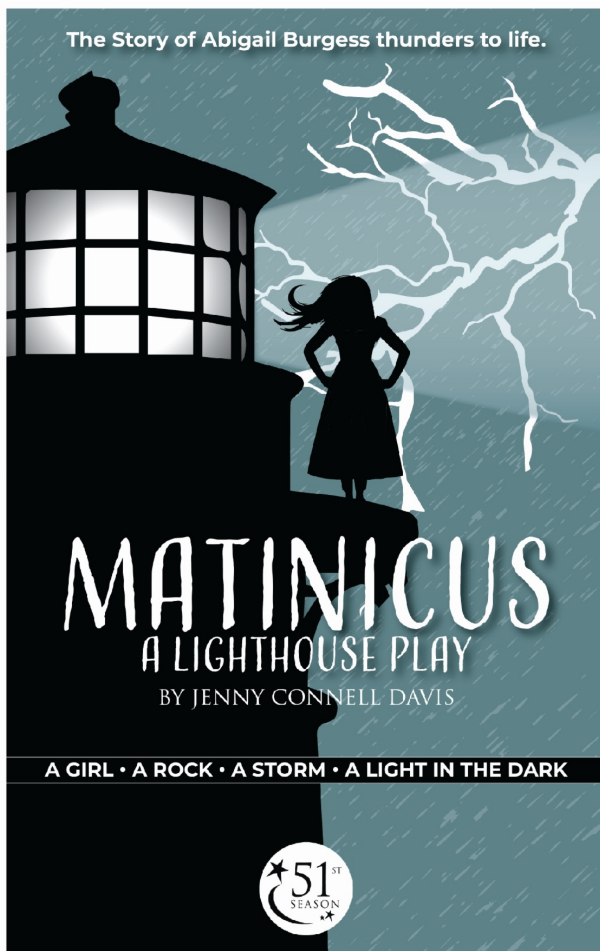
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Visit Matinicus with the Penobscot Theatre Company



Twenty miles off the coast, accessible only by boat or air, is Maine's most remote year-round island, Matinicus. Several miles even further away is Matinicus Rock, home to one of Maine's lighthouses and the setting for Penobscot Theatre Company (PCT)'s new show *Matinicus: A Lighthouse Play*. PCT will bring a three-week performance run of *Matinicus* to the Bangor Opera House from March 20 to April 6. The Theatre has tapped Maine Seacoast Mission to be the community partner for the production due to the nonprofit's longtime ties and service work on the Maine island of Matinicus. Join Matinicus' First Assessor Laurie Webber and Maine Seacoast Mission's Director of Island Service Douglas Cornman for a Q&A-style "talkback" event after the matinee performance on Sunday, March 23 at 3 p.m.

Written by Jenny Connell Davis, the play *Matinicus* tells the true story of...

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From the Pilothouse with Captain Mike

Last Tuesday on Matinicus, I retired to my cabin for the night. I checked the marine forecast a final time: Wednesday – north winds 20-25 knots, freezing spray in the early morning, four-to-six-foot seas. All normal for winter. Assured that we could depart as scheduled, I drifted off to sleep. The following morning, I was walking to the coffeepot and saw the unexpected glimmer of a wave in the harbor. I turned to Storey, the ship's first mate, asking, "what direction is the wind?" He gave me an annoyed glance and stated "northeast."

An imperceptible change to most, this forty-five-degree difference in wind direction completely altered

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Partner Profile: Lizzie Cunningham, Women for Healthy Rural Living (WHRL)



Every year, the Mission partners with organizations across Maine and beyond to provide services, education, and more to communities Downeast and on Maine Islands. We recently chatted with Lizzie Cunningham with Women for Healthy Rural Living (WHRL), based in Milbridge, about their work and their partnership with the Mission.

What is your name? What organization do you represent?

I am Lizzie Cunningham, and I am the Experience Coordinator for Women for Healthy Rural Living (WHRL). Our mission is to advance and promote the health of the woman, her family, her community, and the planet. WHRL was founded in 2004 by...

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