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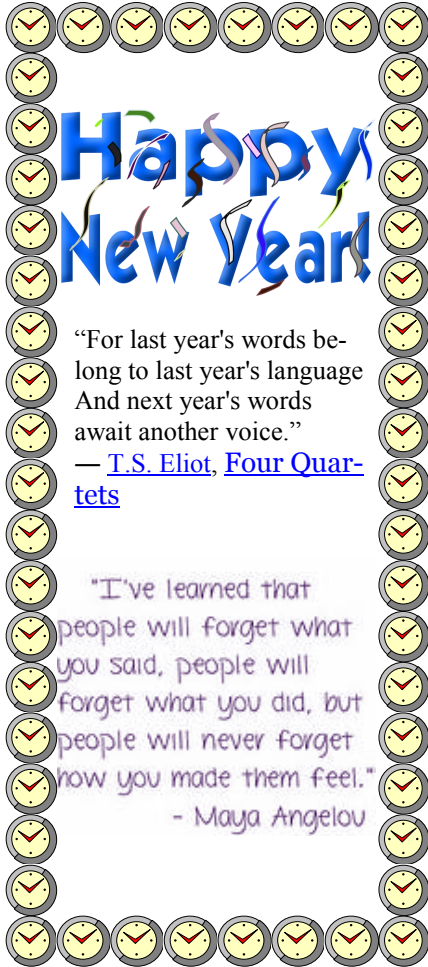
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Happy New Year!

“For last year's words belong to last year's language And next year's words await another voice.”
— [T.S. Eliot, Four Quartets](#)

“I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.”
- Maya Angelou

Solar Panels

By Tony Marple

Voters approved the installation of solar panels on the roof of the fire station at the March, 2016 Town Meeting. The panels will generate clean energy to meet the electric power needs of all the town buildings. Erik Ekholm was the catalyst behind the solar project and has continued to be a major player as the contracting dynamics became more complicated.

Last spring, Governor LePage vetoed a solar power bill that would have extended net metering. Net metering allows owners of solar installations to sell excess power to the utility while drawing power from the grid at night and during inclement weather. The issue is likely to come before the legislature again during this session, but town officials do not want to put taxpayers at risk for potential Public Utility Commission (PUC) decisions that could have a negative impact on the finances. So initially, the project was deferred until the net metering rules were settled.

Shortly thereafter, The Power Company of Washington, Maine proposed a leasing model that will protect the town against adverse net metering decisions, provide a guaranteed 10% electric power savings and allow a buyout after



Photo courtesy Tony Marple

six years if PUC rules at that time offer additional savings. The panels are expected to generate about 25,000 kilowatt hours of electricity as compared with the town's current usage of 22,000. Voters will likely consider a proposal to install a heat pump in the Townhouse which, using electricity efficiently, would heat and cool the building and eliminate the need for oil except as a backup.

Thanks to those who participated in the project including Erik, Dennis Merrill and Frank Ober.

LYDIA ATWOOD CHASE will be turning 100 on February 1, 2017

by Marnie Wells (daughter)

After thinking and praying long and hard over this coming celebration of this gracious woman, I've decided it would be a wonderful tribute to her to hear words of encouragement, thankfulness and memories from you all.

I would love you to:

1. Spread the word far and wide (you touch a lot of people in 100 years!)
2. Repost/share/call and/or email anyone that you might know that had relationship with mom
3. Send your words and pictures by January 10, 2017 to

Facebook: Marnie Wells PM

Email: arniewells13@gmail.com

Address: 11 Pumping Station Salem, NH 03079

Please before you forget~ thank you!!



Photo of Lydia Chase submitted by Marnie Wells

“Back to the Landers” remembered at Whitefield Historical Society event

by Bill McKeen

In the 1960's and 1970's anyone over 60 today can tell you there was a cultural revolution; the denouncing of what so many saw as weak and decadent middle class values. They were the Baby Boomers, and they were leaving the cities and suburbs and going toward a simpler life; free from all the trappings of middle class life. It was, quite simply, an exodus back to the land. They came from a variety of places and for a variety of reasons. Some were called hippies and others intellectuals, and many of them came to Whitefield; nearly doubling the town's population. As the rock band Canned Heat so aptly put to words, they were all “Going up the Country.”

On Friday, January 13th at 5 pm at the Sheepscot General Store, the Whitefield Historical Society will host a program featuring interviews with local back to the landers, featuring:

Jon and Judy Robbins
Gerry and Judy Maldovan
Peter Froehlich
Lee Murch
Frank Ober

You don't have to be over 60 to enjoy this program. This was a turbulent and wonderful time in our history. Come join us at Sheepscot General for what promises to be an entertaining and reminiscent walk back in time.

Diabetes Prevention Program now offered in Lincoln County

The Central Lincoln County YMCA and Boothbay Region YMCA, in partnership with Lincoln Health, are offering an evidence-based diabetes prevention program in Lincoln County beginning January 2017. If you're at risk for type 2 diabetes, you can make small, measurable changes that can reduce your risk and help you live a happier, healthier life. Change is tough, but we can help.

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Have your snow and eat it, too

by Andrea Lani

There's something about a fresh and fluffy snowfall that makes my kids want to eat it. Maybe it looks like sugar, whipped cream, or merengue to them; or maybe it's just because it's so clean and white and new, it begs to be tasted. I admit to touching my tongue to new-fallen snow now and then. It's cold, crystalline, and tastes of winter nights, ice skating, and fast sleds. Even more fun than eating plain snow, however, is making it into snow ice cream. You want to use really fresh, just-fallen snow for this recipe; both because it has the right, fluffy texture and because it's free of bits of pine needle and dirt that quickly accumulate on the surface.

Snow Ice Cream

Step 1: Heat in a small pan...

1 cup cream or whole milk on medium low heat until little bubbles appear around the edge

Step 2: As the milk heats, beat together...

1 egg
1/2 cup sugar

1/2 teaspoon salt

Step 3: Beat a couple of spoonfuls of

hot milk into the egg mixture, then pour the mixture into the pan; heating and stirring for about a minute until the egg has sufficiently cooked and the mixture thickened slightly

Step 4: Remove custard from the heat and stir in...

1/2 teaspoon pure vanilla extract

Step 5: Put the custard outside to cool

Step 6: Go outside and play in the snow while the custard cools, and then scoop clean, fresh, fluffy snow into a large bowl

Step 7: Put about two cups of snow into a second bowl. Pour the custard over this second bowl of snow and stir. The snow will shrink down as the liquid mixes in. Add more snow until all of the custard has been absorbed and it takes on the consistency of ice cream. The amount of snow you need will depend on the moisture content of your snow.

Step 8: Scoop into bowls and eat right away. If you try to freeze it for later, it will lose its ice cream consistency and turn into a solid block.

This recipe makes enough ice cream for four to six servings.

Coconut Snow Ice Cream

For a dairy and egg-free version of Snow Ice Cream, whisk together until smooth:

1 can coconut milk (the thick, creamy kind)
2 cups coconut milk from the carton (the thin, milky kind)

Add:

1/2 cup (or more) sugar (depending on how sweet you want it)
1 cup shredded unsweetened coconut

Even though the coconut version doesn't need to cool, why not go outside to play anyway and then mix your ice cream as in Step 7, above.

The Coconut Snow Ice Cream recipe makes more than the Snow Ice Cream recipe (about eight to ten servings), so you'll need more snow and therefore, more mouths to eat it!



Photo courtesy Andrea Lani



Photo courtesy WHS

Digging out after this March snowstorm in 1956 is Roland Kennedy (1901-1972) who is helping Arthur King (1892-1965). Arthur, on the right, lived at 399 East River Road where Andrew Berry now lives.

Check out Friends of Whitefield on Facebook

by Debbie Rogers

David Chase has created a wonderful Facebook page for anyone who lives or has connections to Whitefield. "Friends of Whitefield" is a collection of historic photos, current news, postcards, events and lots of fun questions and surveys!

David has long been the creator and contributor for the website "A Maine Thing" and continues to grow with his facebook page. I look forward to seeing his posts and if you would like to be thoroughly entertained, take a look, join or just comment on his entries.

We are very lucky to have residents like David who not only take joy in living in Whitefield, but continue to promote our rich heritage and share it with the community.

Thanks David, keep up the wonderful work. We so appreciate it!



Entry on Facebook Page from Friends of Whitefield

January is 'Radon Action Month'...so why be bothered?

by Dan Joslyn

Radon is a radioactive gas created by the breakdown of uranium in soil, rock, and water.

It typically escapes into the atmosphere where it isn't of significant concern, but as it enters your basement, it may concentrate and pose a serious long-term health risk.

The EPA states, "The average person receives a higher dose of radiation from the radon levels in their homes than from the combined exposure to all other radiation sources; natural or man made."

Radon is in all of our states, but levels vary with no clear pattern. Interestingly, Florida, Alaska, and a few of the southern states have safer levels than Maine, and states such as Montana and Colorado tend to have higher levels on average.

Radon is scored using a system applied to all radioactive materials (pCi/L or picoCurie per liter). Just know that levels fit into three categories: Highest Potential (RED) = 4pCi/L or above, Moderate Potential (Orange) = 2-4 pCi/L, and Low Potential (Green) = less than 2pCi/L.

Twenty eight of Maine's counties (including Lincoln) have average levels that puts them in the "RED" area; or 4pCi/L or higher. One in three homes in our county can be expected to have levels over 4 pCi/L, and some have had up to 120 pCi/L. If your neighbor down the road has low or high levels, it does not necessarily mean that your house would score the same.

A person breathing an air supply at 4pCi/L will have 8.8 "radioactive disintegrations" per liter of air. These microscopic releases of Alpha energy have the potential to damage cells and DNA over time. This is a long term health concern, but extremely high levels likely make this a more immediate problem. Keep in mind that well water adds radon to our house air, and in some Lincoln County residences, this combination has been of significant concern.

Children raised in homes with unsafe levels are more at risk; as are smokers. In fact, out of 1,000 smokers exposed to 20 pCi/L over a lifetime, about 260 people would be expected to develop lung cancer; where with the same number of non smokers, only 36 people would become ill.

Like most inspections during property transfers, the buyer pays. Costs range from \$30 - \$50 for air tests and a little higher for water. Kits may be picked up at the Maine State Health Lab in Augusta. Many Hardware Stores carry kits, but it will be a little more expensive. There are about ten qualified testers serving the mid coast area.

Keep in mind that techniques for mitigating high radon levels work. High scoring homes can be made totally safe.

Use the following sources for more information if interested:

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- 2nd **COOPERS MILLS FIRE DEPT.**, All are welcome. No obligation. 7 pm
KINGS MILLS FIRE DEPT., 7 pm
- 3rd **WHITEFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY** meeting 1:00 pm
- 4th **ARLINGTON GRANGE MEETING**, Pot Luck Dinner 6 pm, Meeting 7 pm
- 5th **SENIOR MEN'S GROUP**, Sheepscot General, 10 am
- 6th **WHITEFIELD FOOD PANTRY**, St. Denis Hall, 1-3 pm
SELECT BOARD, Fire Station, 6 pm
- 7th **YOUTH XC SKI CLINIC**, Midcoast Conservancy will hold the annual Kids XC-Ski Clinic for kids ages 4-14. The clinic will start Saturday, January 7 and run each Saturday morning until February 11. The clinic is the perfect setting for skiers of different levels to gain confidence and enjoy HVNC's trails. Instructors use fun, non-competitive methods to get the skiers out on the trails having fun each week.
- 8th **WHITEFIELD ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (WAA)**, Whitefield School, 6 pm
KIDS' SKATE SKI CLINIC, Come join Midcoast Conservancy and Colby College's Nordic Ski Team at Hidden Valley Nature Center for a Skate Ski Clinic on Sunday, January 8th. The clinic will run from 10:00AM to Noon. Skiers will be instructed by over 15 coaches (Colby Racers), including the Mules' head coach Tracey Cote. There will be three levels of instruction during the clinic: intro to skate skiing, advanced technique, and focus on improving speed and efficiency. Ages 7-16 are welcome to attend. This is a free clinic, and registration is required. Please go to https://secure.lglforms.com/form_engine/s/3FXeOWw0E8qXFhrCspa5sg
- 9th **WHITEFIELD MUNICIPAL FIRE DEPT.**, Fire Station, 7 pm
- 10th **WOMEN OF WHITEFIELD**, Sheepscot General, 10 am
SELECT BOARD, Fire Station, 6 pm
- 11th **FULL MOON OWL PROWL AT HVNC**, Meet at HVNC gate and be guided to Little Dyer Pond where we will watch the moon rising over the pond. We'll listen for owls and other night signs along the way. Moderate walk – 40 minutes each way. Dress warmly, wear shoes with good grips or bring snow shoes (HVNC has snowshoes to rent by reservation), bring hiking stick, snack, drink and flashlight 5:00 pm
- 12th **SENIOR MEN'S GROUP**, Sheepscot General, 10 am
RSU SCHOOL BOARD MEETING Chelsea School, 6:30 pm
- 13th **"BACK TO THE LANDERS" REMEMBERED AT WHITEFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY EVENT**, On Friday, January 13th at 5 pm at the Sheepscot General Store the Whitefield Historical Society will host a program featuring interviews with local back to the landers.
- 14th **YOUTH XC SKI CLINIC—SEE JAN. 7TH**
- 15th **ADULT X-C SKI CLINIC**, Midcoast Conservancy is hosting two Cross Country Ski Clinics for Adults at Hidden Valley Nature Center: Sunday, January 15, and Sunday, January 22. Both clinics will be from 12noon-2:30pm. Anyone 15 years and older is invited to attend. The clinic costs \$15 for Midcoast Conservancy members and \$20 for non-members. XC-ski equipment rentals are just \$12. Space is limited and pre-registration is required! Head to <http://www.midcoastconservancy.org/cross-country-ski-clinics-adult>
- 17th **SELECT BOARD**, Fire Station, 6 pm
- 18th **PLANNING BOARD**, Fire Station, 6:00 pm
- 19th **SENIOR MEN'S GROUP**, Sheepscot General, 10 am
- 20th **OPEN-MIC NIGHT**, Sheepscot General, 7-9 pm
- 21st **YOUTH XC SKI CLINIC—SEE JAN. 7TH**
DRUMMING CIRCLE, Sheepscot General, 6:30 pm. Open to the public, all ages welcome.
- 22nd **ADULT X-C SKI CLINIC SEE JANUARY 15TH**
- 24th **WOMEN OF WHITEFIELD**, Sheepscot General, 10 am
SELECT BOARD, Fire Station, 6 pm
- 26th **SENIOR MEN'S GROUP**, Sheepscot General, 10 am
- 28th **YOUTH XC SKI CLINIC—SEE JAN. 7TH**
- 29th **6TH ANNUAL LIBERAL CUP BIATHLON**, Midcoast Conservancy will host the sixth annual Liberal Cup Biathlon at Hidden Valley Nature Center in Jefferson. All ages and skill levels are encouraged to participate! Racers can compete individually or in teams of four, and everyone is encouraged to compete in costume. Register at <https://www.raceit.com/Register/?event=38925>
- 31st **SELECT BOARD**, Fire Station, 6 pm

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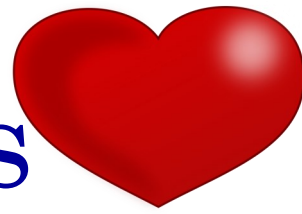
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Next Month... Town Meeting

Town Meeting will be held on Saturday, March 18th.

Balloting will be held on Friday, March 17th.

In March we will be voting on several municipal positions. There are two openings for selectman, three-year-terms; one opening for road commissioner, three-year-term; three openings for planning board; two-year-terms; and one opening for RSU school board, one-year-term.

For more information call 207-549-5175.

Should We Stay or Should We Go (The Snowbird Dilemma)?

(submitted by The Birdwatcher)

Anticipation! Last January we had six "plowings" before the end of January. This year we are already ahead of that by two (maybe more by the time this goes to print). As I sit in my warm kitchen, the white flakes of snow piling up outside, I hear the town plow truck grinding up the hillside one more time this afternoon. It is one of those Maine days that begs us to stay off the roads, to wait until "It" stops before even thinking about scooping out a path to the vehicle and sweeping off the windshield. The weatherman says that winter storm Decima will unload 5-6 inches of snow in Whitefield, and then leave us with severe icy conditions. I know our "plowman" won't push down our driveway until this is all over. So...bake some cookies and enjoy some tea time! I could be somewhere (anywhere) south of here, and missing all of this!

Many of our Whitefield neighbors are missing this. My guess is "missing" isn't the correct word choice, but they just are not here witnessing the wonders of winter in Whitefield. I know this because their driveways won't look like mine after the storm...they will not get plowed out. No tracks in. No tracks out! They have made tracks for warmer, sunnier, more physically pleasant regions, and who would blame them? I'm just too lazy to go through all of that preparation and planning.

I do have to applaud them for taking on such a huge undertaking. Their "to-do" list is impressive, to say the least. I had to sit down just to read through one neighbor's mountainous pile of sticky notes. She starts "getting ready" as soon as

the first leaf hits the ground in the Fall. To prepare for her winter roost, this Whitefield Snowbird has to do something with her pets, plants, mail, phone, cable, utilities, heat, water, prescriptions, variety of billings, and even securing her chimney so certain critters don't use it as a winter condo. Obviously, since she has done this for a few years, she also has a very organized suitcase filled with all of her tax information.



Some folks get 'outta' Dodge (Whitefield) early, others leave us right after Thanksgiving, and yet some just have to stay until all of Santa's presents have been opened on Christmas morning. But once the trek has begun, our Snowbird neighbors know exactly where they are heading, and they leave us with a merry "toot toot" as they grind it into gear to head down I95 before wintah' gets too bold.

When I asked one of our "migrators" how it was for him when he got the notion to fly off during the "deep freeze" months, he told me about the reactions he got from family and friends. He said his Dad scolded him with, "If you can't stand the winters, you don't deserve the summers." Pretty harsh! Then it was his friends and neighbors who said, "Oh winter! I can hardly wait for a nice wood fire with a pot of tea, a purring cat curled in my lap and a nice book while the wind howls and the snow a blowing". This "migrator" *Continued on Pg. 2.*



"Whitefield Produces"

(submitted by Bill McKeen)

The Whitefield Economic Development Committee is interested in helping all businesses in Whitefield grow. A strategy to help that effort would be to design a "Brand" for our town; one that would "put our best foot forward" to promote the products and services in a positive way. Since Whitefield has a large number of talented people involved in micro and small businesses, we could promote our assets with the brand "Whitefield Produces". We produce products, services, and the arts such as: *Farmers, Artists, Crafters,*



Musicians, Writers, Trades People Services, forest products, gravel, contractors, auto dealers, etc.

We could build a website and design a Facebook page which could then be linked to the town website, *Friends of Whitefield*, *Sheepscot General's* website, and others. We could write up a feature on one business per month for the town Newsletter, then forward any feedback to individual businesses. The social media would also provide an ongoing vehicle to continue a two-way communication with Whitefield businesses and the Economic Development Committee. The brand could also be used for Whitefield product labels, t-shirts, signs and may promotional purposes. (See report on Page 3)

Snowbirds cont. from Pg. 1 concluded that for some, any notion of finding a warmer place than Whitefield in the winter was indeed an alien thought. "Besides, what would you do there - shuffle board, golf, canasta just give me the old Superette, thank you very much!" teased one of his dear friends.

A "not-so-young-anymore" Snowbird informed me, "We didn't travel when I was a kid. We heard of people who went to Florida, but for many years we never actually knew any. Then it started, people who "got a retirement" would rent a trailer in Florida for a few weeks or even a month - just imagine it!" However, it was a brave visit to South America to reunite with an AFS student that made these two old Snowbirds want to become "travelers". They were hooked, so travel they do...EVERY winter. I think the count might have been 7 trips to South America and travels to 15 countries...are there that many countries?

One long-time Whitefield nonagenarian (she's 92, I think), told me she is "downsizing her life and NEXT winter she is going to head south"! She thinks it's about time that she did a little traveling and getting out of the cold for the winter would be great. I think it took her quite a long time to come to that conclusion. Another "over 70" lady said her Florida sister called and asked her "down for the winter, but she wouldn't even think of doing that! She tried it once." And that's that!

It was a rather well-versed Whitefielder who said, "Today in Whitefield there are people who travel every year to Florida, Mexico, Southeast Asia, Europe, Hawaii, the Caribbean and other distant ports. Today in Whitefield some people deliberate very long and hard before going to Augusta to the annual Agricultural fair in January." He seems to be quite right. If you decided to stay put this winter, MAYBE I'll see you at the fair. If you are one of our adventurous neighbors who shuffled outta town til the pot holes melt, we'd love to hear from you. Send us postcards. Tell us stories about your wintah! We'll dig our way to the mailbox and get back out on the roads. We'll be keeping an eye on your place, and marking off the calendar until we see the fiddleheads, start swarting the blackflies and notice your porch light on. Have a safe wintah!



Summary of recent Select Board activity

(submitted by Tony Marple)

Marijuana The Board is proposing a ballot question for a six month moratorium on the implementation of marijuana retail sales and social



clubs. While the moratorium would have no impact on marijuana possession, it would allow the town to review State marijuana regulations which will take months to develop. Then the town could consider the need, if any, to create local regulations. The Board itself has taken no position on these issues, but will be seeking input from the townspeople. The moratorium proposal will be discussed and voted on at the March Town Meeting. Meanwhile, the state legislature is considering a one year moratorium. If that moratorium is enacted we will not need our own.

2016 Town Meeting
Photo by Debbie Rogers

Sand and salt As you well know, ice has been a big problem on roads and driveways this year. The sand shed for citizens has been used very heavily. This is an important service for people in town, but there has been some abuse. Town policy, as posted at the site, limits sand to four five gallon buckets per household per storm. Out of town and commercial uses are prohibited. People have observed trucks being fully loaded; sometimes by non residents. Please comply with town guidelines and report abuse to the Town Office.

Town Office improvements The Board and the Budget Committee are considering options for upgrading the Town Office. Issues that need to be addressed include air quality, insulation, lighting, carpeting, and the layout of the front desk. The office also uses a very old oil burner for heat which can be replaced by an efficient heat pump using power from the new solar panels. The scope of work and cost is still under evaluation, but our preliminary cost estimate is about \$25,000 which we propose to take out of surplus if approved at Town Meeting.

2018 budget The Board and the Budget Committee are working on the 2018 budget. While there are a handful of line items that need to be finalized, it looks as though the proposed budget will be flat. Because we had a significant surplus in 2016 and in recent years, we plan to reduce our surplus to lower the tax burden. However, we do not yet know what the RSU 12 budget will be at this time, nor do we know our share of the Lincoln County budget.

Flaggers Following a driver complaint, the Department of Labor has found that some town road projects have been out of compliance with OSHA due to the absence of flaggers. The budget will include money for flaggers along with some new training requirements.

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1956 photo of the East River Road (Rt 218) from the Walter Kennedy farm (later Rufus and Alice Percy's Treble Ridge Farm) north to the Henry Water's house and Frank Morse house (on right) after a late season March 16th snowstorm with high winds and lots of drifts.
 (Courtesy Whitefield Historical Society, Glendon Jackson Collection)

Economic Development Committee report

(members: Louie Sell, Sue and Bill McKeen, Tony Marple, Ben Marcus, Karl Richards, and Dennis Merrill)

After surveying participants at last year's Town Meeting, the Whitefield Select Board established an ad hoc Economic Development Committee last summer. The committee's objectives flow from its mission statement: "to encourage the creation of new and the growth of existing businesses in Whitefield while maintaining the town's rural character and other aspects of its quality of life."



To get started the committee sent questionnaires to all existing businesses in Whitefield and distributed a separate questionnaire to Whitefield citizens through this newsletter. Reliable high speed internet, followed closely by taxes and land use regulations, were the most important factors local business people cited as affecting their plans. The disappointingly small number who replied to the committee's citizen questionnaire also highlighted internet access and taxes. Both groups stressed the importance of preserving Whitefield's rural character.

The committee has also been looking into the infrastructure in Whitefield and nearby areas. Committee members attended meetings on how rural areas in Maine and elsewhere in the US have cooperated on high speed internet. This is not something a small town like Whitefield can do by itself, but working with neighboring communities on a county or regional basis may make it possible to create mechanisms to expand access to high speed internet; which has enormous implications for economic development in the twenty-first century. Committee members are also looking into other aspects of infrastructure such as three-phase electric power and natural gas that can be important for local businesses.

The committee is also exploring ways that the town can "put its best foot forward" to promote the products and services its many talented people already create in small businesses, agriculture, services, and the arts. Committee member Bill McKeen is working on a "brand" that will exemplify what Whitefield produces.

Other possible activities include creating a "Whitefield Produces" website and Facebook page, doing feature articles for the town newsletter on Whitefield businesses, and enlisting social media to enhance communication among town businesses.

Economic development can bring many benefits to a community; including jobs and income to current residents, attracting new people and resources, and expanding the town's tax base. Yet the committee also recognizes that unmanaged economic development has the potential to undermine Whitefield's rural way of life.

The committee plans to make a report to the Select Board before this year's town meeting. This can serve as a starting point for a discussion on economic development which has important implications for Whitefield's future.

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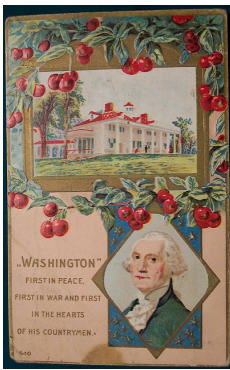
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FEBRUARY 2017 COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR

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- 2nd** **SENIOR MEN'S GROUP**, Sheepscot General, 10 am
- 3rd** **WHITEFIELD FOOD PANTRY**, St. Denis Hall, 1-3 pm
FAMILY GAME NIGHT at Sheepscot General. Open to all ages. Games are provided but you are welcome to bring your own. There is a game host who can help you learn a new game too! 5:00 pm-8pm
- 4th** **YOUTH XC SKI CLINIC**, Midcoast Conservancy will hold the annual Kids XC-Ski Clinic for kids ages 4-14. The clinic will start Saturday, January 7 and run each Saturday morning until February 11. The clinic is the perfect setting for skiers of different levels to gain confidence and enjoy HVNC's trails. Instructors use fun, non-competitive methods to get the skiers out on the trails having fun each week.
- 5th** **FAMILY CROSS COUNTRY SKIING** In partnership with the Wiscasset Community Center, Family Days events will offer a chance to do some cross-country skiing, and snowshoeing. Sundays from January 15th til February 12th, from 9am -11 am, try out skiing and snowshoeing on the trails around the community center. Equipment will be provided for anyone who doesn't have skis or snowshoes. Play in the snow, then warm-up by the fire: a great way to enjoy the outdoors!
FAT BIKE DEMO DAY Give your skis and snowshoes a rest and take to the trails on a fat tire bike at Midcoast Conservancy's Hidden Valley Nature Center from 10 am to 2 pm. A selection of fat bikes from Bath Cycle and Ski will be at HVNC for anyone to try on the extensive trail network there. Fat bikes, essentially mountain bikes with extra wide tires, were originally designed for riding in snow and sand and are a growing trend all over Maine. Their ability to handle most trail challenges and conditions make them especially fun to ride.
 To register, go to https://secure.lglforms.com/form_engine/s/x0peWpRmVbHq17lgzqFO3A
- 6th** **COOPERS MILLS FIRE DEPT.**, All are welcome. No obligation. 7 pm
- 7th** **KINGS MILLS FIRE DEPT.**, 7 pm
- 7th** **WHITEFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY** meeting 1:00 pm
- 8th** **SELECT BOARD**, Fire Station, 6
- 8th** **TREE GROWTH SEMINAR** Midcoast Conservancy, 36 Water St, Wiscasset, Mort Moessewilde to do presentation. PR will happen in conjunction with similar events in Rockland Feb 16 and Waldo County (location TBD). Hildy Ellis, Waldo/Knox SWCD will be helping with PR. 6:30pm – 8:30pm
- 9th** **SENIOR MEN'S GROUP**, Sheepscot General, 10 am
FULL MOON OWL PROWL AT HVNC, Meet at HVNC gate ready to leave at 5 pm. We will be guided along a trail where owls are apt to be found, calling and listening. No matter, it will be a magical night, ending with a warm fire at the barn. Moderate walk – 30 minutes each way. Dress warmly, wear shoes with good grips or bring snow shoes (HVNC has snowshoes to rent by reservation), bring hiking stick, snack, drink and flashlight Birding enthusiast Jodi Telfair will lead the hike. To register, go to https://secure.lglforms.com/form_engine/s/PrtUCXmkjvcngSBcpnAlQg
- 10th** **RSU SCHOOL BOARD MEETING** Chelsea School, 6:30 pm
SELECT BOARD, Fire Station, 6 pm
- 11th** **YOUTH XC SKI CLINIC—SEE FEB. 4TH**
PUBLIC SUPPER, Knights of Columbus donation only Ham supper at St. Denis Hall 5 pm
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- 18th** **DRUMMING CIRCLE**, Sheepscot General, 6:30 pm. Open to the public, all ages welcome.
- 21st** **SELECT BOARD**, Fire Station, 6 pm
- 23rd** **SENIOR MEN'S GROUP**, Sheepscot General, 10 am
- 24th** **WASHINGTON TO MOSCOW BOOK LAUNCH FOR LOUIS SELL** at Sheepscot General 5:30 pm
- 28th** **WOMEN OF WHITEFIELD**, Sheepscot General, 10 am
SELECT BOARD, Fire Station, 6 pm

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Coopers Mill Dam project update

by Andrew Goode, Atlantic Salmon Federation

Since the Town vote last March, the Coopers Mill Dam Project has made significant progress. The project involves three components including new fire hydrants, removal of the dam, and enhancement of the town-owned property to preserve and interpret its history and improve public access and recreation.

The watershed experienced a tremendous drought in 2016. In late August, the flows coming through Coopers Mills fell to 5 cubic feet per second (cfs) compared to a more normal summer flow of 25 cfs.

These flows were the lowest in the 70 years that discharge has been recorded in the watershed. As a result, the existing dry hydrant intake and fishway were inoperable for four months extending well into October.

The low water did allow engineers to collect more detailed information (ledge, sediments, channel location) on the conditions in the area where the new hydrants will be located which has helped in the design of the fire protection system. In January, the designs for the hydrants, dam removal, and site enhancements were given to the state and federal agencies for review.

The Atlantic Salmon Federation (ASF) always anticipated constructing the project in either 2017 or 2018, during the July 15th -



September 30th in-water work window. Photo by Tony Marple

The biggest influence on this schedule is the time it takes to receive the necessary state and federal permits. Permitting consultations began last summer.

Since then, required studies have been conducted and application packets for the regulatory agencies have been in preparation. The various agencies involved include the Maine State Historic Preservation Commission, Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Department of Marine Resources, Department of Environmental Protection, Natural Areas Program, NOAA Fisheries, US Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Army Corps of Engineers. The word 'streamlined' is not a word we would

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Whitefield Town Meeting

Balloting will be held on Friday, March 17th 4-8 pm.

Town Meeting will be held on Saturday, March 18th 10 am.

Two open seats on the Select board (three year terms)

Bruce Mathews
Charlene Donahue
Bill McKeen

One opening for Road Commissioner, 3 year term:

David Boynton

Three openings on Planning Board, 2 year terms:

Marianne Marple
Glenn Angell

(No one took out papers for the third opening)

One opening on RSU School Board

(No one has taken out papers)

Series on Volunteering Who is the Whitefield Lions Club?

by Cindy Lincoln

We are your friends, neighbors, relatives, teachers, and acquaintances. The Whitefield Lions Club was founded in 1953 and includes the towns of Whitefield, Jefferson, Windsor, and Somerville, Maine. Currently, we have 86 members. However, we are always looking for new members to join our club.

The Lions Club is the world's largest service club organization. There are 46,000 clubs and 1.4+ million members. We're also one of the most effective. Our members do whatever is needed to help our local communities. Everywhere we work, we make friends. Our work helps children



who need eyeglasses, seniors who need hearing aids, and folks who don't have enough to eat.

Many have heard of the Lions Club, but perhaps don't really know what we do. We are a group of volunteers serving our communities, meeting humanitarian needs, encouraging peace and promoting international understanding through Lions clubs.

Here is a synopsis of what your local club does on an annual basis: Railroad/Dollhouse Show, Relay for Life, Yard Sale, Windsor Fair, Golf Tournament, Harvest Dinner, Kids Christmas, Fruit Baskets, Gun Raffle, donate pies to the Hospice Pie Sale, collect eye glasses and cell phones, work with the local food banks, and award scholarships to graduating seniors. We participate in the Peace Poster and Speak-out contests with local high school students who have at times gone on to

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Dam Cont. from Pg. 1 associate with this permitting process, but the agencies all believe it is an important project for the town and river. Construction of the third dry fire hydrant was started in the log yard at the north side of the Route 17 bridge over the North Branch of the river last summer. Even in August, during the drought, there was six feet of water above the bridge; where the former bridge abutments act as a hydraulic check to impound water upstream. The fire lane was constructed last summer, and the hydrant will be installed in July, 2017.

There is a lot going on in other parts of the watershed as well. Downstream, at the Head Tide Dam in Alna, a citizen committee and the Selectmen have proposed that voters at the March Town Meeting accept ASF's proposal to remove the right abutment and deteriorating gate structure and build a new platform over to the spillway as part of a project that also has a significant historical preservation/interpretation component, as well as public safety and access benefits.

Upstream, ASF is purchasing the Branch Mill Dam at the top of the West Branch in China this spring. In advance, we are working with the current owner and his restoration company to take down the deteriorated mill while saving the working interior pieces that can be reused at another mill. We anticipate constructing a fishway and creating a public access ramp at this dam over the next three years. To help implement these projects, the Atlantic Salmon Federation, the Nature Conservancy, and the Midcoast Conservancy have created a new three-year Habitat Restoration Specialist position in the watershed. We anticipate investing over \$2 million comprised of federal funds, mitigation funds, and mainly private donor funds.

Lions cont. from Pg. 1 win the district contests. These students make us very proud.

Whenever our Lions Club gets together, problems get smaller, and communities get better. That's because we help where help is needed – in our own communities and

around the world – with unmatched integrity and energy. Do you want to learn more about our club and get involved in your community? If you are interested in hearing more about the club or coming for a visit, please contact Club President, Cindy Lincoln at Cindy442@aol.com or 207-242-2477.



Marijuana Legalization Questions

By Bill McKeen



Maine has a new law making the use of recreational marijuana legal. While possession will be legal statewide, there are many questions that may arise in regard to production and retail sales in municipalities:

QUESTION: How does the law affect Whitefield?

The act gives towns like Whitefield substantial control over commercial marijuana activities. At some point, Whitefield voters will need to decide whether to prohibit, limit, or zone commercial activities in our town. If the voters decide to prohibit, then no planning needs to be done. If the voters decide to limit, then planning must be done. We do not have any zoning in Whitefield, so we cannot currently control location, but we may control other activities through our development ordinance and planning board efforts.

QUESTION: How do we control these activities?

The state will accept license applications for approval and then forward them to the municipalities for their approval. There are five classes of licenses for commercial activities: social clubs, retail sales, testing labs, and manufacturing and cultivation. Social clubs may sell marijuana and serve it for on-premise consumption. Retail stores can sell marijuana to the public. Testing labs will test for purity, potency, heavy metals, etc. Manufacturing is the process of converting marijuana into usable forms. Cultivation is the process of growing it for wholesale sales.

QUESTION: What options do Whitefield voters have?

The State has recently extended a moratorium on commercial marijuana activities until February 2018. Until that deadline approaches, no town action will be necessary. At that point, probably in the late fall of 2017, the Town will hold informational sessions, hearings, and a special Town Meeting. Whitefield voters will be able to choose whether to prohibit or limit any of these five classes of licenses. Prohibition can be reversed at a later date by town vote. Limits or regulations may include fire code, life safety, security, banning certain products, access to premises, etc. These decisions will be made by the voters.

QUESTION: What timeframe do we have to work in?

The original act called for all of this to be done in 9 months. In several western states the process took well over a year. The Maine Legislature passed LD 88 that fixed some loopholes and extends time for municipal planning until February, 2018. Therefore, a local moratorium vote will not be needed at the March 18, 2017 Town Meeting. A local moratorium toward the completion of State rule making could extend planning time a few months beyond that. If the town votes to impose a moratorium, it would need to be done prior to February 2018.

The Board of Selectmen welcomes your questions or comments about this important new law and how it may affect our community.

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Voting @ the Whitefield Annual Town Meeting c1950 (Emma Chase about to place her ballot in the box with Cornelius Bushnell looking on). The original 1843 Town House was moved July 17, 1989 from its location near the intersection of Dexter Lane and Townhouse Road to its new home on Balltown Lane and Townhouse Road. It is now our Historical Society with our town office in the daylight basement. If you would like to see the 1950 video clip of this Whitefield voting day, you may log into: <http://vimeo.com/86622891> (courtesy David Chase)

With great appreciation of service to the Town of Whitefield

By Tony Marple

The Board will lose two outstanding members whose terms end after town meeting. Sue McKeen completes a three-year term and has served earlier on the board as well as on the Planning Committee. Her close connections with the community and long record of volunteerism are exemplary. Recently she established a new Economic Development Committee for the town to consider ways to improve the business climate, increase the tax base and provide employment, while preserving the town's rural character. No doubt Sue will remain active in other volunteer activities to benefit the town.



Dennis Merrill, who completes his second three-year term in March, has been an



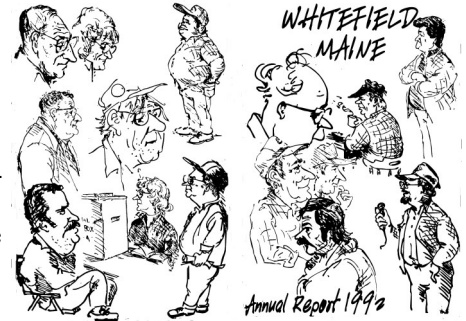
administrative workhorse for the town during his tenure, while often serving as a town handyman as well. In particular, Dennis established the Road Committee that has significantly improved the Town's planning for road maintenance and improvement. His energy, intelligence, knowledge base, and commitment to Whitefield will be sorely missed. Thank you to both Sue McKeen and Dennis Merrill.

It's Town Meeting time again

By Debbie Rogers

In Maine, the town meeting system originated during the period when Maine was a district of Massachusetts.

Most cities and towns operate under the town meeting form of government or a modified version of it. Maine annual town meetings traditionally are held in March.



March 18th is the Whitefield town meeting at 10:00 am at the Whitefield School. Throughout history, town meetings are a way for individuals to address issues and finances in the town. It is also a way, in the digital age, to converse with our local officials and residents. We are very lucky to have this opportunity and would encourage all residents to attend.

First, get your town report at the Town Office. The town report includes updates on the different official groups in the town including the Select Board, Town Office, Fire Departments, Planning Board and project updates. Also included is the budget for the past year and the new budget proposal. All tax payers and tax amount are all listed in the report as well.

For the Town meeting, a list of warrants is included to be voted on the day of the meeting. Each warrant will be approved or rejected and is eligible for discussion by any resident. This is one of the most important parts for your participation in the event. Not only do you have the opportunity to ask questions from the Board and the Town representative, you are also able to let other residents know about issues that may be important on a given warrant item.

All in all, the annual Town Meeting is a part of our democracy that is one of the best ways to have a voice about your town and its elected officials. Please join the discussion and come to the Whitefield Town Meeting.

Whitefield Town Balloting – Friday, March 17th, 4-8 pm at the Whitefield Fire Station

Whitefield Town Meeting – March 18th 10:00 at the Whitefield School

Pay Attention! It's Independence Day

This exhibit is in partnership with Natasha Mayers, the USM Galleries, and Artists Rapid Response Team [ARRT].

The Whitefield 4th of July Parade is an annual celebration of free speech, featuring provocative and timely statements from a group of artists and activists in the community. The exhibit, *Pay Attention! It's Independence Day* showcases photos and original artwork from the last decade and a half of unique parade themes.



Now - March 31, opening reception is March 28th Michael Klahr Center, UMA, Augusta Admission is Free Donations Gratefully Accepted

MARCH 2017 COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR

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- 2nd **SENIOR MEN'S GROUP**, Sheepscot General, 10 am
- 3rd **WHITEFIELD FOOD PANTRY**, St. Denis Hall, 1-3 pm
JOHNSON HALL ROAD SHOW 6-7:30pm Sheepscot General Store A "friend making event " presented by Mike Miclon of Johnson Hall Center For Performing Arts in Gardiner. Coupled with Sheepscot General Store's "pizza night" this is a family event with entertainment and door prizes.
- 5th **SNOWSHOEING AND BRUNCH** The snowshoe will explore the 130-acre protected farm property on Damariscotta Lake. After the snowshoe, attendees will convene in the farm house for a discussion with Maine Farmland Staff Anna Without Abaldo and Caroline Ginsberg, and Midcoast Conservancy's Director of Water Conservation, Garrison Beck, about the importance of farmland protection and its impact on the water quality of our local lakes and waterways. To RSVP, call 207-338-6575 or email caroline@mainefarmlandtrust.org.
- 6th **COOPERS MILLS FIRE DEPT.**, All are welcome. No obligation. 7 pm
- 7th **KINGS MILLS FIRE DEPT.**, 7 pm
- 7th **SELECT BOARD**, Fire Station, 6
- KINGS MILLS UNION HALL BOARD MEETING** - Public Welcome 7 pm
- 9th **SENIOR MEN'S GROUP**, Sheepscot General, 10 am
- RSU SCHOOL BOARD MEETING** Chelsea School, 6:30 pm
- 10th **MODIFIED: BIGGEST FOOD FIGHT OF OUR TIME-GMOS** book signing + reading by Caitlin Shetterly at Sheepscot General.
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- 24th **FAMILY GAME NIGHT** at Sheepscot General. Open to all ages. Games are provided but you are welcome to bring your own. There is a game host who can help you learn a new game too! 5:00 pm-8pm
- 26th **6TH ANNUAL LIBERAL CUP BIATHLON**, Midcoast Conservancy will host the sixth annual Liberal Cup Biathlon at Hidden Valley Nature Center in Jefferson. All ages and skill levels are encouraged to participate! Racers can compete individually or in teams of four, and everyone is encouraged to compete in costume. Register at <https://www.raceit.com/Register/?event=38925>
- MAINE MAPLE SUNDAY** Maine Maple Sunday is a long standing tradition where Maine's Maple producers open their doors to their sweet operations for a day of educational demonstrations, tours, fun family activities and samplings of syrup and other great maple products. Along with local syrup producers open houses, Sheepscot General is hosting a Sunday Brunch from 9-1 pm
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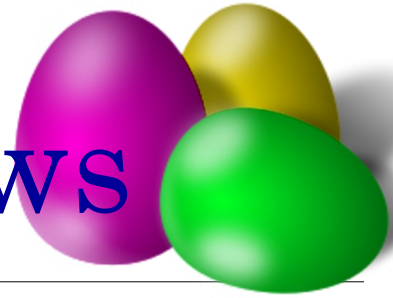
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Newsletter Contest

The Whitefield newsletter is having a contest for the month of April. If you answer the questions correctly, you will be entered into the drawing for a \$100 cash prize!!!

Here are your questions:

1. What is the name of one of the Select Board members? _____
2. Who is the Town's Administrative Assistant? _____
3. How many hairs does the Hair Works cut on an average haircut? _____
4. How many apples are on a tree at Bailey's Orchard _____
5. How deep is Clary Lake? _____
6. How much wood could a woodchuck chuck if a woodchuck could chuck wood? _____

And lastly, April Fools!!



Town Meeting - The story of zeitgeist gone by?

By Sue McKeen

When I first heard the word "zeitgeist" the other day at town meeting (although I was sure I knew its meaning), I'll admit, I had to "google" it: "Zeitgeist: a defining spirit or mood of a particular period of history as shown by the ideas and beliefs of the time". I refer to this particular word because several people wondered if the rollicking good times of past town meetings are, in fact, a thing of the past.

Sadly, in some ways, I think this is true, and I have to admit, I miss those days, too. The gym floor was always muddy from the many boots in and out of what used to be a packed house. Kids ran around the perimeter of the meeting, local organizations gave us information, hundreds of hotdogs were sold, and the fire department had a big supper. The truth of it is simple, we don't discuss, or indeed feel like we control in any way, by far the largest expenditure the town has, our school budget. Most of our younger people, as well as others, are simply not interested in discussing municipal government, and frankly that can be pretty mundane. I caught several people yawning at the meeting last Saturday.

But, on the flip side, where in this world can you find a more grassroots way of governing? Town meeting is it. Town meetings are not always drama-packed, but we show up, we vote, and we matter. And...sometimes there's that hot potato issue that brings everyone out. It's happened before; it'll happen again. Don't you want to be part of it?

Last Saturday, the 80 people who did show up, voted through the entire \$1.1 million budget in a record 90

minutes.

\$29,000 was approved for town office renovations. A portion of that money will be used to build two shed roofs over the back doors of the fire station in order to keep the doors clear of snow. The \$400,000 road budget was approved. Dennis Merrill told the gathering that based on what we currently know and the fact that we don't have all the variables, the mil rate may decrease by up to 1/2 a mil.

Our newly elected officials are: Select Board, Charlene Donahue and Bill McKeen; Planning Board, Marianne Marple, Glenn Angell, and Steve Sheehy as a write-in candidate; Road Commissioner, David Boynton for a three year term; School Board, Tara Delisle, as a write-in candidate.

The Select Board nominated David and Barbara Hayden for the well deserved 2017 Spirit of America Award. Louie Sell gave a report for the Economic Development Committee highlighting the results of the town-wide surveys conducted last fall. *Continued on Page 2*



Photo by Aaron Miller

Award-winning cheese – made at Whitefield's Barred Owl Creamery

By Patti and Chris Hamilton

Whitefield's Barred Owl Creamery at Hamilton Farm (6 South Fowles Lane) won first place in North America for its goat & sheep milk feta cheese. It also won second place for its chevre cheese blended with hot pepper jelly. The American Cheese Society presented the awards in 2015. These are two of the products produced at this MOFGA certified organic family farm.

"I milk five goats and 7 sheep twice a day, producing about 6 gallons of milk daily. I then make a variety of cheese (feta, chevre, and blue cheese) in our creamery. I grow the hot peppers in our greenhouse, make it into jam and then mix chevre cheese with the jam. It is really delicious," says Patti Hamilton.

"My favorite is the blue cheese. It ages for about three months before it is ready for sale," says Hamilton. She sells her cheese at the finest restaurants in Portland including Fore Street, Grace, and Vinland. It is also available at Hamilton Farm's farm store and at her farm stand at the Common Ground Country Fair.



Photo from Hamilton Farm - Barred Owl Creamery & Catering Facebook Page

In addition to cheese, Patti also makes a variety of goat & sheep milk soaps, bees wax candles, and organic wool pillows. Hamilton Farm also raises and sells organic goat, lamb, chickens and pork - and organic vegetables and eggs.

"During the growing season (from March through November), our farm is busy place," says Hamilton. "Early spring is particularly busy birthing lambs and goats. In one 24 hour period this spring three goats birthed 9 kids!"

The Hamilton's started farming in Whitefield in 2000. "We wanted to raise our children with strong rural values and as self-sufficiently as possible. We also homeschooled our children through high school."

Becca (27) graduated from the College of the Atlantic and is completing a 27-month tour in the Peace Corps in Nepal. Abraham (24) graduated from the University of Maine and Purdue University with degrees in mechanic engineering. He works for Dimaliar Chrysler Motor Company outside of Detroit, MI. In addition to farm chores, Chris works for Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association (MOFGA).

"In addition to growing wholesome organic food, we also enjoy teaching people the basics *Continued on Page 2*

Town from Page 1 All and all, this was a nice sunny day in March, where my friends and neighbors came out to exercise their right to vote, to be a part of something important, and to make us remember how lucky we are to have this right.

Hamilton cont. from Pg. 1 of organic farming. Over the years we have hosted dozens of apprentices," says Hamilton. "They stay with us for several weeks to several months. Some people come help for a few hours a week. There is always plenty to do!"

"With its expanding number of farmers and its close knit community, Whitefield is becoming an agricultural destination. It is an excellent place to have our family business," says Hamilton. "Towns like Whitefield are becoming increasingly rare in Maine and across the nation. We feel so lucky to live here and share our farm products with our neighbors."

The self-service farm store is located in the Hamilton's new timber frame barn (constructed by Whitefield's Bob Lear). Farm tours are available by appointment by calling 207-549-5497 or by email at hamiltonfarm03@yahoo.com. Our website is: hamiltonfarm.wordpress.com

Economic Development Committee Update



In February's newsletter article reporting its activities to date the committee pointed out that questionnaires sent to citizens and existing businesses had shown the importance attached to reliable high speed internet access for the Whitefield area. Research indicates that universal high speed Internet access is crucial to the economic and social health of communities now and in the future.

As the committee continues to explore this subject through a number of channels, we recently invited Alan Hinsey from Lincolnville Communication (LCI) LCI O.P.E.N. Fiber Networks to present the benefits of a fiber optic accessed Internet. For most of us, a fiber-optic connection to the Internet is many times faster than even the highest-speed copper Internet connections where they are currently available. LCI began as Lincolnville Telephone and now has a fiber network in many areas of Lincoln County. Their fiber extends to Alna, right at our border.

If you are interested in LCI's fiber optic network in Whitefield, you can simply call LCI at 207-763-9900 for any questions. LCI has a map showing requests for service. They will evaluate the map over time to see if there is enough interest to expand their network into Whitefield. The more interest there is in LCI fiber service, which is somewhat less expensive than Time Warner Cable, the more likely they are to expand their fiber optic network here.

Soon, we will be using the Town's website for more information and updates on the committee's work as it becomes available.

We are sending this update as a service to the people of Whitefield. It does not constitute an endorsement by the committee or the town of Whitefield of any particular commercial provider of internet services over another.

(Members: Louie Sell, Sue and Bill McKeen, Tony Marple, Ben Marcus, Stephen Sheehy, Dennis Merrill, Karl Richards and Steve Smith)

Remember to purchase your CSA

Yay, it's spring, and being spring, it's time to think about signing up for Community Supported Agriculture or CSA.

Many, many farmers in the area offer CSA's for everything from vegetables, fruits and meats to flowers and even baked goods. The process generally is that you pay up front for a CSA and then during a period of time, usually in the summer, you receive the products and goods that are involved in the agreement, like produce.

Contact one of the local farms to see what is available in town. It really is a wonderful way to support your local farmer and eat very well.

Family outings for April vacation and beyond

by Andrea Lani

By the time April break rolls around, my whole family is usually stir crazy after a winter spent largely indoors with too much screen time. We're ready to GET OUT and enjoy spring as it creeps into the landscape. While we may dream of a vacation to more southerly latitudes where trees are already blooming and leafing, usually we make do with opportunities close to home. If you, too, are looking forward to a staycation, consider taking your family on some of these micro-adventures:



Photo by Andrea Lani

Take a Hike. After a winter cooped up indoors nothing feels better than stretching your legs on a hiking trail. Try one of Whitefield's three trails (Marrs Ridge on Hunts Meadow Rd., West Branch Trail on North Howe Road, or Happy Farm River Trail, which starts behind the recycling shed). If you want to head a little farther afield, check out Bass Falls in Alna, Dodge Point in Newcastle, or the Old Narrow Gauge Trail in Randolph. Don't forget your muck boots if the ground is still swampy or muddy.

Fly a Kite. Don't wait for a summer beach day to bring out the kites. Give them a try when spring winds begin to blow. If you don't have a big enough meadow of your own, head over to Whitefield Elementary School where the wide-open sports fields allow for plenty of space to get your kite airborne without having to worry about trees or power lines.

Visit a Museum. If you're interested in transportation, check out the Wiscasset, Waterville, and Farmington Railway Museum in Alna. The museum is open Saturdays during April, although the trains don't begin operating until May. Explore Maine's history and natural history at the Maine State Museum in Augusta. The museum is offering a Free Family Saturday on April 15, where you can learn about Skulls, Skins, and Scales. For the artist in the family, both Colby and Bowdoin Colleges have art museums with impressive collections and free admission.

See a Movie. Enjoy a little throw-back fun with Pee-Wee's Big Adventure at Johnson Hall Performing Arts Center in Gardiner on Wednesday April 19 at 6 p.m. and Saturday April 22 at 2 p.m. Animal lovers in your family will enjoy a trip to the Lincoln Theater in Damariscotta in April. Kedi, a documentary about the street cats of Istanbul, will be showing from April 21 - April 27, and the 1944 film National Velvet, about a girl who disguises herself as a boy and rides her horse in the Grand National, will be shown on April 22.

Go to the Coast. While many of us wouldn't consider a trip to the beach when the temperature is less than 70 degrees, the off-season is a surprisingly beautiful, peaceful, and fun time to visit the shore. Consider checking out some of these coastal gems this month: Pemaquid Beach in Bristol, Rachel Carson Salt Pond Preserve in New Harbor, or La Verna Preserve in Bristol.

Turn the opportunity of this ordinary April vacation into an adventure by trying something you've never done before or going someplace new, close to home.



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Just Yesterday - Elmore Hall

by Dan Joslyn

Elmore lived on a dirt road in Whitefield, in a cabin with no insulation, no running water, and no sheetrock on the walls and his radio always sat on his formica kitchen table.

His aspirations were simple; his ambition aligned with his aspirations. Life was simple. Life was good. He had friends who stopped by to visit, but mostly to celebrate "St. Patty's day" year-round, if you know what I'm saying.

His drinking water came from a small spring down the road a bit. He conveyed his water by riding an old lawnmower that had separated from its mower at some point. He would dip sweet cold water that seeped from ledge on the sidehill and tumbled into a tin tub. The water was cold even in the heat of August and pure; as a frog lived within the tub, too small to lift the cover off. Seldom were there bugs or worms within.

Now Elmore told me one day that he'd found a tree close by a deer trail. It had caught his attention. If only he could get up into it, he could shoot in 395 degrees. Wardens would never see it. He dreamed of taking bucks throughout the entire fall season while resting comfortably in the trees arms. But alas, there was a problem that seemed insurmountable. There were no limbs below twenty feet, and it was way too far to drag a ladder. You see this special tree was on the east side of the Game Preserve Road, and that indeed was quite a walk.

"Umo" as we sometimes called him, pondered this challenge, and being kinda retired, he had plenty of time. I had always found him to be entertaining because he loved the woods just as much as I did. There was always some story waiting for me. One day when I was riding by on my bike heading for some adventure, he gestured for me to come in. He stated, "I've figured out how to get up that darned deer tree, and I'm willing to have you help me if you'll promise to never show it to anyone; especially any piss ass game warden." My head moved up and down, but I was overcome with huge expectation that I was about to have a real adventure.

You see, Umo looked at challenges differently from most folk. He'd assess a situation and then figure out a way to get done what was needed with as little effort as possible. Time was of no consequence to him.

He asked me to be at his place the following Monday at exactly eight thirty, when most would be working and we could go about our business and not be seen. Upon arrival at his doorstep, he had his lawn mower trailer loaded with axe, sledge hammer, hand saw, drill, bits and a wood rasp. Also there was a six-pack in a brown paper bag. After looking at everything, I couldn't see how in the world anyone was getting up any tree with that stuff. He simply remarked, "Be patient, boy. You'll understand soon enough."

He rode and I walked east to the point where east becomes west, and we crossed over into forbidden land. An old logging road allowed the tired old lawnmower to stumble along for a half mile where it coughed, spit, and quit. "Knew I shoulda brought some gas," he stated. The tools were gathered up, and I fell in line behind him. "Don't get your britches on fire boy." I was silent.

Within several hundred yards we came to Elmore's tree. Sitting alone, it would provide fine cover and clear shots in any direction. All 395 degrees.

"So how ya gonna get up it, Umo?" I muttered. "Well, it's simple boy. We're gonna cut hornbeam pieces as that stuff is wicked hard, sharpen them, and drive them in the holes we drill. They'll make fine steps. We'll put them in as high as we can reach. "So then what?" Well, we'll come back when that pine has grown six feet. The pegs will be six feet higher, and we'll put more in. I guess I'll have to make three trips to get up eighteen feet".

...and Elmore would smile if he could hear me say, "APRIL FOOLS!"



The truth: Elmore was real and lived as described and many folks knew him, but pegs cannot be placed in trees and be expected to grow up from the ground. Trees only grow from the tops. Elmore would have loved to tell people otherwise.

Congratulations to this year's Spirit of America honorees, Barbara & David Hayden

contributed by Frank Ober

Each year the Board of Selectmen is asked to choose a member (or members) of our community who personify the community and the spirit of volunteering. The Spirit of America Award has been that vehicle for several years. We believe it is a wonderful way to recognize those folks who are doing important things in quiet ways and who make our town a better place to live.

This year, the board has selected David and Barbara Hayden, a couple who have worked tirelessly for our community for the many years they have lived in Whitefield.

From volunteering their time to the fire department, the school, the town, the Athletic Association, the blue grass festivals, the Bicentennial celebration and Whitefield Community Days, to shoveling the snow from the Historical Society building and the fire station, David and Barbara have worked tirelessly for the town since they moved here in the 1970's.

You will often see them walking the roads of Whitefield getting some exercise and quality time together. They make a loop around the school and recycling center picking up wayward materials and are quick to make us aware of issues in the area.

But it is the selfless giving of their time that make David and Barbara the right choice for this award. When there is a need, you can count on them to step up. In this busy and fast moving world, that is indeed a rare quality.

The Whitefield Select Board is pleased to recognize Barbara and Dave Hayden for the 2017 Spirit of America award.



Photo by Cheryl Joslyn



Welcome

 We warmly welcome the Mose and Anna Yoder family to Whitefield. As our new neighbors settle in to our community, we wish to remind everyone to use caution when driving the hilly/winding roads of Whitefield (particularly Rt 218 and Town House Rd).

APRIL 2017 COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR

- 3rd** **COOPERS MILLS FIRE DEPT. ANNUAL MEETING.** We'd love to have folks stop in and find out what we're up to and where we are going. A lot of our members around the area join the "150 Club" with 1/3 of the "pot going toward the Scholarship fund and 2/3 paid out to the winner of the drawing every month. If people haven't seen the inside of the rebuilt fire station, here's a good excuse. 7:30 pm
- 4th** **KINGS MILLS FIRE DEPT.,** 7 pm
WHITEFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY meeting 1:00 pm
SELECT BOARD, Fire Station, 6
KINGS MILLS UNION HALL BOARD MEETING - Public Welcome 7 pm
- 5th** **ARLINGTON GRANGE MEETING,** Call 549-3491 for more information .
- 6th** **SENIOR MEN'S GROUP,** Sheepscot General, 10 am
WHITEFIELD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, 4 pm Sheepscot General
- 7th** **WHITEFIELD FOOD PANTRY,** St. Denis Hall, 1-3 pm
USE OF FUNGAL CULTURES IN MAKING DAIRY PRODUCTS Fresh and aged cheeses, yogurt and kefir are some of the dairy delicacies made with a little help from bacteria and fungi. Jessie Dowling, Fuzzy Udder Creamery owner/cheesemaker will discuss these tiny helpers and their role in making an array of goat and sheep milk products. 5:30 pm at Sheepscot General
- 9th** **WHITEFIELD ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (WAA),** Whitefield School, 6 pm
- 10th** **WHITEFIELD MUNICIPAL FIRE DEPT.,** Fire Station, 7 pm
- 11th** **WOMEN OF WHITEFIELD,** Sheepscot General, 10 am
SELECT BOARD, Fire Station, 6 pm
- 13th** **SENIOR MEN'S GROUP,** Sheepscot General, 10 am
RSU SCHOOL BOARD MEETING Chelsea School, 6:30 pm
- 15th** **DRUMMING CIRCLE,** Sheepscot General, 6:30 pm. Open to the public, all ages welcome.
- 18th** **SELECT BOARD,** Fire Station, 6 pm
- 19th** **SPRING TRAIL RUNNING SERIES** each Wednesday April 19 to May 24 at HVNC. Each week, runners of all levels can start their run between 4:30 and 6pm. Volunteers from Midcoast Conservancy and Trail Monster will time everyone so that results can be compared week to week. Register at <https://www.midcoastconservancy.org/events>
- 20th** **PLANNING BOARD,** Fire Station, 6:00 pm
- 21st** **SENIOR MEN'S GROUP,** Sheepscot General, 10 am
GUIDED BOG WALK Meet at HVNC gate and be guided to our kettlehole bog. Easy walk -10 minutes each way. Leader: Hildy Ellis. Dress appropriately, there could be bugs, binocs are a plus. \$5 Donation No dogs please Register at <https://www.midcoastconservancy.org/events>
- 22nd** **OPEN-MIC NIGHT,** Sheepscot General, 7-9 pm
CHAINSAW SAFETY: LEVEL 1 22ND & 23RD This one-and-a-half day course is designed for beginners. Most participants have little or no experience with a chainsaw, though this course is also an effective refresher for more experienced individuals who have developed some bad habits with a saw. Register at <https://www.midcoastconservancy.org/events>
- 23rd** **VERNAL POOLS EXPLORATION** We'll Meet at the gate at 10:00 for a leisurely stroll, about a mile of walking. Please no dogs. 10-noon
KID AND LAMB SNUGLING DAY, come snuggle all the baby critters at Fuzzy Udder Creamery
- 25th** **WOMEN OF WHITEFIELD,** Sheepscot General, 10 am
SELECT BOARD, Fire Station, 6 pm
- 26th** **YOUNG AT HEART SENIORS,** Whitefield Lions Club, Coopers Mills 12 pm fini call Mary at (549-5041) or Arlene (549-7937) Entertainment by Bonnie Hendsbee
SPRING TRAIL RUNNING SERIES SEE APRIL 19TH
- 27th** **TIMBER FRAME CONSTRUCTION 27TH-30TH** Students will work in small groups over the course of 4 days to learn the basics of timber frame construction, and ultimately to build and erect the frame of a small building.
 Register at <https://www.midcoastconservancy.org/events>
- 28th** **SENIOR MEN'S GROUP,** Sheepscot General, 10 am
WOMEN OF WHITEFIELD, Sheepscot General, 10 am
SELECT BOARD, Fire Station, 6 pm
- 29th** **WHITEFIELD TRAILS SPRING CLEAN-UP.** Meet at 9 AM at Happy Farm River trail kiosk by the Recycling Center. Optional breakfast gathering at 8 AM at Sheepscot General. (Rain date, Sunday, April 30.) FMI, call 549-7572.



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Wow— May Events!

Spring Supper for Fergusson Fire and Clary Lake

Saturday, May 6th 4pm-7pm Everyone is welcome to come enjoy a home cooked meal at Sheepscoot General!

Mother's Day Art Party Saturday, May 13, 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM Join us for a fun night for mom's and kiddos at Sheepscoot General.

Mother's Day Brunch Sunday, May 14th, 9:00AM-1:00PM at Sheepscoot General

Kings Mills Union Hall Ham & Baked Bean Supper Sat., May 20, 2017 5-7pm

Pancake Breakfast, May 21, 7:30 -10:30am, for Midcoast Conservancy's Hidden Valley Nature Center annual Pancake Breakfast at the Alna General Store.

The Whitefield Historical Society will celebrate Memorial Day beginning at 10 a.m. at Veterans Park followed by a program afterwards on World War 1 veterans from Whitefield.

More info and events on Page 4

“She sings as a poet, in voice and in spirit”

Every day, in the morning, Judith Robbins walks a well-worn path to a cottage tucked under a white pine, where the field meets the woods. This place, built decades ago by her husband Jonathan, is her studio, her place to think, reflect and (hopefully) start or finish a poem. On cold mornings, she lights a fire in the stove, on warm days she opens a window, listens for inspiration and then puts the ink to paper and writes.



Photo by Cheryle Joslyn

She can't not do this. She's a poet, has been since she was a child, and a poet writes.

Sometimes she writes about her immediate surroundings - the fire in the stove, the porcupine next door or the change of the seasons; sometimes she writes out of memory reflecting back on her life experiences. Sometimes she writes of bigger things - family, love, God. Other poets are present too, some on the surrounding book shelves --- Seamus Heaney, Dylan Thomas, Mary Oliver, William Carlos Williams --- lend

their inspiration from time to time, like seasonings in the recipe.

When Judith moved to Whitefield in 1977, she was already contributing regularly to *The Church World*; since then, she's been published by *The American Scholar*, *The Worcester Review*, *Puckerbrush Review*, *Echoes* and

numerous other publications. In the early 1980s some may remember Judith as a poet in residence, visiting Whitefield School where she encouraged children to discover the writer in themselves. Over time, she privately published eight collections of her poems, and in 2016 North Country Press published her most recent collection, *The North End*. This book begins with her childhood, growing up in working-class Worcester, MA in the 1950s, where she lived in a neighborhood *Continued on Pg. 2*

Fat Bike Adventure Camp

May 4th, 5th and 6th at the Whitefield School

This camp is perfect for kids 10-14 year old who know how to ride a bike but want to take their skills a little further. Come explore and challenge yourself with the Mountain Bike Camp on the grounds of Whitefield Elementary school and the surrounding area. Fat Tire Bikes will be provided in a variety of sizes for participants to use for the duration of the camp.

The camp itinerary will include: mountain bike anatomy, fit and fundamentals; mountain biking body position; trail riding and trail stewardship; shifting and cadence in different terrain; and maneuvering over, through, and around obstacles. Participants need to know how to ride a bike prior to attending camp. This mountain bike program is focused on improving on the participants' riding skills in a mountain biking environment.

Fat Tire Mountain bikes and helmets will be provided by Midcoast Conservancy. Participants should come dressed to ride bikes and play outside! They should bring a full water bottle, snack, sunscreen, and an extra warm layer,

such as a rain jacket or fleece. Please wear close-toed shoes that fit properly and can get dirty.

This Mountain Bike Adventure Camp will be led by coaches from Outdoor Sport Institute who are skilled teachers, guides, and facilitators, and are passionate about sharing outdoor sport with others. This camp is FREE for participants.

To register and more information contact: midcoastconservancy.org or call (207) 389-5150. (Also, more info on the May Events calendar, Page 4)



(courtesy Midcoast Conservancy)

ATTENTION Parents and Grandparents!!!

Do you know someone from Whitefield who is receiving a post high school diploma/degree this Spring? Please call or email us so we can proudly post a congratulations to them in our next issue.

Share Important moments...
Share important memories....
Share congratulations!
(contact: whitefieldtownnews@gmail.com or Debbie at 549-3491)

Poet Cont. From Pg. 1 on the North End, known as Poet's Hill, (because the streets were named after famous poets). The book ends with poems that are more reflective of her surroundings and her life in Maine. As a bird builds her nest with materials from



Photo by Cheryle Joslyn

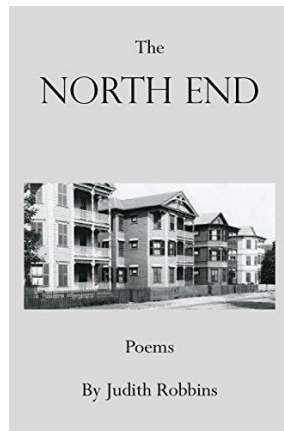
her surroundings, so Judith has woven her poems with the threads of her life from Worcester to Whitefield and places in between and beyond. For Judith, publication has never been the point of her writing. On her website, she quotes from Agnes Sanford's book Sealed Orders: "Unless one stands upon one's perch and sings, one is not a bird." Judith has been singing all her life, as a preacher, a teacher, a sister, a wife for fifty years, a mother to four children. In all these roles, she

sings as a poet, in voice and in spirit. And every day, she enters a six-by-eight cottage at the edge of the woods, and she picks up her pen, opens her heart, and sings once more.

(Article written by Judith's son, Patrick Finlay Robbins and daughter, Hannah Casey Whalen)

Listen, Look

Through the window, through branches of pine, over lawn to lilac in bloom beyond, it's raining. The tin roof a-rattle, I remove spectacles to allow a blur of sight and sound. Nothing is clear may open a way for everything clear is a new way of seeing meaning as green as it is this early May morning in Maine.



Whitefield School welcomes new Art teacher

(contributed by Principal Josh McNaughton)

We are excited to announce Whitefield has a new art teacher, Ms. Molly Brosnan is thrilled to have the opportunity to work as the new Art Teacher at Whitefield Elementary School. Brosnan is a working artist who has shown her work throughout Maine at galleries such as River Arts in Damariscotta, The Drawing Room in Portland, and Engine Gallery in Biddeford. Brosnan has a Bachelor of Arts in Studio Art from the University of Southern Maine, and recently obtained her Maine State Certification for K-12 Art Education through The University of Maine at Augusta. In addition to her commitment to the arts, Brosnan has worked with youth in a variety of settings both in and out of the classroom and is passionate about teaching and learning, and helping students to reach their full potential as artists and learners. Ms. Brosnan joined our staff for our workshop day on Friday, March 17th, and then began teaching classes on Monday, March 20th. Please welcome Ms. Brosnan to our team.



(courtesy Whitefield School)

Kings Mills Union Hall Ham & Baked Bean Supper



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Buggy Traffic Jam...Mail delivery, ca. 1905.

George Fowles (1874-1923) delivering mail to the home of Lester Felt on Pittston Road [now home of Paul Marcus]. George was the father of Neota Grady, a long time teacher in Whitefield. The cart, painted red, white and blue, had sliding doors on either side and a window in front which could be closed in bad weather. It was designed so that the wheels could be replaced by runners during the winter.

Memorial Day Memories

Whitefield honors vets

By Lucy Martin

On Saturday, Whitefield residents, including local Boy and Girl Scout troops, and members of the National Guard turned out to dedicate a veterans memorial behind the Town Office.

Master of ceremonies Julian "Jay" Howell, who began organizing the project two years ago, said the memorial is dedicated to all veterans of all wars, "those who served in this country or overseas, those partly or totally disabled, those killed in action."

The ten pines forming an arch behind a seamless aluminum flagpole "are in honor of the ten wars this country has fought," from the Revolution in 1775 to Desert Storm in 1991.

The flagpole was given by Bath Iron Works in honor of the 65 Whitefield residents who are employed at the shipyard. The trees were given by David and Betty Chase. The all-weather flag which will fly year-round and be illuminated by a time-activated flood lamp was donated by Adjutant General Nelson Durgin.

Howell referred to 30 other people or organizations of whom, "when asked for their input, not one said no. This warmth and generosity I hope will characterize Whitefield in the



Jay Howell introduces Arthur Lerman, Father Eugene Gaffey, and Pastor David L. Tripler who represented three denominations at dedication ceremonies of the Whitefield Veterans Memorial. (Lucy Martin photo)

years to come." Howell, who served during World War II, said the memorial will be completed some day with a suitably inscribed bronze plaque. But first he needs to locate a mill stone on which to mount it. "I'm asking you folks to keep a good beady eye out for one," he said.

1983 Article from the Lincoln County News submitted by Dolly Burns

Summary of recent Select Board activity

By Tony Marple

With Amish living in several locations in town, we are working with the Department of Transportation (DOT) to ensure that horse and buggy signs are properly located. David Boynton has placed signs on town roads. Initially, the DOT placed a few signs in incorrect locations, but a recent drive around with Dave Allen from the DOT, Pat Chase, Aaron Miller and myself has confirmed where signs need to be moved or added. Hopefully, by the time you read this, the signs will be all set. Please drive carefully for the safety of our new neighbors..



Photo by Tony Marple

Work has begun on the public viewing area at the site of the Coopers Mills dam, which is to be removed. The plan has been simplified from the original design and members of a volunteer committee overseeing the plans hope to minimize undesirable activities such as parties. The site is intended for daytime use only. It will be educational and also very beautiful.

Fire Chief Scott Higgins has found two utility vehicles which will be donated to the Town at no cost. This is one more example of Scott's judicious management of the fire department's operations and finances. Town Clerk Aaron Miller is now a very active volunteer fireman.

New board members Charlene Donahue and Bill McKeen are already fully engaged in town matters. Bill is looking for ways to improve the interest of and attendance at town meetings.

Erik Ekholm continues his tireless work on behalf of the town. In addition to helping design the first floor renovations of the Town Office, he has made plans for the insulation, renovation and installation of a heat pump on the second floor. The work on the second floor will be funded by an anonymous donation.

Superintendent Howie Tuttle and other RSU 12 staff and board members presented their current 2018 budget plan to the Select Board. Potential cuts in State funding and increases in tuition for private high schools such as Erskine and Lincoln academies are expected to result in higher than normal increases in town contributions in Whitefield and throughout the RSU. One staff position in Whitefield will be eliminated under the current budget plan, but student teacher ratios will remain consistent with those of other schools in the RSU. RSU 12 has the lowest percentage of administrative expense of any district in the state. The school budget will be presented on May 18 at 6:30 at Chelsea Elementary School. Please attend.

MAY 2017 COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR

- 1st** **COOPERS MILLS FIRE DEPT. ANNUAL MEETING.** All are welcome. No obligation. 7 pm
KINGS MILLS FIRE DEPT., 7 pm
- 2nd** **WHITEFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY** meeting 1:00 pm
SELECT BOARD, Fire Station, 6
KINGS MILLS UNION HALL BOARD MEETING - Public Welcome 7 pm
- 3rd** **SPRING TRAIL RUNNING SERIES,** Hidden Valley Nature Center. Each week, runners of all levels can start their run between 4:30 and 6pm Child care will be available for a fee. Well behaved dogs are welcome. Register at <https://www.midcoastconservancy.org/events>
- 4th** **FAT BIKE CAMP ,** The camp will run after school Thursday & Friday, May 4th & 5th from 2:35 – 5:30pm and Saturday, May 6th from 9am – 3 pm. This camp is open to all Maine youth ages 10-14. Campers will meet at Whitefield Elementary School - call (207) 389-5150
SENIOR MEN'S GROUP, Sheepscot General, 10 am
WHITEFIELD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, 4 pm Sheepscot General
- 5th** **WHITEFIELD FOOD PANTRY,** St. Denis Hall, 1-3 pm
- 6th** **BENEFIT SUPPER FOR FERGUSSON FIRE AND CLARY LAKE ORG.,** Spring Supper for Fergusson Fire and Clary Lake Saturday, May 6th 4pm-7pm Everyone is welcome to come enjoy a home cooked meal!
- 8th** **SPRING SONGBIRDS,** Every spring our woods and meadows resound with a chorus of birdsong. This class can deepen your experience of the wonders of spring, with beautiful bird photos and recordings of singing warblers, vireos, thrushes and other jewels of May. Mon. May 8 & Mon. May 15 6pm-8pm at Midcoast Conservancy office. Field Trip @ HVNC May 20 8am-11am FMI: call (207) 389-5150
WHITEFIELD MUNICIPAL FIRE DEPT., Fire Station, 7 pm
- 9th** **WOMEN OF WHITEFIELD,** Sheepscot General, 10 am
SELECT BOARD, Fire Station, 6 pm
- 10th** **SPRING TRAIL RUNNING SERIES SEE MAY 3RD**
ARLINGTON GRANGE MEETING, Call 549-3491 for more information .
- 11th** **SENIOR MEN'S GROUP,** Sheepscot General, 10 am
RSU SCHOOL BOARD MEETING Chelsea School, 6:30 pm
- 12th** **GUIDED BOG WALK,** Meet at HVNC gate and be guided to our kettlehole bog to explore the explosion of plant life as spring arrives. Easy walk – 10 minutes each way. Leader: Hildy Ellis Dress appropriately, there could be bugs, binocs are a plus. \$5 Donation No dogs please—call (207) 389-5150
MOTHER'S DAY LOVE LESSONS, Mother's Day Love Lessons at 6pm, A professional story-saver shares lessons and stories from the elders. Author and oral historian Meghan Vigeant shares insights, stories and audio recordings about mothers, grandmothers, and being a woman gathered from the elders she has worked with over the years. At Sheepscot General.
- 13th** **MOTHER'S DAY ART PARTY,** Mother's Day Art Party 5 – 7 PM Join us for a fun night for mom's and kiddos with local artist Stacey Rice. Stacey will walk you through a step by step 11x14 "Daisies and Friends" acrylic painting! All the materials are included, just bring your creativity. 24 seats are available. You must pay in advance to hold your spot. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mothers-day-art-party-tickets-32331042017>
- 14th** **MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH,** Mother's Day Brunch 9 AM-1 PM Sheepscot General's last brunch of the season please call if you would like to reserve a table. We will have extra tables on hand for walk-ins too.
WHITEFIELD ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (WAA), Whitefield School, 6 pm
- 16th** **SELECT BOARD,** Fire Station, 6 pm
- 17th** **SPRING TRAIL RUNNING SERIES SEE MAY 3RD**
PLANNING BOARD, Fire Station, 6:00 pm
- 18th** **SENIOR MEN'S GROUP,** Sheepscot General, 10 am
SCHOOL BUDGET MEETING, Chelsea School, 6:30 pm
- 19th** **OPEN-MIC NIGHT,** Sheepscot General, 7-9 pm
- 20th** **KINGS MILLS UNION HALL HAM & BAKED BEAN SUPPER,** 5-7pm \$10 Adults; \$4.00 children (10 years & under) Kings Mills Union Hall, Townhouse Road Benefit: Restoration of Kings Mills Union Hall Ham; Baked Beans; Macaroni & Cheese; Garden Salad; Cole Slaw; Biscuits; Assorted Dessert Pies; Coffee; Tea; Milk
DRUMMING CIRCLE, Sheepscot General, 6:30 pm. Open to the public, all ages welcome.
- 21st** **PANCAKE BREAKFAST AT THE ALNA GENERAL STORE** 7:30-10:30am, Midcoast Conservancy's Hidden Valley Nature Center annual Pancake Breakfast. Everyone is invited to attend; it is a great opportunity to meet other members of the outdoor education and recreation community!
- 23rd** **WOMEN OF WHITEFIELD,** Sheepscot General, 10 am
SELECT BOARD, Fire Station, 6 pm
- 24th** **YOUNG AT HEART SENIORS,** Whitefield Lions Club, Coopers Mills 12 pm fmi call Mary at (549-5041) or Arlene (549-7937)
- 25th** **SPRING TRAIL RUNNING SERIES SEE APRIL 19TH**
SENIOR MEN'S GROUP, Sheepscot General, 10 am
INVASIVE PLANT WORKSHOP, 4:30 - 6:30 pm at Damariscotta Lake, learn how to ID terrestrial invasive plants. We will go over reporting methods and management techniques for controlling existing invasive plant populations. There will be volunteer opportunities over the summer to assess the extent of invasive plants on our preserves and begin management. For more information call (207) 389-5150
- 29th** **WHITEFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM** 10 a.m. at Veterans Park followed by a program afterwards on World War 1 veterans from Whitefield.
- 30th** **SELECT BOARD,** Fire Station, 6 pm

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More River Along Happy Farm River Trail

Story and pictures by Kit Pfeiffer

Just in time for summer hiking and swimming, the Whitefield Trails Committee has opened a new section of river frontage connecting the two stretches of the original Happy Farm River Trail. You can now walk along the river for close to a mile, enjoying the vistas and, if you're lucky, spotting a mink or a beaver, a Bald Eagle or a Great Blue Heron.



Looking down the Sheepscot River from the original trail

In case you haven't walked it yet, Happy Farm River Trail starts at the Recycling Center behind the Town Office on Townhouse Road, crosses several hay fields, and then cuts down through mixed woods to the Sheepscot River. This part of the river contains spawning and nursery habitat for Atlantic Salmon as designated by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The woods are home to small mammals, deer and an abundance of songbirds, as well as mosses, lichens, ferns and some very large White Pine and Eastern Hemlock near the river.

The Happy Farm River Trail has some gentle ups and downs and is well suited to families. There are two wooden benches for resting to overlook the river, as well as a cleared picnic area. No fires are allowed. Dogs under owner's command are welcomed. Please respect landowner wishes and stay on the trail marked by the blue blazes.

Trail maps and directions for all three Whitefield Trails can be downloaded on the Midcoast Conservancy website: midcoastconservancy.org/preserve/sheepscot-valley/. With the cooperation of generous private landowners and assistance of the Midcoast Conservancy, the all-volunteer Whitefield Trails Committee continues its work to maintain these trails and develop others for the enjoyment of the public. Volunteers are always welcomed. Please contact David Elliott, dce12@myfairpoint.net or 207-549-7572 if you wish to join in the fun!



New section of trail, looking upriver to the floodplain at the oxbow

Junkyards: Taking them on

by Sue McKeen

When I was growing up in the 50's, I remember my father. I particularly remember my father on Saturdays. He got up early. He was joyful. He was going to the dump. In those days, we threw away couches, refrigerators, stoves, tires, car parts, electronics...you name it. There was nothing you couldn't bring to the dump. It was a virtual cornucopia of cast-offs, and we threw our previous "treasures" with wild abandon. My father was there front and center, making small talk with Jimmy, the dump man, waiting for the first load of treasures to arrive. He was a real estate man during the week, but on weekends, he was heart and soul, a picker.

I recently sat down with Whitefield's Code Enforcement Officer, Arthur Strout, at his office in Windsor. We discussed the accelerating problem of uncontrolled junkyards. I asked him if he thought the problem had gotten worse. Without hesitation, he said, "Absolutely, much worse". He never even scratched his head when he replied, "It's because people can't just go to the dump anymore. They don't want to pay someone to haul their trash away. Inevitably, it gets thrown in their yards, fields, any place accessible." We both agreed, people have more "stuff". We are, after all, a society of consumers - we consume



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everything, then we throw it away. Some recycle, many don't. Some pay to have their trash/junk hauled away, while others don't, can't, or won't.

I asked Arthur how he handles complaints. He told me when he gets a call, he goes out to the property to see

if it does meet the state definition of a junkyard. If it does, he informs the property owner that they must go to the town to apply for a permit. If they don't want to do that, they are told to clean up the property within a certain time frame. If the property owner does not comply, they may be subject to fines and legal action.

The Board of Selectmen has been tasked with enforcing the existing state law. Whitefield does not have its own junkyard/automobile graveyard ordinance. In the past couple of months, there have been increased rumblings from the public about the state of our town, the proliferation of junk along roads, in yards and fields. The Board has agreed, as a starting *Continued on Pg. 2*

Junk from Pg. 1 point, to take legal action if necessary in pursuing the several complaints currently on CEO Strout's desk.

In order to further understand the problem, it is important to know the statutory definitions of an "automobile graveyard", "automobile recycling business" and "junkyard". The purpose of such definitions are to identify and provide adequate controls to ensure that junkyards, automobile graveyards, and automobile recycling businesses do not have a harmful impact on the public health, safety and general welfare or on the natural environment.

Automobile Graveyard: A yard, field, or other outdoor area used to store 3 or more unregistered or undisputed motor vehicles or parts of the vehicles. Automobile graveyard includes an area used for automobile dismantling, salvage, and recycling operations. Section 29-A, section 101, subsection 42.

Automobile Recycling Business: The business premises of a dealer or a recycler licensed under Title 29-A, sections 851-1112, who purchases or acquires salvage vehicles for the purpose of reselling the vehicles or component parts of the vehicles or rebuilding or repairing salvage vehicles for the purpose of resale or for selling the basic materials in the salvage vehicles, as long as 80% of the business premises specified in the site plan in section 3755-A, subsection 1, paragraph C is used for automobile recycling operations.

Junkyard: A yard, field, or other outside area used to store, dismantle or otherwise handle: (a) discarded, worn out or junked plumbing, heating supplies, electronic or industrial equipment, household appliances or furniture; (b) discarded, scrap and junked lumber; and (c) old or scrap copper, brass, rope, rags, batteries, paper trash, rubber debris, waste and all scrap iron, steel and other scrap ferrous or nonferrous material.

In the Town of Whitefield, we have two businesses which are licensed under one or more of these categories. This may be a startling revelation, considering what we can view during a Sunday drive around town.

To the point, if you fall in any of the categories named above, you may require a permit. You don't have to be in the business of selling in order to require a permit. You may also be required to meet certain standards as conditioned by your permit.

Junkyards: Are they subjective or objective? You may think they are subjective, but the reality lies in the law. Laws govern our nation. Laws are enforceable through the courts. Laws were established, in the main, to enable us to live together and for the benefit of the whole. Not just for a few. Now ask yourselves, do my habits impact my neighbor?

Personally, I miss the days of the open dump. I know for sure my father couldn't countenance a world without Saturdays at the dump. However, today I go to the Recycling Center where I can rifle through unwanted items, talk to my neighbors, and cut down on the amount of trash I have to pay to have hauled away. There is always a bright side.



Photo courtesy of Google images

Half-Off Maine fruits and vegetables program at Sheepscoot General

by Taryn Marcus



Sheepscoot General Store and Farm is working with Maine Farmland Trust this summer and Fall to help low-income shoppers stretch their food budgets through the Maine Harvest Bucks program. This is an incentive program that provides monetary bonuses to low-income shoppers to buy additional local fruits and vegetables. Customers with EBT/SNAP cards will receive half-off local fruits and vegetables. Fruit and vegetable seeds and seedlings also qualify. This program supports our local farmers, increases access to healthy food for low-income shoppers, and builds community connections. A brief one time survey needs to be filled out before discounts can be applied. Sheepscoot General will run this program through December, and hopefully, if successful, again next year.



Photo by submitted by Sheepscoot General

Summer Library

Where: Arlington Grange
When: Beginning July 12, Wednesdays and Saturdays, 10:00 - 12:00



The Whitefield School has donated books on loan for the summer, but we need many more. We'd love donations of gently used, appropriate children's and adult books; 2 easy chairs, bean bag chairs, scatter rugs, small round table, craft items, lamps, shelving. FMI please call Martha Tait, 549-5123, Margaret Ferguson 549-5991 or Sue McKeen 446-7473.

The Sheepscoot Valley Regional School Unit 12 budget heads to voters

Tuesday, June 13th, the citizens of Whitefield, along with the other RSU 12 towns, are asked to vote on the 2017-2018 budget referendum. This year's budget is posted on the district website for review (www.svrsu.org). There is specific information about Whitefield School's budget proposals on that website. Whitefield's local contribution in the 2017-2018 budget proposal is \$2,269,629, an increase of \$107,331.70 or 4.96 percent. The budget was finalized and recommended to the citizens of RSU 12 by the RSU 12 Board of Directors, and on May 18 voters approved the \$21.46 million budget at the annual budget validation meeting. The final step in the budget process is for voters in each town to validate through the referendum process the whole budget that was approved at the May 18 meeting. Please contact the Town Office to learn more about the time and location of voting on this referendum on June 13th.



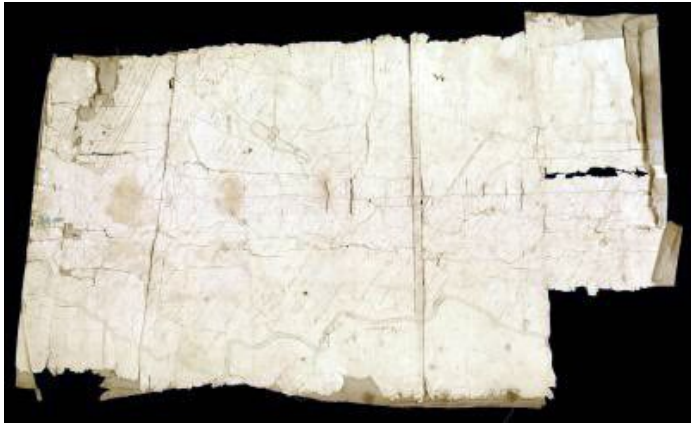


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Whitefield Historical Society
"Just Yesterday"

Whitefield's oldest map is featured in USM's Osher Map Library website. Creator: Eliakim Scammon (born 1816 in Whitefield, and a career officer serving as a brigadier general in the Union Army during the American Civil War.



(contributed by David Chase, Friends of Whitefield, Facebook)



Our appreciation goes out to the students in Whitefield School's National Junior Honor Society for placing 220 flags at the Whitefield Cemetery in Kings Mills. This was one of many civic responsibilities Ms McCormick's group enthusiastically took on this year, and we will highlight more in our next edition.

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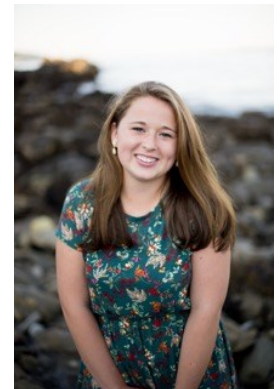
We are very proud and excited to announce that our granddaughter, Dayze Gaulin has graduated from Cornell University, Ithaca NY, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Animal Sciences. Dayze specialized in Dairy Science and is planning to apply to Veterinarian School this fall. Her goal is to practice veterinary medicine for farm animals (primarily cattle), in Maine and of course Whitefield! Part of how we're celebrating Dayze's achievement is with a pair of Brown Swiss bull calves that we'll be training up together to work on the farm. Dayze has worked incredibly hard and she inspires us every day.

Pat McKenzie and Eric Meyer

Congratulations to three Whitefield graduates from Erskine Academy in the Top 10



Audrey Jordan #2
 Salutatorian



Hannah Burns #3



Keeley Gomes #9

JUNE 2017 COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR

- 1st** **SHEPSCOT GENERAL PLANT SALE MAY 15TH THROUGH JULY 1ST**
SENIOR MEN'S GROUP, Sheepsco General, 10 am
WHITEFIELD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, 4 pm Sheepsco General
BIRD FRIENDLY GARDENING, No matter whether you have a small yard or acres of property, you can garden and landscape to entice many of your favorite birds to your home. Through slides, discussion and handouts, the first of two classes will explore the elements and issues in creating habitat that supports the diverse needs of a variety of bird species, as well as the importance of native plants and insects in developing healthy ecosystems for wildlife. Held in Wiscasset by Midcoast Conservancy-FMI: call (207) 389-5150
 Thursday June 1 & Thursday June 8 6pm-8pm \$35 members, \$40 non-members for both classes
- 2nd** **WHITEFIELD FOOD PANTRY**, St. Denis Hall, 1-3 pm
- 3rd** **HOOKED ON FISHING**, Bring the kids to Damariscotta Lake for a free day of fishing!
 Equipment is provided and experienced anglers will take children ages 5-15 out on the lake to give fishing a try. Lunch will be provided by the Whitefield Lions Club and families are welcome to enjoy a day at the Park. - FMI: call (207) 389-5150
- 4th** **FUZZY UDDER CREAMERY'S 4TH ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE** Fuzzy Udder Creamery's 4th Annual Open House, taste cheese, snuggle lambs and kids and celebrate another year with us in Whitefield!
- 5th** **COOPERS MILLS FIRE DEPT. ANNUAL MEETING**. All are welcome. No obligation. 7 pm
KINGS MILLS FIRE DEPT., 7 pm
- 6th** **WILD FLOWER WALK** Join Midcoast Conservancy Land Steward Hannah Chamberlain for a hike through Hidden Valley Nature Center, including the bog, to observe and discuss local wildflowers. Meet at the Barn; wear boots and bring water, snack. Optional: wildflower guide, hand lens, hiking pole/walking stick. \$5 donation suggested. Please, no dogs on this walk! FMI: call (207) 389-5150
WHITEFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY meeting 1:00 pm
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- 12th** **WHITEFIELD MUNICIPAL FIRE DEPT.**, Fire Station, 7 pm
- 13th** **JUNE 13 RSU 12 BUDGET REFERENDUM VOTE** (contact our Town Office for time and location)
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SELECT BOARD, Fire Station, 6 pm
- 15th** **SENIOR MEN'S GROUP**, Sheepsco General, 10 am
- 16th** **OPEN-MIC NIGHT**, featuring Raskell Fray Sheepsco General, 7-9 pm
- 17th** **SUMMER NATURE JOURNALING-WILDFLOWERS** Please bring a blank book, notebook, or journal and your preferred writing and drawing tools (pencil, pen, colored pencils), as well as water and snacks. We will spend time both indoors and outdoors and will walk up to a mile or more in search of flowers, so please dress accordingly and consider wearing a hat, sunscreen, insect repellent, and whatever tick-proof clothing you prefer. FMI: call (207) 389-5150 \$20 members, \$25 non-members
DRUMMING CIRCLE, Sheepsco General, 6:30 pm. Open to the public, all ages welcome.
- 20th** **MISUNDERSTOOD BATS** Join Midcoast Conservancy on Tuesday June 20 at 6 pm for an introduction to one of the planet's most fascinating creatures – the bat! Bats are likely the most misunderstood and under-appreciated creatures on the planet. They are also among the most unique, playing an essential role in the ecology of our planet and saving US agriculture billions of dollars each year. FMI: call (207) 389-5150
SELECT BOARD, Fire Station, 6 pm
- 21st** **PLANNING BOARD**, Fire Station, 6:00 pm
- 22nd** **SENIOR MEN'S GROUP**, Sheepsco General, 10 am
- 23rd** **ICE CREAM SOLSTICE** 5-7pm Sheepsco General's 7th Annual ICE CREAM SOLSTICE come celebrate with free ice cream! Bring your neighbor and a topping to share.
- 24th** **MAINE SUMMER ADVENTURE RACE** 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Midcoast Conservancy and Strong Arm Racing are joining forces again to host the 2nd Maine Summer Adventure Race on June 24th, 2017 at Hidden Valley Nature Center. FMI: call (207) 389-5150
- 27th** **STAND UP PADDLE BOARD & CANOE CAMP** Tue, Jun 27 - Thu, Jun 29, 8:00 am - 1:00 pm
 Camp will run from 8am-1:00pm each day, and we will meet at 38 Lake Farm Circle, Jefferson, ME 04348 on Damariscotta Lake. Price – FREE This camp is open to all Maine youth ages 9-14. Previous experience in these activities is not required. Participants should be prepared to be physically active during camp.
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- 30th** **HISTORICAL PHOTOGRAPHS OF LINCOLN COUNTY GENERAL STORES** at Sheepsco General. 6-8pm



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- White Elephant Sale**
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- Fire Department Auction**
- Games**
- Bounce House**
- Cake Walk**
- Face Painting**
- Photo Booth**



Summer library comes to Whitefield beginning July 12th at the Arlington Grange

(by Sue McKeen)

You might remember Quinn Conroy. Quinn is the now 8 year old Whitefield student who wrote a letter to the Select Board last year saying how much he loves to read, that summer can be boring for a kid in the country, and that Whitefield should have a library. This put an idea in motion.

Now thanks to several dedicated and enthusiastic folks in town, Quinn's wish will become a reality. On July 12th the summer library will open at the Arlington Grange and be open every Wednesday and Saturday from 10-12 during July and August.

Originally, the school was the first choice for the summer library. Several people stepped forward to volunteer. That plan had to be scrapped last year due to the replacement of the carpet in the library. We tried again this year. However, since summer is the only time renovations and repairs can be done at the school, access would be difficult.

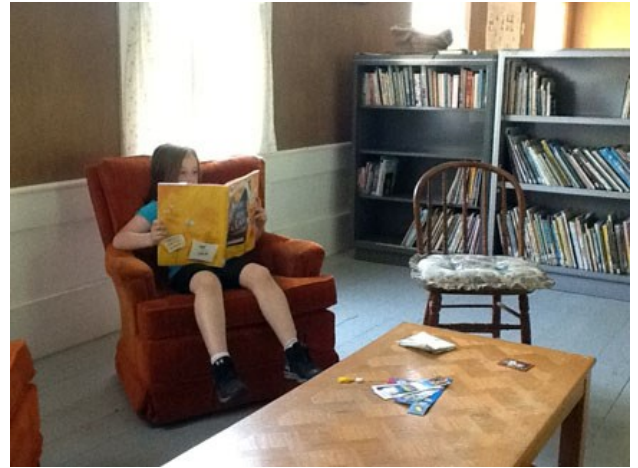


Photo by Cheryle Joslyn

Now what? The Arlington Grange members to the rescue. The Grange happily offered their space and to sponsor the library. Discussions with Principal Josh McNaughton led to his enthusiastic approval. The school offered to "loan" us books for the summer which Marcie Abbott, the school librarian, took time to choose, box and label.

The summer library isn't just for kids. Books are being solicited from anyone who has a wish to donate gently used books for *Continued on Page 2*

Join Us For The 4th!

(by Jeff Newell)

The Kings Mills Volunteer Fire Department Association will once again be playing host to the Whitefield 4th of July community celebration. We will have all of the "favorites"! The parade starts at 10:00. Get your float ready, and get in line with all the old model cars and trucks, the notorious walkers, and the big red fire trucks. Also, be sure to stay around after the parade for all the fun stuff! Visit, "reunion", eat, shop, listen to the music and dance, if you like! Enjoy your fellow community folks. Our famous auction is sure to have something for everyone, and the Kings Mills Union Hall's White Elephant Sale is always a favorite. There's loads of treasures in that Hall. The Sheepscot Community Church will be providing games and a bounce house (weather permitting), and the Fire Association will be "slaving away" with various concessions; including hot dogs and homemade cut fries. Of course, the always popular Cake Walk will be making you shimmy and shake. This year's new addition will be a free family photo booth and face painting for the kids and even the kids at heart. Remember, it only happens once a year! Hope to see you there.



Photos from Parades gone by



Cont. from pg. 1 children and adults. No circa 1964 Greg Shorthand books, please! Anyone who would like to make a donation or get involved, please contact Cheryle Joslyn at 549-7305, Martha Tait at 549-5123, Margaret Fergusson at 549-5991, Sue McKeen at 446-7473 or Debbie Rogers at 549-3491.

An enthusiastic group of volunteers has met several times at the Grange where there are no limits to the hopes and plans for our little library. We picked



Photo by Stephanie Chamberlain

up several bookcases, a table and chairs at state surplus. Dana Rogers donated a table, Frank Ober a couple of very comfortable chairs, Margaret Fergusson, a colorful rug, Minuteman Signs, the library sign, and several people made monetary contributions.

From story time to guest speakers, the sky is the limit from where we sit on the hill at the Arlington Grange. Hopes are high that we can eventually continue the summer library into the fall and beyond. It will take a village to build this suggestion that came from a letter written by a 7 year old boy who simply loves to read.

Kings Mills Union Hall White Elephant Sale



Dolls Dolls Dolls! Dolls in all shapes and sizes; all dressed in perfect outfits! Every child's wish! Come to the Kings Mills Union Hall White Elephant Sale on the 4th of July and buy the perfect doll! Bratz, Lala Loopsy, Barbie & Ken, MaryKate & Ashley Olsen all dressed in beautiful handmade outfits; donated by Mabeline Small and others from their winter "crafting" season.

Photo by Cheryle Joslyn

Congratulations to another Whitefield college graduate!

(Thank you, mom/Tracy, for sharing this great news) Cameron Tyler Hodgdon, son of Tracy Northrup of Damariscotta and Tyler Hodgdon of Boothbay, and grandson of Randy and Patty Northrup of Whitefield, received recognition by the University of New England on May 2nd for his Outstanding Efforts in the field of Marine Science and was recognized nationally for his merit and accomplishments as a student by the Who's Who Among in American Universities and Colleges. Hodgdon had successfully defended a three year long honors thesis on the shortnose sturgeon of the Saco River estuary. His findings have opened the door for future research and have paved the way for new fishing management practices and regulations for this endangered fish species.



Hodgdon graduated summa cum laude from the University of New England on May 20th with a dual Bachelor's Degree in Marine Science and Applied Mathematics. In the Fall, he will be undertaking a doctorate study at the University of Maine with a concentration in fisheries management.



Getting ready for a BIG sale! Photo by Cheryle Joslyn



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Whitefield Historical Society
"Just Yesterday"



(Courtesy of the Whitefield Historical Society)

A Kings Mills 4th Parade of Our Past

The hay rack decorated with bunting for the 4th of July is pulled by a pair of Durham steers. The David Crowell house in the background is at 910 Townhouse Rd across from the church where the Prentice family lives now. The house was demolished circa 1950. David Crowell was one of the first three in Whitefield, and he represented the town in the Government of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The Crowell store was built prior to 1805. After David Crowell's death in 1854, there were many owners. It served as a tea room in the summer of 1941; run by Emma Chase and Florence (Flossie) Hapgood.

Annual Coopers Mills VFD Auction

CMVFD is starting to pick up items for the Annual Auction coming up on August 19th from 10—4 pm. Even now the barn is starting to fill up with treasures and by Auction day, \$10, 000 worth of "treasures" isn't unusual. If people want items picked up, they can call Norm Best at 215-6600 or Jeff Read at 458-3459 or



Congratulations Whitefield Girls Softball Team - Champions!



Coopers Mills Cemetery needs your help

by Lester Sheaffer

The vault at Coopers Mills Cemetery has been disintegrating for the past few years. The Board of Selectmen, along with interested citizens, determined the vault should come down. As of this writing that work is progressing. Once the vault is removed fill will be added to and contoured to the existing grade.

The name of the cemetery was on the side of the vault and as the vault crumbled the letters fell off one by one. We have collected those letters and they are in possession of Selectman Frank Ober at this time.

The Board of Selectmen determined that the Coopers Mills name should still be on the cemetery somewhere. Where hasn't been decided yet. We are looking for people willing to design a sign for the cemetery. We have no guidelines or rules for what is to be designed. All that is needed is your imagination. You may use the existing letters (which are in the accompanying picture for size aspect) or a design without them.

Designs may include detailed drawings, scaled drawings or clear sketches. As long as the designs can be easily understood by the Board of Selectmen they will be considered. Please stop by the cemetery to see how your design will fit into the existing landscape.



All designs should be delivered to the Whitefield Town Office by August 15, 2017. A short time later the board will make a decision as to what we will do for a sign.



Strawberry Update!

The berry crop is ready! There are a ton of berries in the field, actually three miles in row feet.

We should be picking for about 3-4 weeks once we open. We now have our strawberry message on our phone that is updated daily. Check it out at Sheepscot General (549-5185).



(photo courtesy Blue Horse Photography)

JULY 2017 COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR

- 1st **SHEEPSHOT GENERAL PLANT SALE MAY 15TH THROUGH JULY 1ST**
- 3rd **COOPERS MILLS FIRE DEPT.** All are welcome. No obligation. 7 pm
KINGS MILLS FIRE DEPT., 7 pm
- 4th **4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION, KINGS MILLS 10:00 AM**
- 5th **ARLINGTON GRANGE MEETING**, Call 549-3491 for more information.
- 6th **SENIOR MEN'S GROUP**, Sheepsctot General, 10 am
SUMMER TIMBER FRAME WORKSHOP, July 6-9, Hidden Valley Nature Center, Jefferson. Students will work in small groups over the course of 4 days to learn the basics of timber frame construction, and ultimately to build and erect the frame of a small building. Rustic housing provided. More info and registration at <https://www.midcoastconservancy.org/events/timber-frame-course-623-2617/>. Contact info: Midcoastconservancy.org, (207) 389-5150, info@midcoastconservancy.org
WHITEFIELD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, 4 pm Sheepsctot General
- 7th **WHITEFIELD FOOD PANTRY**, St. Denis Hall, 1-3 pm
- 8th **FINDING FERNS NATURE HIKE**, 9 am- 12 pm, Hidden Valley Nature Center, Jefferson. Guided naturalist takes group to explore some of the diverse habitats to be found along the many miles of trails at HVNC Contact info: Midcoastconservancy.org, (207) 389-5150, info@midcoastconservancy.org
- 9th **WHITEFIELD ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (WAA)**, Whitefield School, 6 pm
- 10th **WHITEFIELD MUNICIPAL FIRE DEPT.**, Fire Station, 7 pm
- 11th **WOMEN OF WHITEFIELD**, Sheepsctot General, 10 am
WHITEFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY meeting 1:00 pm
SELECT BOARD, Fire Station, 6 pm
- 12th **SUMMER LIBRARY, Arlington Grange 10-12pm**
TRAIL STEWARD HIKE AND INFO SESSION, 5:30-6:30 pm, Palermo. Meet at the Palermo Preserve trail head for a beautiful hike to the Sheepsctot River. Along the way, Land Steward Hannah Chamberlain will discuss how to do basic trail maintenance, how to look for issues on the trail, and what to report back to Midcoast Conservancy. - See more at: <https://www.midcoastconservancy.org/events/trail-steward-info-session-hike/>
- 13th **SENIOR MEN'S GROUP**, Sheepsctot General, 10 am
RSU SCHOOL BOARD MEETING Chelsea School, 6:30 pm
- 14th **SUMMER OUTDOOR MUSIC CONCERTS** with pizza and beer:
 Sheepsctot General—William Joseph Jordan, Sugarbush and The Oshima Brothers \$12 July 14th 6-9pm
- 15th **SUMMER LIBRARY, Arlington Grange 10-12pm**
DRUMMING CIRCLE, Sheepsctot General, 6:30 pm. Open to the public, all ages welcome.
SENIOR MEN'S GROUP, Sheepsctot General, 10 am
- 18th **SELECT BOARD**, Fire Station, 6 pm
- 19th **SUMMER LIBRARY, Arlington Grange 10-12pm**
PLANNING BOARD, Fire Station, 6:00 pm
- 20th **SENIOR MEN'S GROUP**, Sheepsctot General, 10 am
- 21st **OPEN-MIC NIGHT**, Sheepsctot General, 7-9 pm
- 22nd **SUMMER LIBRARY, Arlington Grange 10-12pm**
- 25th **WOMEN OF WHITEFIELD**, Sheepsctot General, 10 am
SELECT BOARD, Fire Station, 6 pm
- 26th **SUMMER LIBRARY, Arlington Grange 10-12pm**
SHEEPSCTOT VALLEY HEALTH CENTER GOOD SHEPHERD FOOD BANK, Whitefield Lions Club, 52 Main St, Coopers Mills 10:30-12 pm
YOUNG AT HEART SENIORS, Whitefield Lions Club, Coopers Mills 12 pm fmi call Mary at (549-5041) or Arlene (549-7937)
- 27th **SENIOR MEN'S GROUP**, Sheepsctot General, 10 am
- 29th **SUMMER LIBRARY, Arlington Grange 10-12pm**



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Remembering Dr. Carol A. Eckert

by Judi Ekholm

Carol's medical practice began in 1982 when the Sheepscot Valley Health Center opened its doors to serve the community. Carol cared deeply for her patients as well as her family, friends, and community. And as a woman, daughter, wife, mother, friend, mentor, and family physician it was her nature to gently provide encouragement to seek opportunities to engage in life fully.

Sadly, Carol's life was cut short last October 2016 in a tragic accident while out bicycling. Carol peddling her bicycle was a frequent sight to many in the community. This was her routine often followed by a short yoga practice to unwind from a full day of work and be ready to spend time with her husband, Jeff Frankel.

Although Carol is gone from our sight, her legacy lives on at the health center through two distinctly different memorials which reflect Carol's values; one is inside and one is outside.

Carol loved to read and in honor of that passion "Carol's Corner" was started by Julie Bailey and the health center staff through donations given in memory of Dr. Eckert. Above the bookcase, filled with books, book-ended by Carol's coffee cups, and graced with a Teddy Bear made from one of Carol's favorite dresses, is a lovely photo of her (reading of course), donated by her husband, Jeff, and framed by Glen Bailey, Julie's husband. The Corner has a range of books for children and young adults up to the age of sixteen. "The Tennis Ball Trees" by author Christopher Lockwood is among the number of donated books. Chris and his wife Cindy were long time patients of Carol's. All books are stamped "In Loving Memory Of Dr. Carol Eckert - Love Heals, Love Holds, Love Hopes", and free to young patients. If you would like to donate to Carol's Corner please call 549-7581 to speak with

someone in the front office.

Carol was a passionate advocate for self care. The outside memorial, "Carol's Bench", will be set in the garden area in front of the health center where Carol loved to spend quiet time tending the planters filled with flowers and fresh herbs. The engraving reads: "Forever in the Hearts of Her Patients". The Bench was donated by the citizens' Board of Directors of the health center in honor of Carol's love of the outdoors during all seasons. She loved to contemplate the beauty of life and would draw solace and peace from being outside. The Bench is a reminder for all of us to take rest and restore an inner sense of equilibrium and wellness before moving forward in life.

The dedication of "Carol's Corner" was held recently at the health center with attendees sharing stories, memories, and laughter. The dedication date of "Carol's Bench" will be set shortly. All will be welcome to attend and share in remembering Dr. Carol Anne Eckert, Forever In The Hearts of Her Patients.



Photos by Judi Ekholm



The 4th of July Celebration: A great time was had by all!!



Photos by Tony Marple and Debbie Rogers



Your local Library

by Cheryle Joslyn



The shelves in the new Whitefield Library @ the Arlington Grange are getting very full thanks to the generosity of many individuals. We now have several books for children and young adults, as well as a fantastic selection for the adult reader. Please stop by Wednesday or Saturday from 10:00-



12:00, register your family and take home an enjoyable book(s) to read this summer. Follow us on Facebook (Whitefield Arlington Library) and on our library website

(www.whitefieldlibrary.weebly.com) for information and news about our upcoming events! (photos courtesy Cheryle Joslyn)

"THE AUCTION" returns

submitted by CMVFD

If you have never experienced a Coopers Mills Auction, then you have truly missed an amazing event! Be sure to mark your calendar and join us Saturday, **AUGUST 19th**, at 10 am. We've got everything under the sun; especially things that you would need in your "self-sufficient lifestyle" as well as everything you simply didn't know



Photos submitted by the Coopers Mills Volunteer Fire Dept.

you needed!

You will find absolutely **EVERYTHING** at the Coopers Mills Fire Station on Main Street, Coppers Mills. There are tools, farm and garden equipment, appliances, furniture, antiques, dishes, gift certificates, and there are always boxes of things people have saved for years until it's time to clean out. Some boxes might even have "treasure" hiding within! The



Coopers Mills Volunteer Fire Department is anxious to auction everything off on August 19th, so arrive early and stay late! This is a fundraiser for the fire department, but it's also an opportunity to help celebrate and support the village and the town. With a couple of great auctioneers, there are

many laughs and some of the items themselves could challenge you to keep a straight face. Also...the food tent has their usual delicious burgers, hot dogs, homemade baked beans, and plenty of desserts and cold drinks. If it's a hot day, there are plenty of chairs under the big tent! If you would like to volunteer, we need help sorting items before the auction and "running" sold items the day of the auction. If you have items to donate, please contact one of the Coopers Mills Fire Department volunteers or Chuck Vaughn at 549-7859. Hope to see you at

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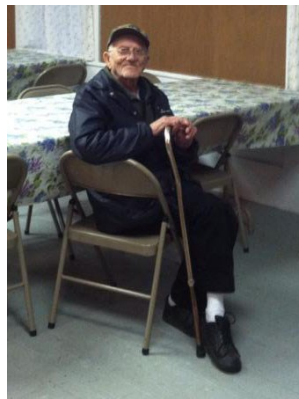
(View from bridge in Coopers Mills looking west, Post Office, store, Sarah Weeks house on right and Ida M. Tripp house on left)

Awards given to Leo and Gladys Glidden for their Combined 120 years of service to the Arlington Grange



At the July meeting of the Arlington Grange, we were proud to present two 60 year pins to Gladys and Leo Glidden for their combined 102 years of service to the grange.

They each have faithfully served their community and the Grange each for over 60 years. Their devotion to the Grange and constant service to so many community programs such



Photos from Arlington Grange

as the food bank, local suppers, and local charities is truly appreciated. We are privileged to have them at the Arlington Grange and hope to have them with us for many years to come.

-Welcome to David Magnusson, our new part time employee replacing Ty Turner who resigned earlier this year. David is a hard worker and has a strong information technology background which will help us.

-Renovations to the Town Office continue this summer, under the leadership of Erik Ekholm. Heat pumps for heating and cooling are now installed on both floors and will run off the fire station solar panels which are now covering the energy needs of all town structures. Insulation is underway on the first floor and staff work-stations (now cramped) will be improved. New lighting will be installed and mold issues resolved.

-Bill Mckeen and I have mulched and fertilized the deciduous trees around the fire station and the cedars behind the memorial. The deciduous trees took a hit from last year's drought and we'll be watering them again soon if no significant rain arrives.

-Aaron Miller, Town Clerk, has been working with the board for some time to organize funds donated to the town for various purposes defined by the donors. The town can spend the interest and dividend income, while the principal of the larger funds is held in trust. The Whitefield Cemetery Fund is for the maintenance of specific gravesites from money donated for those plots. The Will Turner Funds were established to maintain the Coopers Mills Cemetery and are also available for charitable purposes. The Charles T. King Worthy Poor Fund is also available for charitable reasons. Over the years, the town has spent little of the charitable funds available to be spent, and we seek citizen input regarding potential needs in town or processes to identify needs. The Darryl Wells fund is smaller and the modest amount of income is available for scholarships for Whitefield students.

-The final State budget includes additional education funding; particularly for relatively poor districts. Since the Town and RSU12 budgets were both approved well before the additional funding became available, the additional \$69,000 in revenue for Whitefield can only be used to reduce taxes. While final mil rates are calculated in September, there is a good chance that our rate will fall below 14 from the current 15.

-Bill McKeen continues to lead the board's work on enforcing the state junkyard law. With respect to licensed junkyards or those eligible for a license, the emphasis is on tightening the application process, follow-up, and reapplication. When a citizen makes a complaint about a junkyard unlikely to qualify for licensing, Arthur Strout, the Code Enforcement Officer (CEO), will inspect the property and bring his findings to the board. The board may issue a 60 day clean-up order, and issue fines if timely action is not taken.

-There has been a strong response to the broadband survey spearheaded by Karl Richards and others on the Economic Development Committee. The latest results are available at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/results/SM-JKJXDKC6/>. The EDC has yet to map areas where broadband is unavailable, but will. A public forum will take place this fall for citizen input into potential planning and or implementation grants.

AUGUST 2017 COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR

- 1st** **FAT BIKE & PADDLE CAMP AGES 12-15** Over the course of the three days, participants will have the opportunity to learn by challenging themselves in a supportive setting. Our instructors will also provide guidance for future adventures by teaching what to pack and how to prepare before heading out on the trail. Contact info for all: www.midcoastconservancy.org or (207) 389-5150, or info@midcoastconservancy.org
SELECT BOARD, Fire Station, 6 pm
- 2nd** **SUMMER LIBRARY, Arlington Grange 10-12pm**
ARLINGTON GRANGE MEETING, Call 549-3491 for more information .
SENIOR MEN'S GROUP, Sheepscot General, 10 am
- 3rd** **WHITEFIELD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**, 4 pm Sheepscot General
- 4th** **WHITEFIELD FOOD PANTRY**, St. Denis Hall, 1-3 pm
- 5th** **SUMMER LIBRARY, Arlington Grange 10-12pm**
- 6th** **FULL MOON PADDLE** Spend the evening in the glow of the moon! Hike into Little Dyer Cabin at Hidden Valley Nature Center, where a rack of canoes await their passengers. Drift around the lake for an hour or so, then head back to the Barn for something to drink before hitting the road for home. A Midcoast Conservancy volunteer leader will meet you at the gate by the parking lot and accompany the group for the evening. There is a limit of 12 paddle participants with some space for riders in the middle! 7:30-10 pm (207) 389-5150
- 7th** **COOPERS MILLS FIRE DEPT.** All are welcome. No obligation. 7 pm
KINGS MILLS FIRE DEPT., 7 pm
- 8th** **WOMEN OF WHITEFIELD**, Sheepscot General, 10 am
WHITEFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY meeting 1:00 pm
SELECT BOARD, Fire Station, 6 pm
- 9th** **SUMMER LIBRARY, Arlington Grange 10-12pm**
- 10th** **SENIOR MEN'S GROUP**, Sheepscot General, 10 am
RSU SCHOOL BOARD MEETING Chelsea School, 6:30 pm
- 11th** **NATIVE PLANT WALK** HVNC www.midcoastconservancy.org or (207) 389-5150
9:30 am - 11:00 am
- 12th** **SUMMER LIBRARY, Arlington Grange 10-12pm**
- 13th** **WHITEFIELD ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (WAA)**, Whitefield School, 6 pm
- 14th** **WHITEFIELD MUNICIPAL FIRE DEPT.**, Fire Station, 7 pm
- 15th** **SELECT BOARD**, Fire Station, 6 pm
- 16th** **SUMMER LIBRARY, Arlington Grange 10-12pm**
PLANNING BOARD, Fire Station, 6:00 pm
- 17th** **SENIOR MEN'S GROUP**, Sheepscot General, 10 am
- 18th** **SUMMER OUTDOOR MUSIC CONCERTS** with pizza and beer: Sheepscot General
Presents Walter Weymouth 6-9pm
- 19th** **COOPERS MILLS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT. AUCTION**, (see story on Page 2) 10 am
SUMMER LIBRARY, Arlington Grange 10-12pm
DRUMMING CIRCLE, Sheepscot General, 6:30 pm. Open to the public, all ages welcome.
- 20th** **LIVE EDGE MUSIC FESTIVAL** A fun-filled day of live music, great local food and beer, all set in the midst of Hidden Valley Nature Center's 1,000 acres. Featuring Maine bands, food from the Alna General Store and Harvest Moon Wood Fired Catering, and beer from Liberal Cup, Geary's and Allagash to keep you going between acts or after you explore the 30-plus miles of trails at HVNC. Music begins at noon but arrive in plenty of time to park at the overflow lot and ride the shuttle to the Nature Center—we don't want you to miss a single note! (207) 389-5150
- 22nd** **WOMEN OF WHITEFIELD**, Sheepscot General, 10 am
SELECT BOARD, Fire Station, 6 pm
- 23rd** **SUMMER LIBRARY, Arlington Grange 10-12pm**
YOUNG AT HEART SENIORS, Whitefield Lions Club, Coopers Mills 12 pm fmi call Mary at (549-5041) or Arlene (549-7937)
- 24th** **SENIOR MEN'S GROUP**, Sheepscot General, 10 am
- 26th** **MOSES AND FRIENDS: IDENTIFYING COMMON BRYOPHYTES**, HVNC call (207) 389-5150
- SUMMER LIBRARY, Arlington Grange 10-12pm**
- 29th** **SELECT BOARD**, Fire Station, 6 pm
- 31st** **SENIOR MEN'S GROUP**, Sheepscot General, 10 am

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Clary Lake Association Petition Delivered to DEP

by George Ferguson

Anyone who has tried to launch a boat on Clary Lake at the State boat launch in Jefferson in recent years is well aware there is a serious water level issue affecting the lake. The low water conditions have had a serious impact on life in, on, and around Clary Lake. Whether you're a lake shore owner who is unable to put out your dock due to low water, weeds, and mud where once there was deep water, a swimmer stuck in the mud, a duck hunter who is frustrated to find a drained marsh which a few years ago was teeming with wildlife, or a recreational boater or fisherman who finds there isn't enough water over the boat launch to float your boat, the conclusion is the same: Clary Lake is in trouble.

The Clary Lake Association has been at the forefront of the struggle to save Clary Lake, and it is having another busy year working to help bring about a settlement of the water level situation. In response to a citizen-initiated petition, the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) issued a Water Level Order for Clary Lake in late January of 2014. That should have been the end of the problem, but it was just the beginning. The Order was immediately appealed in Lincoln County Superior Court by the owner of the Clary Lake dam and the owner of the Clary Mill building. Since then, the Order has not been voluntarily complied with by the dam owner nor has the DEP taken any enforcement action beyond the issuance of a Notice of



\$110,000 State boat launch only good for launching a kayak Photo by George Fergusson

Violation dated September 2015. The CLA thinks the DEP can and should do more. Despite being under appeal, the Order is still in force and has not been stayed.

At the Clary Lake Association's Annual Meeting back in early August, the CLA Board introduced for discussion and Membership approval, a Petition to the DEP requesting they take enforcement action in the matter of the Clary Lake Water Level Order. The Association sees no reason why *Continued on Pg. 2*

The Sawmill Revived

by Dan Joslyn

Pat Chase's sawmill has been kicking sawdust and edgings out recently. It sits on land just north of the Superette. Thanks to Pat's ownership and Mose Yoder and his sons' willingness to work, the old mill is active again. It has been silent since 2003; near the time Pat and Robin's son, Ryan, passed away. By the time of Ryan's sickness, he had already learned the ways of a sawmill and worked alongside his dad, brothers, sisters, and mother.

Mose Yoder, one of our first Amish settlers, is now working with Pat. Lumber is being milled for sale and for the Yoder's new house to be built this coming October on the E. River Rd. The new house will be built over the cellar hole where Herbie Bailey's place once stood. If you are lost, it's just south of David Jackson's home.

It is common for Amish to have mills in their communities. They found Whitefield enticing in part due to the potential for lumber and employment.

This mill site was originally owned by Chet Chase. Although Chet owned the mill, he didn't actually operate it. Chet's brother, Roger



Chase's Sawmill Photo by Cheryle Joslyn

“Dod” Chase, was the first operator. He also taught Pat how a mill should be put together and operated. “Dodd” as we all called him, lived in Kings Mills and was noted for having built an entire sawmill on a remote Pacific island during WWII. He was a master craftsman.

Pat kept the property, but around 1985 the roof collapsed due to heavy snow load and the building sat unused for seven or eight years. He remodeled it, making structural improvements, and with his family's assistance (including the ladies) it continued to produce lumber until 2003.

Recently, however, Pat and Mose, with the help of Mose's older sons, have cut and “stuck” nearly enough lumber to build the Yoder's home. Currently, they are also producing 6” x 6” hemlock landscape timbers. “Dunnage” is also being cut. Each piece is 2” x 3” x 45” and used for packing around shipped materials. Back in the 50's, Chet's

mill had cut and delivered dunnage to Searsport, Maine for the shipping industry. This summer over five thousand pieces have been delivered, and this winter they will produce *Continued on Pg. 2*

Clary Cont. from Pg. 1 they shouldn't immediately initiate enforcement action. The Petition received unanimous approval at the meeting and was subsequently hand-delivered to the Office of the Commissioner of the DEP on Monday, August 21st along with over 350 signatures of Clary Lake Association members, other Lake shore owners, and friends of Clary Lake from Whitefield and Jefferson and the surrounding area. The Association hopes the DEP decides to take affirmative action in this matter.



The beach over on Duncan Road, or at least what used to be a beach Photo by George Fergusson

In other news, after sitting idle for over 4 months, the Superior Court Judge just issued three Orders which finally resolve outstanding issues involving discovery and the Administrative Record. Now, after three and a half years of delays and stays, the Court is finally going to start the hearing arguments for and against the Water Level Order. Things should progress quickly now. Keep an eye on the Clary Lake Association website (<http://www.clarylake.org/wordpress/>) for news and updates about this important matter.

The Clary Lake Association is a 501(C)3 non-profit organization originally established back in 1960. Membership in the Association is \$25 per year and open to everyone. Instructions for joining can be found on the CLA website (George Fergusson is a Board member and current Secretary of the Association and lives on the south shore of Clary Lake with his wife Margaret.

Sawmill Cont. from Pg. 1

two tractor trailer loads a month.

One would expect that winter would slow work down, but not so, according to Pat. Along with the packing material, there will be more emphasis placed on pine boards as cold weather keeps the boards from edge staining. The dunnage, landscaping beams, and pine boards should provide employment for up to six - eight people.

Local folks, so interested, may get pricing and availability from either Mose or Pat. Just stop by the mill during the day. You'll see the driveway...right side of Rt 218 (Mills Road), just past the store - no sign.



This ride will honor the memory of Carol Eckert, M.D. Carol was tragically killed as a result of a bike accident that occurred in Windsor on October 10, 2016. Biking was Carol's passion and we invite everyone who feels the same to join us in remembrance of a life well pedaled and to further the cause of bicycle safety in Maine. Register online or at the event beginning at 8:00 AM. There is a \$25 registration charge which will help to cover the cost of food, water, t-shirts, insurance, etc. It starts and ends at the Windsor Town Office, on October 1st at 9:00 AM (registration begins at 8:00 AM). There is a 12-mile and 27-mile route. You can register at this site: <https://www.BikeReg.com/share-the-road-with-carol/>.

Whether you knew Carol or not, this ride is a wonderful opportunity to explore the lovely rolling hills along the border of the Kennebec and Lincoln Counties.

Renewable Energy Technical Assistance for Businesses and Farmers in Lincoln County

To help reduce these expenses through renewable energy sources, this spring USDA Rural Development in Bangor announced the award of \$100,000 to Lincoln County to conduct renewable energy site assessments for local farmers and businesses.

The USDA's Rural Energy for America Program/Renewable Energy Development Assistance Grant will allow Lincoln County farmers and small businesses to see what alternative energies might be feasible given a site's physical traits and the past energy use patterns.

The Lincoln County Regional Planning Commission will arrange for a site visit and report to be conducted by certified energy consultants at no cost. Interested businesses can get started by visiting the LCRPC's website (www.lcrpc.org) for the application form, or email Bob Faunce, County Planner (rfaunce@lcrpc.org) or Mary Ellen Barnes (mbarnes@lcrpc.org)..

As energy prices rise and your business grows, renewable energy could be an effective way to help lower your operating expenses. For more information, please email LCRPC staff or call the office in Wiscasset at 882-5983.

Mary Ellen Barnes, Executive Director, Lincoln County Regional Planning Commission



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Pitching Hay... Who could ever resist this summer "haying" photo (circa 1950's)? Does anyone recognize the lovely lady on the top of the pile or the gentleman with the pitchfork? Could it be Lloyd Palmer or maybe Calvin Place? Someone must remember those "grueling" days in the hayfield? Please contact our archivists at the Historical Society (549-7209) if you can help us identify this photo.

School News

(from Mr. McNaughton, principal)

Whitefield School was a busy place this summer. Building updates included a new freezer, the expansion of parking in the front of our building, and the cleaning and painting of classrooms. Thanks to all the hard work by our summer janitorial staff, the school is looking great!



Many Whitefield

teachers spent the summer participating in professional development trainings. Topics included handwriting, proficiency based education, and restorative practices.

Teachers and support staff will have expanded learning opportunities this year as we are making adjustments to our early release Wednesday schedule to expand time for professional learning committees.

We have had a great summer, and now it's time to get back to educating students. See everyone soon!

Broadband Survey results

Whitefield's broadband survey results showed a strong response to the internet survey that was recently mailed to all Whitefield households. There are 265 responses to date out of 1150 surveys mailed out. Of the responses received so far, almost 90% reported having some internet service, with about 71% getting it through Spectrum (Time-Warner) and 16% through Fair Point. Some of the mailed responses had added hand-written comments; including requests not to neglect the importance of improving cell phone reception in Whitefield.

(Whitefield Economic Development Committee Members: Louis Sell, Sue and Bill McKeen, Tony Marple, Ben Marcus, Stephen Sheehy, Harriet Vaughan and Karl Richards)

Do you have Internet Service available

Yes 90.15%

No 7.20%

Don't know 2.65%

Type of Connection

DSL 20.68%

Cable 62.45%

Satellite 7.59%

Cell phone bridge 3.80%

Other 7.17%

Who provides your internet access

Spectrum (Time Warner) 70.71%

Fairpoint 16.32%

Other 13.81%

What are your needs for internet

Pleasure 94.82%

Business 46.22%

Education 48.21%

Medical 22.71%

Research 49.40%

File Transfer (plans, maps...) 34.66%

Telecommute 22.31%

How would improving internet access benefit your town?

Small business 54.04%

Telecommute jobs 34.16%

Fewer young adults leaving 31.68%

Distance learning 48.45%

Tele-medicine 24.44%

Increase vacationers 17.39%

Increase year-round... 32.92%

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Apple Prize Drawings!

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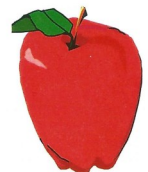
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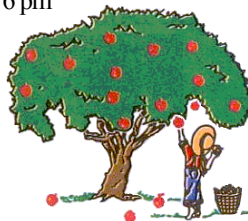
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SEPTEMBER 2017 COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR

- 1st **WHITEFIELD FOOD PANTRY**, St. Denis Hall, 1-3 pm
- 2nd **WHITEFIELD ARLINGTON LIBRARY, Arlington Grange 10-12pm**
- 4th **COOPERS MILLS FIRE DEPT.** All are welcome. No obligation. 7 pm
KINGS MILLS FIRE DEPT., 7 pm
- 5th **SELECT BOARD**, Fire Station, 6 pm
FULL MOON PADDLE, Spend the evening in the glow of the moon! Hike into Little Dyer Cabin at Hidden Valley Nature Center, where a rack of canoes await their passengers. Drift around the lake for an hour or so, then head back to the Barn for something to drink before hitting the road for home. There is a limit of 12 paddle participants with some space for riders in the middle! 7 pm HVNC Let us know you're coming! (207) 389-5150
- 6th **KINGS MILLS UNION HALL BOARD MEETING** - Public Welcome 7 pm
WHITEFIELD ARLINGTON LIBRARY, Arlington Grange 10-12pm
ARLINGTON GRANGE MEETING, Call 549-3491 for more information.
- 7th **SENIOR MEN'S GROUP**, Sheepscoot General, 10 am
WHITEFIELD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, 4 pm Sheepscoot General
- 9th **WHITEFIELD ARLINGTON LIBRARY, Arlington Grange 10-12pm**
CHAMPAGNE ON THE SHEEPSCOT, Spend a bucolic evening on the shores of the Sheepscoot River, sipping Champagne and enjoying hors d'oeuvres while Lincoln Academy student jazz combos provide the soundtrack. And if that's not enough, ticket sales support the work of Midcoast Conservancy, promoting healthy lands, waters, wildlife, and people in Midcoast Maine through conservation, education, and outdoor recreation. In addition to Champagne, a full bar and beer & wine stations will be located around the property. 207-389-5150 \$125 - Event Patron (\$100 tax-deductible) \$45 - Event Ticket (\$20 tax-deductible) 4:30 pm
- 10th **MAINE APPLE SUNDAY AT BAILEY'S ORCHARD** Apple Prize Drawings! Free Apple squares (while they last)
WHITEFIELD ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (WAA), Whitefield School, 6 pm
- 11th **WHITEFIELD MUNICIPAL FIRE DEPT.**, Fire Station, 7 pm
- 12th **WOMEN OF WHITEFIELD**, Sheepscoot General, 10 am
SELECT BOARD, Fire Station, 6 pm
WHITEFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY meeting 1:00 pm
- 13th **WHITEFIELD ARLINGTON LIBRARY, Arlington Grange 10-12pm**
- 14th **SENIOR MEN'S GROUP**, Sheepscoot General, 10 am
RSU SCHOOL BOARD MEETING Chelsea School, 6:30 pm
- 16th **WHITEFIELD ARLINGTON LIBRARY, Arlington Grange 10-12pm**
DRUMMING CIRCLE, Sheepscoot General, 6:30 pm. Open to the public, all ages welcome.
- 19th **SELECT BOARD**, Fire Station, 6 pm
- 20th **WHITEFIELD ARLINGTON LIBRARY, Arlington Grange 10-12pm**
PLANNING BOARD, Fire Station, 6:00 pm
- 21st **SENIOR MEN'S GROUP**, Sheepscoot General, 10 am
- 23rd **WHITEFIELD ARLINGTON LIBRARY, Arlington Grange 10-12pm**
- 24th **KINGS MILLS UNION HALL ANNUAL MEETING AND OPEN HOUSE** 3-5 pm
KINGS MILLS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT ASSOCIATION OPEN HOUSE 3-5 pm
- 26th **WOMEN OF WHITEFIELD**, Sheepscoot General, 10 am
SELECT BOARD, Fire Station, 6 pm
- 27th **WHITEFIELD ARLINGTON LIBRARY, Arlington Grange 10-12pm**
YOUNG AT HEART SENIORS, Whitefield Lions Club, Coopers Mills 12 pm
 fini call Mary at (549-5041) or Arlene (549-7937)
- 28th **SENIOR MEN'S GROUP**, Sheepscoot General, 10 am
- 30th **WHITEFIELD ARLINGTON LIBRARY, Arlington Grange 10-12pm**
GOOSEPECKER TREKKER, Hike a section of the Hills to Sea trail in Freedom, ME with other Midcoast Conservancy members! 3.5 mile and shorter routes, family friendly event. \$25 registration includes hike + lunch. Registration will take place at the Freedom Mill parking lot on Pleasant St. in Freedom, where the hike will end. Following the hike, there will be a delicious lunch including local food, refreshments and music at Villageside Farm, a premier community supported agriculture family farm in Waldo County. Just want to attend the delicious locally-sourced lunch? Cost is \$20 for adults, \$8 for children 3-12, and free for children under 3. Adult lunch includes a Goosepecker Trekker Ale from Marshall Wharf brewery! (207) 389-5150 8:30 am - 2 pm



Do you have an event? Contact: whitefieldtownnews@gmail.com

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Whitefield Property Taxes

(submitted by Tony Marple)

This time each year the Select Board sets "mil rate"; the number used to calculate property taxes. On September 12th, the Select Board set the mil rate for the year ending June 30, 2018 at .0138; a decrease from the .015 for last fiscal year. That means that taxes on a property valued at \$100,000 will decline from \$1,500 to \$1,380 or \$120. By comparison, the mil rate five years ago was .01475.

In preparing the budget last fall, the board decided to recommend a \$300,000 reduction in the town's surplus which had increased over the years. After voters approved the use of surplus at

Town Meeting, the \$300,000 is being used to reduce 2018 taxes; still leaving the town in a very healthy financial position. In addition, very late in the session,



Photo by Tony Marple

the State Legisla-

ture approved an increase in school funding, but not until the 2018 RSU 12 had already been approved by the towns.

As a result, RSU 12 had additional funds which could only be used to reduce taxes. Whitefield's share is \$69,000. In addition, Town expenses and the Lincoln County tax were essentially flat.

Unfortunately, it's very unlikely that we will have this big a surplus with which to reduce taxes in the next budget cycle, nor will we likely have a surprise excess in school funding. Therefore, the mil rate is likely to increase in the 2019 fiscal year, but there are many variables, and it's far too early to know how that will play out.

Most homeowners will also benefit from a State increase in the Homestead Exemption from \$15,000 to \$20,000. Prior to last year, the exemption was \$10,000. In effect, the homestead exemption reduces the assessed value of property for taxation purposes. Unfortunately, the State only reimburses towns for 50% of the mandated exemption. Veterans are also eligible for a \$6,000 exemption. If you are unsure whether you are receiving exemptions for which you are eligible, please call the Town Office. We encourage you to be involved in the Town and RSU12 budget processes where spending recommendations are prepared for town approval.

"Snow-Day Artist" Genevieve Keller

by Kit Pfeiffer

The subdued light on a foggy Saturday morning filters through numerous windows and creates a subtle warmth to the above-garage studio of Whitefield artist, Genevieve Keller. In one corner is her fibre area, where she works on specially designed mittens and miniature needle-felted creatures such as a mouse wearing a tiny hand-knit sweater. Another corner is for her painting, scattered with botanical drawings and whimsical works, many of which she reproduces as giclée prints (a digital process that makes archival-quality prints).

It's a new studio, completed last fall. She didn't have time to move into it fully until February school vacation, because teaching art to 300 students in grades K-8 at the Windsor School consumes most of her time and energy. She has playfully named the new space Snow-Day Studio and calls herself the Snow-Day Artist.

Genevieve has been an artist all her life.

She holds a BFA from California College of the Arts, studied. *Continued on pg. 2*



The 'Windsor School Mural' Every year I have each student grades K-8 paint a mystery square. I then put together the piece and we have a mural for that year. This year the mural is an aerial view of our school. In the past I have mostly focused on famous works of art for the mural.

Photo submitted by Genevieve Keller

Our community library will return in the spring

by Sue McKeen

For all of you who visited our community library this summer, thank you so much for supporting us. For those of you who have yet to discover the Whitefield Arlington Library, housed in the Arlington Grange, you are in for a big surprise, but you'll have to wait until next spring.

The library will be closing for the winter months on October 7th. Our large and enthusiastic group of volunteers will be working during the winter to shelve, categorize and organize the hundreds of books which were donated during the summer. There are books for all ages and interests.

We will reopen in the spring with new books, programs, and something for everyone. In the meantime, we would love to hear your thoughts and ideas. For more information you may contact Sue McKeen at smckeen66@gmail.com, Cheryle Joslyn at cheryle_joslyn@yahoo.com or Debbie Rogers at windsweptcreations@myfairpoint.net.

Thanks again for a great first summer.

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Keller from Pg. 1 natural science illustration at Rhode Island School of Design, and eventually got her teaching certificate. She has taught art in Windsor for 14 years, with her own classroom that boasts three sinks.

“Unheard of!” she exclaims. “These kids are inherently creative. I am their positive enabler.” As she follows them from K through 8, first they learn basic skills, then they advance to work



Photo submitted by Genevieve Keller

on special projects. By middle school age, they are learning color theory, light and shadow. They also learn about famous artists and their cultures. The culmination of the curriculum, in 8th grade, is to develop a digital portfolio. Genevieve says that Windsor School believes mistakes are inherent in learning. “I’m fortunate to be at Windsor.”

And she loves living here. “There is no has-been about the town of Whitefield, with so many stewards for the protection of this gorgeous spot of land,” she claims. “So many different kinds of people live here.” She and her husband Gordon, a woodworker and manager at Front Street Shipyard in Belfast, moved here in 1990 and raised their two sons, Carl and Ross, who went to the Whitefield School.

Almost every day, you can find Genevieve walking her dog Niko on the Happy Farm River Trail adjacent to their home. And you can follow her on line at snowdayartist.blogspot.com or see her work on www.etsy.com/shop/GenevieveKeller.

Library from Pg. 1 Quinn, the young reader who inspired our community library volunteers, sends his appreciation:

Hello I am Quinn. I asked for a library by writing a letter. It happened and I would like to thank all volunteers for helping our library grow. I like volunteering there so join THE LIBRARY TODAY. 😊
Signed, Quinn

Coming Soon! An Open Forum on Whitefield School

Whitefield’s School’s administration, led by Principal Josh McNaughton, and the town School Board representatives, Terri Blair, Tara DeLisle, and Keith Marple, are organizing an open, positive discussion about our town’s school and how we can all work together to make it the best it can be. They would like to hear from everyone who has an experience or opinion to share, or a talent to contribute to the school. A lot of good work and new programs are happening at the school, and they would like to hear from you about what could be done to make it even better. Whether you are a parent, grandparent, business owner, coach, artist, farmer, or just a concerned citizen, your thoughts and input are welcome in this important discussion. Please look for more details about dates, times and locations of this forum coming in the next newsletter issue, as well as in the school newsletter and website.

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Whitefield Historical Society
"Just Yesterday"



(photo courtesy of the Katy Perry Collection, WHS)

This is a circa 1950's photo of the Hervey Bailey house and out-buildings. It was located at the present address of 712 East River Road, just south of David Jackson's house where Mose and Anna Yoder are currently building their new home in the old cellar hole. At the time this picture was taken, it was owned by Jack and Alice Adams who called it "Frosty Hill Farm". It was under new ownership when it burned on March 8th, 1964.

Samuel B. Turner letters to be read at Day of Remembrance

Sam Turner had a glint in his eye for his wife Sarah. But, he also had a glint in his eye for the gold in California. In 1852 he left Whitefield and his wife and family to join many other adventurous men drawn there by the gold rush.

Members of the Whitefield Historical Society will read letters exchanged between Samuel in Snake Bar, California and Sarah and their daughter Eglantine here in Whitefield. The letters tell of the many hardships endured by the separated family and the degree of effort that men will give for the dream of gold.

The program will take place at the Whitefield Town House on October 15th at 2 pm. Music and refreshments will compliment the program. Admission is free, and donations are accepted.



Sarah Turner
Submitted by WHS

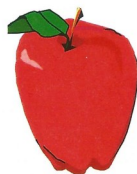
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Pumpkin Harvest

(by Emma Elwell, 8th Grade Student)

On our Day of Caring last spring the pre-k and kindergarten classes planted pumpkin seeds in milk cartons. In June the NJHS went



with them to plant the pumpkin seedlings at the Marple's farm for a Fall PTA fundraiser. We had to replant the seedlings two more times. First they had broken stems from damage when they were planted, then bugs got to them. Over the summer NJHS members went back twice a week to weed and water the pumpkins.

On September 21 we went back with the current pre-k and kindergarten and harvested 221 pumpkins! Everyone involved would like to thank the Marples for letting us use some of their land to plant these pumpkins for the PTA.



Photos by Tony Marple

Pagurko Family Benefit

Friday, September 29 at 5:30 PM - 9 PM @ Lakehurst Lodge, 30 Lakehurst Lane, Damariscotta--- Come together for a lovely evening of dinner and dancing to show the love we share for the Pagurko Family. Satisfy your appetite with a delicious homemade pasta dinner, while enjoying the rockin' sounds of our musical guest, Esther-M! Later, get moving and grooving on the dance floor, and finish the night feeling like a winner at our raffle and silent auction event!

Dancers and singers are welcome to perform a short piece to share the love for Melanie and her family. Please be sure to bring your own music.

Suggested Donation: \$5 per person or \$20 per family
We are kindly asking for donations for our dessert table. Thank you. <https://www.gofundme.com/pagurko-house-fire-fund>

OCTOBER 2017 COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR

- 1st** **RACE THROUGH THE WOODS**, 8 am-2 pm, Hidden Valley Nature Center, Jefferson.
FMI: midcoastconservancy.org/events, (207)389-5150
FAMILY BIKE DAY, 1-4 pm, Wiscasset Community Center.
FMI: Wiscassetrec.com, (207) 882-8230
- 2nd** **COOPERS MILLS FIRE DEPT.** All are welcome. No obligation. 7 pm
KINGS MILLS FIRE DEPT., 7 pm
- 3rd** **SELECT BOARD**, Fire Station, 6 pm
KINGS MILLS UNION HALL BOARD MEETING - Public Welcome 7 pm
- 4th** **WHITEFIELD ARLINGTON LIBRARY**, Arlington Grange 10-12pm
FULL MOON PADDLE, 6-8:30 pm, Hidden Valley Nature Center, Jefferson.
FMI: midcoastconservancy.org/events, (207)389-5150
ARLINGTON GRANGE MEETING, Call 549-3491 for more information .
- 5th** **SENIOR MEN'S GROUP**, Sheepscot General, 10 am
WHITEFIELD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, 4 pm Sheepscot General
- 6th** **OCT. 6-9 TIMBER FRAME BUILDING WORKSHOP**, Hidden Valley Nature Center, Jefferson. FMI: midcoastconservancy.org/events, (207)389-5150
WHITEFIELD FOOD PANTRY, St. Denis Hall, 1-3 pm
- 7th** **WHITEFIELD ARLINGTON LIBRARY**, Arlington Grange 10-12pm
- 8th** **WHITEFIELD ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (WAA)**, Whitefield School, 6 pm
- 9th** **WHITEFIELD MUNICIPAL FIRE DEPT.**, Fire Station, 7 pm
- 10th** **WOMEN OF WHITEFIELD**, Sheepscot General, 10 am
WHITEFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY meeting 1:00 pm Town House
SELECT BOARD, Fire Station, 6 pm
- 12th** **VOLUNTEER TRAIL WORK DAY**, 9am-12:30 pm, West Branch Preserve, Jefferson. FMI: midcoastconservancy.org/events, (207)389-5150
SENIOR MEN'S GROUP, Sheepscot General, 10 am
RSU SCHOOL BOARD MEETING Chelsea School, 6:30 pm
- 14th** **A DAY IN THE WOODS FORESTRY EVENT**, 8 am-4 pm, Hidden Valley Nature Center, Jefferson. FMI: midcoastconservancy.org/events, (207)389-5150
- 15th** **DAY OF REMEMBRANCE** 2pm the Whitefield Historical Society will present the Samuel & Sarah Turner letters at our annual Day of Remembrance program. In the Spring of 1852 Samuel went to California in search of gold and their letters are from this trip.
- 17th** **SELECT BOARD**, Fire Station, 6 pm
- 18th** **PLANNING BOARD**, Fire Station, 6:00 pm
- 19th** **SENIOR MEN'S GROUP**, Sheepscot General, 10 am
- 21st** **KINGS MILLS UNION HALL - CHICKEN PIE SUPPER** - (5 - 7pm)
DRUMMING CIRCLE, Sheepscot General, 6:30 pm. Open to the public, all ages welcome.
- 24th** **WOMEN OF WHITEFIELD**, Sheepscot General, 10 am
SELECT BOARD, Fire Station, 6 pm
- 25th** **YOUNG AT HEART SENIORS**, Whitefield Lions Club, Coopers Mills 12 pm
fmi call Mary at (549-5041) or Arlene (549-7937)
- 26th** **SENIOR MEN'S GROUP**, Sheepscot General, 10 am
- 31st** **SELECT BOARD**, Fire Station, 6 pm



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The Holidays are Coming!

Thanksgiving food basket requests

The Whitefield Town Office will be taking requests for anyone in need of a Thanksgiving food basket. All requests must be received by November 7th.



Baskets will be ready for pick up on November 21st and should be picked up between 1:00 and 3:00 at the Whitefield Food Bank.

Kings Mills Union Hall Craft Fair

November 2nd, 10-2 pm Join local crafters to support your community and get a jump on gifts for the season.

Sheepscot General

Holiday Bazaar, December 1st, 5-8 pm. Our famous bazaar featuring local food, artisan, and craftspeople. Great for all your gift-giving needs.

Kings Mills Union Hall Christmas Program

December 3rd, 3-5 pm

Road Safety Concerns in Whitefield

by Herb Hartman

In late September and early October, there were two daytime traffic accidents involving Amish buggies on East River Road. Neither passengers nor horses received significant injuries, although one buggy was destroyed. The incidents prompted the Select Board, at their October 10 meeting, to address possible ways to increase safety for horse-drawn conveyances and their occupants.

In addition to coverage by *The Lincoln County News*, several statewide media outlets picked up the story a day or two later.

Excessive speed by a following vehicle and driver inattention were presumed to be the cause of the rear-end collisions. At the meeting Chief Sheriff's Deputy Rand Maker, State Dept. of Transportation engineer David Allen and several concerned Whitefield residents discussed with board members what might be done to better warn motorists of the presence of horse-drawn vehicles. It was also decided to



Please drive cautiously!

Photo

schedule a follow-up meeting with the Amish to explore options.

When several Amish families moved to Whitefield last spring, a number of signs depicting buggies were posted around town to alert drivers; but additional signage, with a message as well as an image, would heighten effectiveness. A mobile, electric traffic control sign will also be placed at locations where warning was deemed appropriate.

Whitefield's roads are typically narrow and sometimes have narrow shoulders; moreover, curves and hills can reduce sight lines. Meeting attendees agreed it will take a community effort over time to ensure a wide awareness of the presence of buggies and wagons. In order to keep the town's new neighbors and their equipment safe, it is critical that motorists remain attentive and observe speed limits, reducing their speed when following horse-drawn vehicles.

A Thank You from Whitefield's Amish Community

(by Mose Yoder)

My family and I moved to Whitefield in March of this year; five more families came in the following months.

We have all been humbled by the warm welcome we have received from the local and surrounding communities and towns, and we thank all who stop in to see us, whether it is just to chat or for business. Local government and law enforcement officials deserve special thanks for their assistance.

To date there have been two minor daytime accidents on the road following which both the motor vehicle and buggy drivers amicably resolved the incidents to their satisfaction. Road safety should be everyone's concern, and we have equipped the buggies with 60" of DOT

approved reflective tape and a red reflecting lantern. We teach our young drivers to respect all road users. For us, the biggest issue is that buggies don't exceed 15 MPH, while motor vehicles travel at least 40 MPH. We sincerely appreciate the respect, understanding, and courtesy drivers have shown us when following, approaching, and passing our horse-drawn buggies.

If you have any questions regarding our Amish community and its practices, please feel free to stop by and ask us.



You're Invited To the Whitefield School Forum

By Keith Marple (Whitefield School Board representative)

This November 15th, at 5:30pm, in the Whitefield School Gymnasium, all Whitefield townspeople, regardless of whether or not you have children enrolled in the school, are invited

to join an important conversation with Whitefield School's administration and board members. Principal Josh McNaughton, with the support of the town's School Board members and RSU 12



Left to right- Tara Delisle RSU12 Board, Josh McNaughton Whitefield Principal, Howie Tuttle RSU Superintendent, Keith Marple RSU Board
Photo by Tony Marple

Superintendent Howard Tuttle, is organizing an open forum about our school and would like to hear from everyone who has a personal experience, a constructive opinion or idea to share, or a talent to contribute to the school. Snacks and beverages will be provided, and child care will be available to ensure as many people as possible are able to attend.

Principal McNaughton, who publishes a weekly school newsletter, is looking for more ways to hear directly from the townspeople, as well as share some of what's been going on lately in the school. "I'm proud of what we've accomplished so far, from building improvements to new anti-bullying programs, and feel like the school is in a much better place than when I started here 7 years ago. But I'm really excited about the possibilities of what we might do with the help of the community," he said.

The town's School Board representatives, Terri Blair, Tara DeLisle, and Keith Marple, are also looking forward to hearing ideas from the people of our town. "I've heard from many about the improvements you'd like to see in the

school, but I don't know everyone, and would love to hear more of your opinions about what could or should be done next," stated Tara DeLisle, who is also the parent of three Whitefield students.

"I believe in our school; I had a great experience when I was a student, and my girls are learning from outstanding teachers, too," said School Board member Keith Marple. "But I remember a time when we felt we had the best school in the area. I think a lot about what has been lost, and it seems to me that while a lot has changed, the biggest factor is the pride Whitefield once took in the school as the focal point of our town. The way all the talented people from the community pitched in to help teachers create a special environment really made a difference to us kids. Although there are a handful of coaches, PTA members and volunteers giving all they can now, they need more help. However, I believe in the power of our town, too; just this summer you built a library from whole cloth! Imagine what else we could do for our kids; I know that with all of your help, the school can be as great as we want to make it." Terri Blair added to this statement, "Positive changes need to be recognized and communicated to encourage school pride and a sense of community. Open, but uncomfortable, conversations also need to be had surrounding sensitive issues. When light is shed on ALL of these, the positive will only grow and the negative will lose its power."

The RSU 12 school district is in full support of this local effort. Superintendent Howard Tuttle stated that he "looks forward to this important Whitefield School Forum as a novel idea that demonstrates the dedication Whitefield citizens have to their students and builds on the good work that has happened in recent years. If we all work together as a team, Whitefield students will surely benefit from our cooperation and our efforts. We are committed to cultivating exemplary community schools where everyone strives to build a foundation of lifetime learning for our students and future citizens."

The organizers plan to come out of this event not only with a clear picture of the town's priorities for the school, but also a set of achievable goals and volunteers identified to help accomplish them. They also hope that this will be an ongoing conversation, with follow-up events to discuss progress. Whether you are a parent, grandparent, business owner, coach, pastor, artist, farmer, or just a concerned citizen, your thoughts and contributions are welcome in this important discussion. If you have any questions about this event, please reach out to Principal McNaughton directly at 549-7691 or jmcnaughton@svrsu.org.

Please help Whitefield School's NJHS raise funds for cystic fibrosis research

(submitted by Karen McCormick)

Whitefield School's NJHS students have partnered up with Cony Boy's Soccer and KCC to raise money for CF research, a terminal disease that effects many, but particularly one student in our very own community, Miss Caroline Mathews. Once again, Caroline has been recently hospitalized. Her battle is real and will never go away. NJHS students have worked hard to help host the Nov. 11 (9:00-1:00) Color Run Event which will take place at the Kennebec Community Church in Augusta. Please support their efforts by sponsoring a runner. Checks may be made out to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and given to NJHS advisor, Karen McCormick at Whitefield School. The NJHS students work hard to "be the change" ...please show them that you notice.

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1st grade student at Whitefield Elementary, Caroline was diagnosed with CF at birth, but is active in sports and school activities. She enjoys swimming, Barbies, scary movies and YouTube.

She loves her chickens and her dog, Lucky. Caroline has endured 16 surgeries, 20 hospital stays and does 80 minutes of treatments daily. Her goal is to grow up and become a software developer to create Minecraft games.





Whitefield Historical Society "Just Yesterday"

November is a time we pay particular attention to honoring our veterans.. In 1944 honoring veterans was also on the mind of Whitefield citizens.



Emma Chase had three sons in the service and the following are excerpts from her 1944 diary.

Sept 10, 1944
We went to Honor Roll meeting at the hall.

Whitefield Senior Men
July 2000

Robert F. Gilman	Robert W. Bradford	Julian Howell	Elbert D. Hayford	Chester H. Chase
Albert R. Boynton	Phillip E. Russell	Robert B. Hutchinson	Carrol D. Farmer	Roland Patterson

Oct 4, 1944
We drove to Manchester (NH) to see

about the Honor Roll for Whitefield. Took picture of the one in Pittsfield (NH).

Oct 22, 1944
Had Honor Roll meeting in PM

Oct 23, 1944
Went to Waldoboro to look at Honor Roll.



Picture of Honor Roll in Pittsfield, NH taken by Emma Chase. Photo above, Whitefield Honor Roll with Senior Men's group Photos submitted by Whitefield Historical Society

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The Cemeteries of Whitefield

by Charlene Donahue

This town, like many old New England towns, has several small cemeteries and a few larger ones. The large ones (two at St. Denis and the Whitefield Cemetery on the Wiscasset Road) are privately owned and maintained.



Matthews Cemetery, Thayer Road, Whitefield

The remaining twenty-two cemeteries are located in woods and fields on private property; except for Howe Cemetery in Coopers Mills

which the Town owns. Ten cemeteries are mowed by the Town. Some are tended by the landowners, and some are falling into disrepair. Despite this mixture of care, almost all the stones have been photographed and are posted on the findagrave.com website.

By State law, the Town is responsible for maintaining the graves of veterans in ancient and public burying grounds. Also, over the years, a few donors set up trust funds with the Town for the maintenance of specific graves. To help meet its responsibilities, the Select Board decided to form a Cemetery Committee tasked with assisting the Town in keeping track of these sites that are part of our town's history and fabric of the community. Some townspeople already help in this endeavor and have put countless hours into maintenance, record keeping, and research. Some of the following projects have been started, but need more work, and then there is always the annual care of the physical sites.

Some of the questions that need to be addressed are:

- Where are the cemeteries located in Whitefield, and what are their names?
- Where are the veteran's graves located so we know where to put the flags for Memorial Day?
- Where are graves of those who donated money to the Town for the care of their final resting place?
- From whom do we get permission to visit a private cemetery?
- What are the needs of graveyards in Town?
- What is the correct way to clean gravestones?
- Are there recommendations for the Town annual budget and restricted cemetery funds?

Wow, this looks like a pretty daunting list! But as I said earlier, many of these items have been partially completed, but we need to compile the data to insure we can meet our obligations. Some of this work is short term, some will go on into the foreseeable future. Some is outdoors, some is computer-based or digging through old records. Obviously, something for everyone!

Is this something that would interest you, a friend, or family member? These kind of tasks are more enjoyable when shared. Are you new to town and want to connect with the history, or a longtime resident looking to maintain your roots? If you are interested in getting involved, contact Charlene Donahue at 485-0960 or donahuecp15@gmail.com.

NOVEMBER 2017 COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR

- 1st **ARLINGTON GRANGE MEETING**, Call 549-3491 for more information .
YIN YOGA AT SHEEPSCOT GENERAL, 7-8:30 pm
- 2nd **SENIOR MEN'S GROUP**, Sheepscot General, 10 am
- 3rd **WHITEFIELD FOOD PANTRY**, St. Denis Hall, 1-3 pm
FULL MOON PADDLE, 5:30-8 pm, Hidden Valley Nature Center, Jefferson.
 FMI: midcoastconservancy.org/events, (207)389-5150
- 4th **KINGS MILLS UNION HALL CRAFT FAIR, 10-2**
- 6th **COOPERS MILLS FIRE DEPT.** All are welcome. No obligation. 7 pm
KINGS MILLS FIRE DEPT., 7 pm
- 7th **SELECT BOARD**, Fire Station, 6 pm
KINGS MILLS UNION HALL BOARD MEETING - Public Welcome 7 pm
- 8th **YIN YOGA AT SHEEPSCOT GENERAL**, 7-8:30 pm
- 9th **SENIOR MEN'S GROUP**, Sheepscot General, 10 am
RSU SCHOOL BOARD MEETING Chelsea School, 6:30 pm
- 12th **WHITEFIELD ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (WAA)**, Whitefield School, 6 pm
- 13th **WHITEFIELD MUNICIPAL FIRE DEPT.**, Fire Station, 7 pm
- 14th **WOMEN OF WHITEFIELD**, Sheepscot General, 10 am
WHITEFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY meeting 1:00 pm Town House
SELECT BOARD, Fire Station, 6 pm
- 15th **PLANNING BOARD**, Fire Station, 6:00 pm
YIN YOGA AT SHEEPSCOT GENERAL, 7-8:30 pm
- 16th **SENIOR MEN'S GROUP**, Sheepscot General, 10 am
- 17th **OPEN MIC NIGHT FEATURING PUTNAM SMITH & ASHLEY STORROW**, Sheepscot General, 7-9 pm
- 18th **DRUMMING CIRCLE**, Sheepscot General, 6:30 pm. Open to the public, all ages welcome.
- 21st **SELECT BOARD**, Fire Station, 6 pm
- 22th **YIN YOGA AT SHEEPSCOT GENERAL**, 7-8:30 pm
- 23th **HAPPY THANKSGIVING**
- 28th **WOMEN OF WHITEFIELD**, Sheepscot General, 10 am
SELECT BOARD, Fire Station, 6 pm
- 29th **YIN YOGA AT SHEEPSCOT GENERAL**, 7-8:30 pm
- 30th **SENIOR MEN'S GROUP**, Sheepscot General, 10 am
WHITEFIELD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, 4 pm Sheepscot General



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Remember the Whitefield Food Pantry. Located at St. Denis Church Hall, the food pantry is open the first Friday of each month. Donate your time or food for those who may need it during the holidays and all year long. They always meet Wednesday afternoon before the first Friday of the month.

Toys for Tots events in our area

Tuesday, Nov. 14th Flatbread Pizza Fundraiser, Flatbread Company, 399 Commercial St. Rockport, ME 5-8 pm

Saturday Nov. 11th Flagship Cinemas, 730 Center St. Waterville from 9-12 Bring a toy and watch a Christmas movie.

Saturday, Nov. 25th, Come visit us at our Cocoa Booth during the Parade of Lights in Downtown Rockland, Corner of Main and Tillson Ave. at SnowDrop Confections.

Saturday Dec. 2nd Flagship Cinemas, 247 Kennedy Memorial Drive, Waterville from 8:30-11:30 Bring a toy and watch a Christmas movie.

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Sheepscot General Holiday Bazaar

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Kings Mills Union Hall Christmas Program

December 3rd, 3-5 pm
Christmas Party & Tree Lighting - Santa arrives at 4pm. Fun for children of all ages. Everyone welcome.

Winter Concerts

Wednesday, December 13th in the school gym. The first concert features grades K-3 at 5:15pm and the second concert features the 4th and 5th grade along with the 5-8 grade band at 6:30pm.

Sheepscot General Breakfast Brunch

December 17, 9-1 pm

Christmas Wreath Sale

- the 8th grade is currently taking orders for wreaths - they are \$12. If you would like to order one, please contact an 8th grader, call the school at 549-7691 or email Mrs. Howard at choward@svrsu.org to get more information.



Whitefield voters to consider marijuana moratorium Dec. 6

By Bill McKeen

A special Town Meeting to consider a marijuana moratorium is scheduled for Wednesday, December 6th at 6:30 at the Whitefield Elementary Gym. A local moratorium is needed because the state moratorium runs out February 1, 2018.

It was hoped that the Maine Legislature would enact a revised recreational marijuana law providing clear regulations for a number of potential marijuana enterprises, or they would extend the state moratorium. The Governor vetoed the proposed bill and the legislature did not have the votes to override that veto. The legislature must now approve a bill in January, which the Governor then signs. If not, the legislature would need enough votes to override a potential veto. If a bill is not enacted,



then the law passed by the citizen's referendum would take effect on January 30, 2018. Accordingly, there is great uncertainty.

A local 180 day moratorium would give time for the Town of Whitefield to either ban marijuana related businesses entirely or have the town write controlling ordinances for voter approval. The law calls for five licenses to be issued:

1. Cultivation for wholesale
2. Manufacture (processing)
3. Testing Labs
4. Retail stores
5. Social clubs for onsite use

Whether the town bans any or all of these or regulates them will be decided at a future Town Meeting.

Fire Station: Open for business during emergencies

by Sue McKeen

Almost fittingly, on the day before the "scariest" day of the year, a Halloween storm blew in like a monster from the southwest and tore through our town like a hurricane. Winds up to 70 mph blew down powers lines, uprooted trees, and created havoc all over the state; particularly in Lincoln County.

At 5:30 on the morning of October 30, Chief Scott Higgins heard the first tone. He knew it would be a long day. He gathered his firefighters; a group of 16. Armed with chain saws, two crews, and two trucks, they set out. As I spoke with Chief Higgins, he told me, "It was a disaster! Mills Road was a tangle of poles and wires. We had to cut trees in order to get out to Route 17 via the Vigue Road." He told me they had to repeat this process all day in order to open up the roads. A problem they encountered frequently was that they were not able to remove any trees entangled in electrical lines, making the work much more challenging. He said, "This is a project for the power companies only", and the power companies were obviously not immediately on site. When the gen-



Photo submitted by Aaron Miller

erator at the Country Manor Nursing Home went down, Chief Higgins's men showed up to help. These volunteer firefighters worked from dawn to dusk, and then were back on Tuesday to do the same. The only gas within miles was available at the Whitefield Superette, where a long line queued up to fill cans for those lucky enough to have generators. Tim Chase removed several large trees on Route 218 with his

tractor. Heroes all.

By Tuesday, I decided I needed a shower and some water. After securing the key to the fire station, I enjoyed a hot shower, filled water jugs, chatted with friends and returned home to my dark, powerless house. By now, we all knew this power outage wasn't going away anytime soon. In discussions with the Select Board and Chief Higgins, an impromptu volunteer core was put in place to man the fire station for use by the public during the hours of 12 to 8. Not only did Tony Marple, Frank Ober, Bill McKeen & Lester Shaffer of the Select Board turn up to help, but several volunteers as well; George Fergusson, David and Barbara Hayden,

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Storm Continued from Pg. 1 Ed Mooney. Heroes all.

In moving forward, it was agreed by the Select Board, that they will fund a per diem type position for one or two people to man the fire station during an emergency, as well as supplement with volunteers. These types of emergencies are infrequent, but when they happen, it is important to know there is help available and a place to go. At this time, the Jefferson School is the official "warming center" for the area, but in this case, due to mild weather, use of that facility was not needed. What was needed was a place to go to shower, get water, recharge, chat with friends, have a cup of coffee and know your community is behind you.



Dana Rogers' Shed submitted by Debbie Rogers

As an aside, I particularly enjoyed my several showers at the fire station. Chief Higgins and I generally showed up at the same time, with our little bags of towels, soap and shampoo. Just in case you've never experienced the facilities at the fire station, there are very roomy men's and ladies' rooms, complete with showers, a shower chair if needed, and plenty of hot water. The next time the power goes out, remember, you've got friends at the fire station. If you would like to volunteer to help man the fire station during an emergency, please contact Sue McKeen at 446-7473.

Lions Club reaches out to those in need

The Whitefield Lions Club would like to help families who could use assistance at Christmas.

A Christmas party has been scheduled for Dec. 9, 2017 at the Whitefield Lions Club at 11 a.m.

The club helps the towns of Whitefield, Windsor, Jefferson and Somerville. For the past five years, the Lions Club has provided clothes, books, toys, etc. This year they will be primarily helping ages Infant to 10 year olds. However, they do not leave any child out.

Due to privacy issues, the Lions Club is asking those seeking assistance to contact Dolly Lothrop in Whitefield, 242-6406, or Brenda Bonsant, 445-2737.

Arlington Grange 2018 Calendar

Announcing the arrival of the 5th annual Arlington Grange Calendar. Our calendar this year is about the historic Barns in our area.

The Grange is working to increase our community service activities and upkeep of the historic building. Our current goal is to have the building painted this spring. We have had a wonderful year with the creation of the Arlington Library by a devoted group of volunteers



who have worked tirelessly to create an incredible resource for the town.



This is our fifth edition of the Grange Calendar and as always appreciate the assistance of the Whitefield Historical Society without whom we would be unable to present such a wonderful example of Whitefield history.

The calendar is available at the North Whitefield Superette, Sheepscot General, Hussy's General, Alna General, and Yellow Front Grocery. For more information,

please call 549-3491.

Our School News:



-Winter Concerts - Due to seating capacity, there will be two separate winter concerts on Wednesday, December 13th in the school gym. The first concert features grades K-3 at 5:15pm and the second concert features the 4th and 5th grade along with the 5-8 grade band at 6:30pm.

-Ms. Hilton (Art teacher) is looking for donations of old towels that can be used for rags

when doing art projects.

-Christmas Wreath Sale - the 8th grade is currently taking orders for wreaths - they are \$12. If you would like to order one, please contact an 8th grader, call the school at 549-7691 or email Mrs. Howard at choward@svrsu.org to get more information. All funds will be used for the students' year-end trip. Thank you in advance for supporting the 8th grade class.



-The "cave kids" (aka...6th graders) completed their study of the Stone Age with a mini early morning celebration. They roasted samples of wild game (venison and bear harvested by fellow classmates) outside in a fire pit, enjoyed their feast of acorn mash bread, shared their research posters, and demonstrated their group projects (such as model spears and bows). Interactive learning at its best!

-PTA reminder - please join us for our December 12 meeting @ 7:00 (always the 2nd Tues. of the month). We need all of our community to remain functioning for our children.

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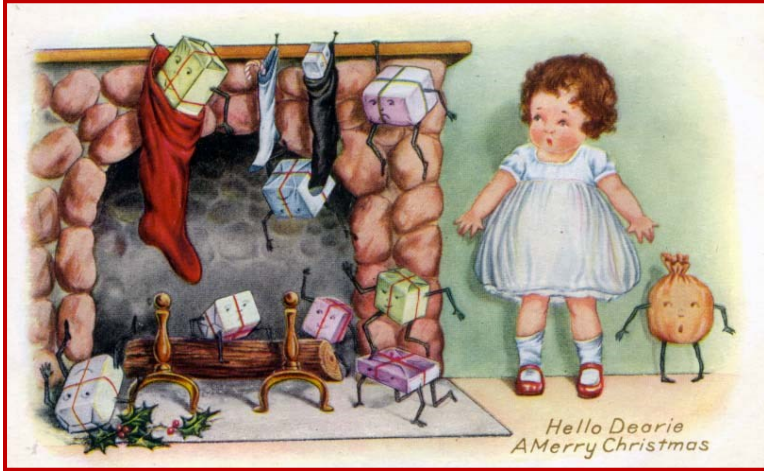
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Whitefield Referendum results

Below are the Whitefield results of the Referendum Election on 11/7/17:

- #1 An act to allow slot machines or casino in York County
Yes - 74
No - 589
- #2 An act to enhance the Affordable Care Act
Yes - 384
No - 280
- #3 An act to authorize a general fund to improve highways, bridges
Yes - 446
No - 213
- #4 An amendment to the Constitution to reduce volatility in State Pension funding
Yes - 401
No - 235

Town Solar Update

by Tony Marple

Since the town's solar panels became operational on the fire station in January, the panels have generated significantly more power than the town has used in all of its facilities. Under "net metering", surplus electricity is set aside in a "bank" that can be



Photo by Tony Marple

used to offset any usage in future months that might exceed solar generation. The bank reverts to zero annually. Weather and season affect what the panels generate and we are entering fall and winter, so nothing is certain. But at this point, it looks as though the town should remain in a surplus position. If that happens, the town may want to consider converting the heat and/or hot water in some town facilities from fuel to heat pumps, for example. New heat pumps have already been installed in the Town Office where oil will now only be used as a back-up. At the time that the board was considering solar contractors last year, there was uncertainty about what decisions the State Legislature and the Public Utility Commission would make regarding the future of net metering. Accordingly, we entered into a lease contract with The Power Company of Washington, Maine. The lease guarantees that our electricity expense will not exceed 90% of what it would be without the solar system. It also allows the town to buy the system after six years which may create greater savings. Any such proposal would be voted on at Town Meeting. While we only have eight months of experience, I'm confident that the project will provide financial and environmental benefits.

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DECEMBER 2017 COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR

- 1st** **WHITEFIELD FOOD PANTRY**, St. Denis Hall, 1-3 pm
HOLIDAY BAZAAR AT SHEEPSHOT GENERAL Our famous bazaar featuring local food, artisan, and craftspeople. Great for all your gift-giving needs. 5-8 pm
FULL MOON HIKE Explore the wonders of nature under the light of the full moon at Hidden Valley Nature Center. We'll end the evening with a hot drink and camaraderie at one of the heated cabins. Meet at the gate promptly for a 2.5 mile trek to the pond for the full moon rising. Please no dogs. 4:30-6:30 pm (207) 389-5150
- 3rd** **KINGS MILLS UNION HALL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM** 3-5 pm
 Christmas Party & Tree Lighting - Santa arrives at 4pm
- 4th** **COOPERS MILLS FIRE DEPT.** All are welcome. No obligation. 7 pm
KINGS MILLS FIRE DEPT., 7 pm
- 5th** **SELECT BOARD**, Fire Station, 6 pm
KINGS MILLS UNION HALL BOARD MEETING - Public Welcome 7 pm
- 6th** **ARLINGTON GRANGE MEETING**, Call 549-3491 for more information .
YIN YOGA AT SHEEPSHOT GENERAL, 7-8:30 pm
- 7th** **SENIOR MEN'S GROUP**, Sheepsot General, 10 am
- 10th** **WHITEFIELD ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (WAA)**, Whitefield School, 6 pm
- 11th** **WHITEFIELD MUNICIPAL FIRE DEPT.**, Fire Station, 7 pm
- 12th** **WOMEN OF WHITEFIELD**, Sheepsot General, 10 am
WHITEFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY meeting 1:00 pm Town House
SELECT BOARD, Fire Station, 6 pm
PTA REMINDER - please join us for our December 12 meeting @ 7:00 (always the 2nd Tues. of the month). We need all of our community to remain functioning for our children.
- 13th** **WINTER CONCERTS AT THE WHITEFIELD SCHOOL**, The first concert features grades K-3 at 5:15pm and the second concert features the 4th and 5th grade along with the 5-8 grade band at 6:30pm.
YIN YOGA AT SHEEPSHOT GENERAL, 7-8:30 pm
- 14th** **SENIOR MEN'S GROUP**, Sheepsot General, 10 am
RSU SCHOOL BOARD MEETING Chelsea School, 6:30 pm
- 15th** **OPEN MIC NIGHT FEATURING** featuring, The Oshima Brothers, Sheepsot General, 7-9 pm
- 16th** **DRUMMING CIRCLE**, Sheepsot General, 6:30 pm. Open to the public, all ages welcome.
- 17th** **DECEMBER SUNDAY BRUNCH AT SHEEPSHOT GENERAL** 9am-1pm
- 19th** **SELECT BOARD**, Fire Station, 6 pm
- 20th** **PLANNING BOARD**, Fire Station, 6:00 pm
YIN YOGA AT SHEEPSHOT GENERAL, 7-8:30 pm
- 21st** **SENIOR MEN'S GROUP**, Sheepsot General, 10 am
- 26th** **WOMEN OF WHITEFIELD**, Sheepsot General, 10 am
SELECT BOARD, Fire Station, 6 pm
- 27th** **YIN YOGA AT SHEEPSHOT GENERAL**, 7-8:30 pm
- 28th** **SENIOR MEN'S GROUP**, Sheepsot General, 10 am
- 29th** **FULL MOON HIKE** Explore the wonders of nature under the light of the full moon at Hidden Valley Nature Center. We'll end the evening with a hot drink and camaraderie at one of the heated cabins. Meet at the gate promptly for a 2.5 mile trek to the pond for the full moon rising. Please no dogs. 4:30-6:30 pm (207) 389-5150



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