



# Whitefield News

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## Holiday Happenings

**Mt. View Chamber Singers "Carols in the Round" St. Denis Church, Dec. 2nd 7 pm sharp**

**Sheepscot General Holiday Bazaar Dec. 4, 5-8 pm**

**SVCA Annual Holiday Potluck and Silent Auction Saturday, December 5, 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. SVCA Office, Newcastle**

**Christmas Program with a visit from Santa Kings Mills Union Hall Dec. 6, 3-5 pm**

**Whitefield Food Pantry Friday Dec. 4, 1-3 pm**

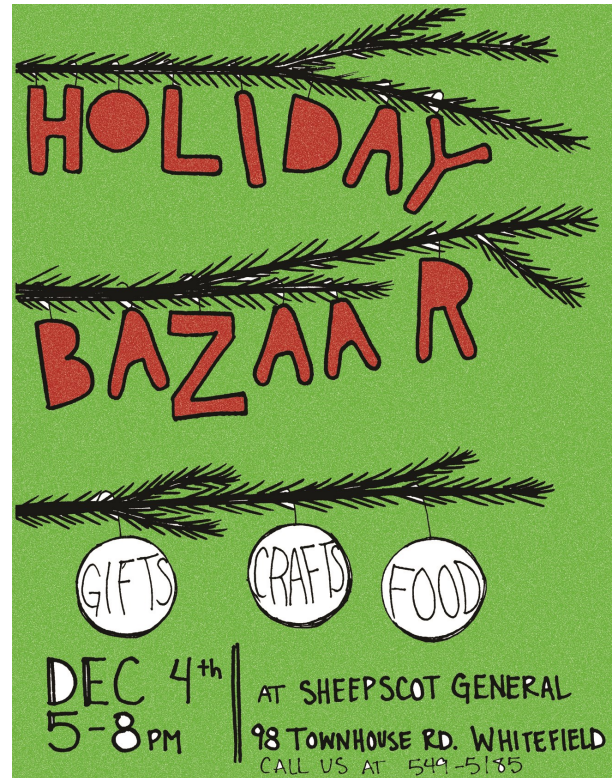
## Shop Local: why and how

by Kit Pfeiffer

In this season of gift-giving, you can do your part to boost our local economy, and our sense of community, by looking to our own Whitefield and nearby store-keepers, artisans, farmers and practitioners. Why?

National studies have shown that for \$100 that you spend at locally-owned businesses, \$68 remains in our local economy. However, spending on line or at chain businesses such as the big box stores, only \$43 of your \$100 will stay in our community. (Statistics from [www.localfirst.com](http://www.localfirst.com)). Local businesses also donate more to community charities than non-local businesses. Also, getting a gift right here in Whitefield means less travel (and time!), no shipping charges, and therefore less of a carbon footprint. As Michael H. Shuman says in his book Going Local, "It means becoming more self-sufficient and less dependent on imports. Control moves ... back into the community where it belongs."

When we shop locally, we build a sense of community in several important ways. We get to know each other, deepening relationships and creating a sense of pride in our town. We build connections with our neighbors that can lead to ideas of what we might do to make this an even better place to live.



Poster by Hannah George

### How?

- Here are just a few ideas for shopping locally:
- \*Patronize the advertisers in the Whitefield News and thank them for making this newspaper possible!
  - \*Seek out local holiday fairs and craft shows. (See Calendar on last page.)
  - \*Look at labels on food products to find locally-made goods. (Hannaford's has "Close to Home" signs directing you to Maine products; Sheepscot General features dozens of Whitefield products such as cheeses, yogurts, vegetables and many hand-made crafts.)
  - \*Give a gift certificate for local services-- a hairdresser, a car mechanic, a music or art teacher, a share in a CSA farm. Be creative. The local list is long!
  - \*Give a gift membership in a local non-profit such as the Sheepscot Valley Conservation Association, which holds the conservation easements on the properties where the new Whitefield Trails are now open to the public.
  - \*Make a donation in someone's name to our local food pantry, volunteer fire department, or other local service organization.
- Have fun shopping locally. We will all reap the benefits.

## Santa to visit Whitefield

by Cheryle Joslyn

The big fella is...well, we all know he is Santa, of course, and the young fella, Finn Maldovan (son of Kacie and Tobin Maldovan) has a lot to say to him. Santa has been told many tales over the years, but one that really makes him chuckle was from a little "blondie" who pushed her way to the front. She snuggled up to Santa's ear and exclaimed, "Santa, you are the only boy I have ever loved". That made Santa's trip to Whitefield worth the flight. He will make his appearance again this year at the Kings Mills Hall, Sunday, Dec. 6 from 4:00-4:30. All are welcome; please join the fun.



Photo Courtesy of Cheryle Joslyn





## Need help this holiday season?

by Debbie Rogers

The holidays are upon us again, and for many, it is a very stressful time of year as we try to provide necessities and niceties for our family. There are many organizations out there that may be able to help. Here are a few:

- **Whitefield Food Bank**, 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month 1-3 pm (Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>) Mary Lemieux at the St. Denis food bank: 582-2684
- **Town of Whitefield**, The town office administers General Assistance, whether it be for fuel assistance, personal supplies, medications, etc. This requires an application and income screening: 549-5175.
- **United Methodist Church Clothes Closet** - Judy Harriman 582-4359, Dot Weeks 582-3749, Bette Seymour at the **Randolph Church** 582-5188.
- **Wiscasset Food Pantry** 882-9088
- **Help Yourself Shelf** 882-7184.
- **Department of Health and Human Services** 287-3707
- **Salvation Army** 623-3752
- **Goodwill** 623-1774
- **Catholic Charities** 621-8520
- **Senior Spectrum** 626-7777
- **211** - One number - thousands of services. 2-1-1 is an easy-to-remember number that connects people who want to give help or get help with a full range of health and human services in their community
- **Maine State Housing Authority** 626-4600
- **LIHEAP** 800-542-8227
- **KVCAP** - 800-542-8227
- **Lincoln County Family Holiday Wishes** will be providing their familiar pink and blue Wish Tags to any program requesting them. Each Wish Tag represents the holiday wish of a local child and will begin appearing on Wish Trees soon. Shoppers can select a tag, purchase the gift, and then return it to the Wish Tree location - fulfilling that child's holiday wish. Once established, a list of Wish Tree locations will be published in The Lincoln County News. Whitefield residents may contact Lincoln County Family Holiday Wishes at 350-7799. Volunteers are needed to help with Family Holiday Wishes, as are businesses and churches to host Wish Tree locations. To find out more about Lincoln County Family Holiday Wishes, call 350-7799.
- **Friends Helping Friends** There is a group of concerned citizens in town who are spearheading an effort to assist Whitefield seniors. Its aim is to help people remain in their homes independently as long as possible. Needs might include help getting to appointments, or the grocery store, or town events, etc. We are looking for volunteers to provide these services as well as folks who need them. Below is a list of those currently in the group who have committed help when possible:
  - Wes Keep - 549-3635 kphenranch@roadrunner.com
  - Avery Dunn - 549-3000 storehouse@roadrunner.com
  - Sister Juanita Robichaud 549-3945 juanitapfm@aol.com
  - Al & Nancy Legere 549-5543 MaineLegeres@gmail.com
  - Marie Patfoort 549-7358 None
  - Rosemary Sanborn 549-6035 krsanborn@roadrunner.com
- Also, check out your local church, school and civic organizations.

## Box Tops and labels for education

by Cheryle Joslyn

Whitefield School continues its Box Tops and Labels for Education Program again this year. Last year the Whitefield PTA and K-8 classrooms were able to contribute funds earned through the Box Tops

Program to help support the renovating of the school's new playground and the construction of the outdoor classroom. This year's funds will be used to support a variety of classroom projects throughout the year. Friendly competition amongst classes to redeem the most points has already begun. Last year a total of 10,000 box tops and labels was collected and Mrs. Beck's Kindergarten and Mr. Cullenburg's 5th grade were the winners of the challenge.

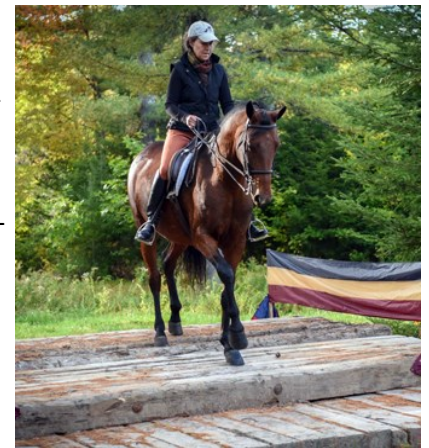


Please don't throw away your boxes or containers without checking and cutting first. These can be sent in to school with your child, or dropped off in the main lobby of the school. It's crazy how they add up! Every little bit helps!

## Acorn Hill Farm

by Jennifer Grady

Acorn Hill Farm, a horse facility owned by Steve and Jennifer Grady in Kings Mills, has been hosting trail rides for many years. The proceeds go to different charities. We have a large network of trails for horseback riding that we maintain year round. (in the Winter they are part of the snowmobile trail network) We also offer an obstacle course area for horse training and activities. We hosted four group rides in 2015 with proceeds going to the Kings Mills Union Hall, the Make A Wish Foundation and the Friesian Events Association ( a New England based charitable horse group). Our rides are typically 7 to 12 miles in length at which riders will ride at their own rate on the marked trail, with the obstacle course offered for fun or as a



Photos provided by Acorn Hill Farm



judged portion of the ride. You may contact Jennifer at 549-3170 or email acornhill@aol.com for more information.



## Whitefield Historical Society "Just Yesterday"



(photo courtesy of the Chester Gillis Collection and the Whitefield Historical Society)

This Christmas tree wagon photo of Willis Boynton and Ann Gillis was taken in circa 1947 in Kings Mills. Willis's granddaughter, Helen Rines, remembers visiting her grandfather at his home on Boynton Lane. The home (known as the Benjamin Larrabee house built before 1825) still stands at the end of the lane, and the remaining trees have grown quite tall.

## Whitefield 8th grade wreath project

courtesy Whitefield School

Please help the 8th grade by purchasing wreaths for the holiday season (made by Juanita Peaslee). The cost of 1 wreath is \$12, and each wreath comes with a bow and pine cones to get your home decorating started. You may order by calling Doris at school (549-7691).



Juanita Peaslee Photo by Tony Marple

Delivery to be expected by Friday, December 4th.

Thank you for your support, and have a wonderful holiday season!

## St. Denis Whitefield food pantry cookbook!

The Whitefield Food Pantry is excited to announce their new cookbook. The book will be available the first week in December and offers 525 recipes from area homes.

All proceeds for the cookbook will benefit the Food Pantry.

Each hardcover 3 ring style book will cost \$20 and can be purchased at area stores. You may also preorder by contacting:

Becky Morton 549-0007

Mary Lemieux 582-2684




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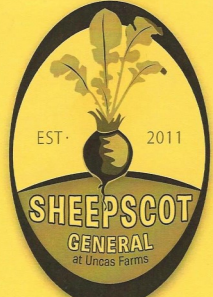
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## DECEMBER 2015 COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR

- 1st** **Select Board**, Fire Station, 6 pm  
**Laughing Yoga with Karen Stultz** Join us and discover the fast and easy way to reduce stress, and have fun doing it. Sheepscot General, 6:30 pm
- 2nd** **Whitefield Historical Society** meeting 6:30 pm  
**Mt. View Chamber Singers "Carols in the Round"**, St. Denis Church, 7 pm sharp
- 3rd** **Senior Men's Group**, Sheepscot General, 10 am
- 4th** **Whitefield Food Pantry**, St. Denis Hall, 1-3 pm  
**Holiday Bazaar**, Sheepscot General, 5-8 pm
- 5th** **SVCA Annual Holiday Potluck and Silent Auction**. 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
 SVCA Office Newcastle
- 6th** **Nature Journaling Workshop**, Beginning and experienced writers are encouraged to participate. Members Free, \$15 non-members. 10am-3pm, Registration is required. Visit [www.hvnc.org/registration/](http://www.hvnc.org/registration/) for details  
**Christmas Program with Visit from SANTA**, Kings Mills Union Hall, 3-5 pm
- 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  
**Select Board**, Fire Station, 6 pm
- 10th** **Senior Men's Group**, Sheepscot General, 10 am  
**RSU School Board Meeting** Chelsea School, 6:30 pm
- 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** **Planning Board**, Fire Station, 6:00 pm
- 17th** **Senior Men's Group**, Sheepscot General, 10 am
- 18th** **Open-Mic Night**, Sheepscot General, 7-9 pm
- 19th** **DRUMMING CIRCLE**, Sheepscot General, 6:30 pm. Open to the public, all ages
- 22nd** **Women of Whitefield**, Sheepscot General, 10 am  
**Select Board**, Fire Station, 6 pm
- 24th** **Senior Men's Group**, Sheepscot General, 10 am
- 29th** **Select Board**, Fire Station, 6 pm
- 31st** **Senior Men's Group**, Sheepscot General, 10 am



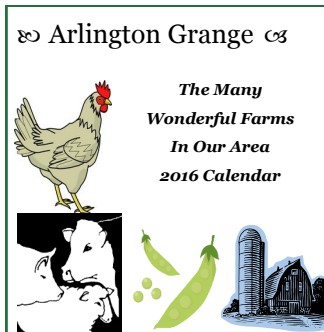
*Do you have an event? Contact [whitefieldtownnews@gmail.com](mailto:whitefieldtownnews@gmail.com)  
 We'll add you to the town calendar website and newsletter.*

### 3rd Annual Arlington Grange Calendar

The 3rd Annual Arlington Grange calendar is now available. This year's calendar highlights the many farm families and wonderful products in our area, a gift that gives all year round. Proceeds benefit the Arlington Grange.

The calendar is available at the following stores: Sheepscot General, No. Whitefield Superette, Hussy's General and the Alna Store.

We appreciate your continued support.



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