



Happy July 4th

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Fourth of July Celebration

**Begins Tues. July 4th at
10 am**

**The Parade
White Elephant Sale
Music**

**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.

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.

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



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 **SHEEPSCOT 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**, Sheepscot 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 Sheepscot 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**, Sheepscot 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 Sheepscot 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**, Sheepscot General, 10 am
RSU SCHOOL BOARD MEETING Chelsea School, 6:30 pm
- 14th **SUMMER OUTDOOR MUSIC CONCERTS** with pizza and beer:
 Sheepscot General—William Joseph Jordan, Sugarbush and The Oshima Brothers \$12 July 14th 6-9pm
- 15th **SUMMER LIBRARY**, Arlington Grange 10-12pm
DRUMMING CIRCLE, Sheepscot General, 6:30 pm. Open to the public, all ages welcome.
SENIOR MEN'S GROUP, Sheepscot 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**, Sheepscot General, 10 am
- 21st **OPEN-MIC NIGHT**, Sheepscot General, 7-9 pm
- 22nd **SUMMER LIBRARY**, Arlington Grange 10-12pm
- 25th **WOMEN OF WHITEFIELD**, Sheepscot General, 10 am
SELECT BOARD, Fire Station, 6 pm
- 26th **SUMMER LIBRARY**, Arlington Grange 10-12pm
SHEEPSCOT 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 fini call Mary at (549-5041) or Arlene (549-7937)
- 27th **SENIOR MEN'S GROUP**, Sheepscot General, 10 am
- 29th **SUMMER LIBRARY**, Arlington Grange 10-12pm



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