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Get Ready - Here Comes The Parade

(submitted by Jeff Newell & Aaron Miller)

On July 4th, the folks in Whitefield host a wonderful tradition. The Parade and celebration in Kings Mills has a rich history with wonderful things to see, buy, eat, and enjoy! The festivities begin with the Parade at 10:00 am, followed by the fireman's auction, food concessions, and the new addition of a silent auction in the firehouse engine bay. The silent auction features many high-priced items (several \$100 gift certificates such as Fielding's oil, a brand new Serra recliner provided by Northern Mattress, two weekend passes to the North Atlantic Blues Festival, two tickets to see Michael Franti at Savage Oakes, two tickets to the Darlings Waterfront Pavilion to see the Pentatonix, and gift certificates to many local businesses for goods and services. A full list can be seen on the Kings Mills Facebook page.

Other events are the famous cake walk, games, a bounce house provided by the Sheepscot Community Church, and the Union Hall's white elephant sale.

Important Changes for Parade Participants

*Those who wish to enter a motorized vehicle in the annual Fourth of July parade must now show proof of insurance and a valid driver's license.

In addition, the town's insurance company has recommended the following:

- Children should have qualified supervision at all times.
- Persons riding on floats should have proper footing/seating and should not be allowed to hang any appendage over the sides of the float.
- No items or candy should be thrown from a float, but rather distributed by accompanying walkers.
- No fireworks or pyrotechnics should be allowed in or on any vehicle or float.

The Kings Mills Volunteer Fire Association has been appointed by the Whitefield Select Board to oversee the parade. More details will follow after June 4, 2018. For more information, contact the Whitefield Town Office at 549-5175.

WHITEFIELD LIBRARY TO HOST OPEN HOUSE SATURDAY, JUNE 9TH 10:00 TO 2:00

By Sue McKeen

At the top of Grand Army Hill in Whitefield, sits the bright yellow Arlington Grange, now home to the Whitefield Library. The library has been operating since last July and is now open Saturdays from 10-12, and beginning June 16th every



Wednesday and Saturday until September. Thanks to donations of hundreds of used books and hundreds of volunteer hours, the library is now hoping to purchase new books to add to the collection.

On June 9th the library will host an OPEN

HOUSE to help raise money for the purchase of new books. On the fun filled day, there will be live music by the *Well Seasoned* acoustical folk music group, a \$4 lunch including make your own Italian, a bake sale, games and crafts for the kids, music, face painting, a wonderful silent auction including: gift certificates for an overnight in a cabin or yurt at Hidden Valley Nature Center, Aroma Touch Therapy by Karen Stultz, Zardis, Sheepscot General, Auntie Gins, Cabelas, NC Hunt's donated 2 yds of mulch, Hairworks, Damariscotta Lake Farm, The Scoop, and items like jewelry, pottery, a bay window, and a handmade basket. The items are still coming in! We will also have a book sale, 50/50 raffle, White Elephant Sale, angel and fairy card reading and more.

Please join us June 9th for what promises to be a fantastic community day. We hope to see you June 9th...RAIN OR SHINE!

COME TO THE LIBRARY



Ranked Choice Voting Begins June 12th

The June 12, 2018 Primary Election will be conducted using a method of ranked-choice voting.

This method allows voters to choose their candidates in order of preference by marking candidates as their first, second, third, and subsequent choices.

The votes are tabulated in rounds; with the lowest-ranked candidates eliminated in each round until there are only two candidates remaining in the final round, and the candidate with the most votes is declared the winner.

It is different from our previous method of voting in which voters choose only one candidate for each office, and the winner is determined by plurality (whoever gets the most votes). Ranked-choice voting is only applied when there are three or more candidates running for the same office. Thus, for the June 12, 2018 Primary Election, you will receive a ranked-choice ballot for: The Democratic and Republican nominations for the office of Governor; the Democratic nomination for the Representative to Congress in Congressional

District 2; and the Republican nomination for Representative to the Maine Legislature in House District 75.

To mark the ballot for your first-choice candidate – the person who you would most like to see win the office – simply fill in the oval next to their name in the “1st Choice” column. If you wish to rank some or all of the remaining candidates in order of your preference, you may do so, or you can choose to vote for only your first choice. To mark a candidate as your second choice, fill in the oval next to their name in the “2nd Choice” column, and so on.

You can find additional resources and details about ranked-choice voting on the Department of the Secretary of State website RCV Resources page, <http://maine.gov/sos/cec/elec/upcoming/rcv.html>. You can vote at the polls on Primary Election Day, June 12 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Whitefield Fire & Rescue at 24 Townhouse Rd. or request an absentee ballot from the town office by calling 549-5175.

Guide to Put Whitefield Businesses, Products and Services on the Map

By Bill McKeen

Visitors to Whitefield's Sheepscot General Store have often complimented owners Ben and Taryn Marcus about their store. The compliment is often followed by the question, "What other things are there here in Whitefield to see and do?"

Members of the Whitefield Economic Development Committee are making an effort to answer that question by developing a map and guide that will be handed out to Whitefield visitors. The guide will be distributed at Whitefield businesses and will include a map, history, recreational sites, free listing of businesses, and space for paid advertising. The first edition of the guide will be published for distribution this summer.

The mission of the Whitefield Economic Development Committee is to develop new business (as well as facilitate growth of the town's present businesses) while still protecting the town's rural nature. The development and design of the map and guide has been completely created and designed by volunteers and will involve no taxpayer money.

The map and guide committee has a list of present businesses and wants to include as many free listings as possible. However, the list may not be very current and needs to be brought up to date. The committee will call as many on that list as possible, but it would like all those who have not been contacted, or who may have new businesses or services, to contact Bill McKeen at 446-8891 or maciainchief@gmail.com.

Cooking Class at the Whitefield Food Pantry

The Whitefield Food Pantry is having classes on *Cooking and Eating Healthy on a Budget* from July 12 - August 2. The classes will be Thursdays from 10-12 am. The classes will consist of cooking the meal and enjoying it together afterwards (lots of fun while learning great tips and recipes). Call 582-2684 to register or for more information.



Bicycle Safety Reminder from our School

(Kendra Anderson, Whitefield School Nurse)

Whitefield Elementary School would like to remind everyone that with good weather arriving, there are a number of students who travel to and from school on bicycles and by foot. There was an incident last week involving a cyclist being struck by a motorist in the evening on Rt 218. There were minor physical injuries, but several of our students were affected emotionally. We want to be able to continue to encourage the students to walk and bike to school.

Our school has been in touch with the Bicycle Coalition of Maine. We are hoping to have a presentation by the coalition on bicycle and pedestrian safety this Spring for grades 5-8. In addition, the school staff has been reviewing bicycle safety.

The Bicycle Coalition has been in contact with the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department requesting an increase in their presence during school drop-off and dismissal times. There has also been contact with the DOT to help with education and possibly some signage for the town.

PLEASE drive slowly and cautiously - help to keep our kids safe!!



Congratulations, Eliza!

by Judith Robbins

On May 18, 2018, Eliza Robbins joined 499 other graduates at Central Maine Community College in Lewiston. Given the numbers, she might easily have gotten lost in the crowd, but not Whitefield's Eliza. She graduated with an associate's degree in applied sciences in the Building Construction Technology program, earning President's Honors, the highest level of honors that the College awards, requiring a G.P.A. of 3.9 or higher. Eliza was also elected to the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society.



Her journey of furthering her formal education was difficult at first because she missed being as involved as she wanted to be in her now four-year-old son Henry's life. When she came home at night, he would fall asleep in her arms and then she would cry. But as time passed and she became more engaged with her studies, it got better. She began to see more clearly that it would be worth it for her family in the end.

Eliza gives her family, especially her husband Josh Robbins, credit for supporting her through her two years of study and work. "I wouldn't have been able to do it without that support," she said. She also credits the support of faculty at the College, who were always available for questions a student might have but who also gave the student space to figure things out on her own. She added, "Surprisingly it was not difficult to go back to school. The College is so small and welcoming, it made it easy to succeed.

"From President to faculty," she continued, "everyone is very warm and welcoming. It really feels like a community." And that community includes students, who Eliza said, "helped each other, rooted for each other, and wanted each other to succeed."

Eliza has found her niche in the field of carpentry and particularly likes working in cabinetry and on interior trim. Her long-term goal is to remodel hers and Josh's family home on North Hunts Meadow Road. Meanwhile she's relishing her time with Henry without the pressure of the next quiz or exam.

In addition to her newly minted degree, Eliza is a cracker-jack waitress at the A-1 Diner in Gardiner, where she continues to work part-time.



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Whitefield Historical Society "Just Yesterday"



Photo courtesy of the Whitefield Historical Society

Our annual Parade and celebration have been a yearly event for many, many years. What a great tradition to have in our wonderful town!!

Lifelong Sports At Whitefield School Fosters a Record Breaker

by Anthony Anderson

Over the past 5 years, Whitefield volunteers have organized a grades K-4 Fall and Spring Run Club, a 5th-8th grade Cross Country Running club, Summer Golf, and most recently, a 5th-8th grade Track and Field program. More than 200 students have participated in these programs, and these have all been started by volunteers.

8th grader, Sullivan Anderson, is one of the students who has benefited from these lifelong sports programs. In the midst of his final athletic season at Whitefield School, Sullivan has broken or set 5 school records in the area. His most recent record setting performance came on May 1st when he ran 2:33 in the 800 meter run at a Capital Area track meet. Sullivan is appreciative, for sure. "I am really grateful to all those adults who have started and supported these programs. Without these programs, I would not be the runner I am now," he commented.

Whitefield should be very proud of the efforts that their volunteers give. Congratulations Whitefield volunteer corps! Way to go!



Sullivan Anderson sets another record in the 800 meter dash at Cony High School track.

Update at School Board meeting planned from "Project" participants

Whitefield Collaborative Problem Solving Project participants wish to invite you to an informational presentation at the June 13th RSU 12 School Board meeting. Project members representatives from each constituent group (parents, community, staff, administration, and school board) will present pertinent information about the determinations made by the group in regards to the list of concerns and issues brought forth by the Nov. 15th open Forum.

The committee is encouraged and excited about the progress and focused attention the school community has devoted to the overall well-being of our students and the community. There is more hard work to be done, but we are excited to share with you the progress made in these past months.

The Whitefield Problem Solving Project will continue to meet weekly to discuss and make recommendations about the concerns from the Forum's list, however this is an opportunity to share with interested community members a summary of the progress made thus far.

Please attend the June 13th RSU 12 School Board meeting at 6:30 in the Chelsea School cafeteria to learn about the progress of this Project.

Sheepscot Valley Hinterland Preschool

by Brandi Grady

Sheepscot Valley Hinterland Preschool, also known as "Hinterland" (meaning an area lying beyond what is known), is Whitefield's up and coming nature-based preschool due to open in September! Hinterland will provide preschool services to children ages 4-6 and will focus on immersing students in their natural world.



The preschool is located at 39 Jewett Lane in Whitefield and will be run by two former public school teachers with experience in teaching both preschool and kindergarten for a combined total of 28 years. The program will offer a balance between foundational academic skills and hands-on experiential learning focused on environmental sciences and agricultural skills.

Hinterland will be a readiness program for easy transition into the local and area public schools or any other educational facility. Students will have access to a newly renovated open-concept classroom as well as a natural playground and multiple walking trails.

Hinterland will operate as a preschool Monday through Friday from 7:30am-2:30pm. Aftercare services will be provided for families who need extended hours for an additional fee until 5:00pm. Registration will begin July 1st and an open house is planned for mid-summer.

One of the many goals of the preschool is to connect our youngest learners to the local and surrounding community. Hinterland will work collaboratively with local farmers, artisans, and citizens dedicated to the betterment of the community. If you are interested in working with the students of Hinterland or have a skill or passion to offer, please contact the school. To get in touch with Hinterland be sure to follow "Sheepscot Valley Hinterland Preschool" on Facebook!

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Whitefield Newsletter Committee: Cheryle Joslyn, Kit Pfeiffer, Sue McKeen and Debbie Rogers.

You can also contact the staff at svhp2018@gmail.com or via telephone at 446-2877. This is an exciting adventure for the community and we can't wait to share our passions with our future students!

MAY 2018 COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR.

- 1st** **WILDFLOWER HIKE AT HIDDEN VALLEY NATURE CTR.** Join professional educator and wildflower enthusiast Susan Taylor for a wildflower walk at Hidden Valley Nature Center. 10-12 pm 207-389-5150
WHITEFIELD FOOD PANTRY, St. Denis Hall, 1-3 pm
WINE TASTING WITH SO PO WINE CO: Sheepscot General, 5pm-7pm Colleen from So Po Wine Co will be on hand with new and seasonal wines for your tasting pleasure. This is a free event (21+ and older) As you know Pizza Night is always Friday night.
KEVIN MIZNER ART OPENING at Sheepscot General 5pm We are excited to announce we will be showcasing the art of local painter Kevin Mizner!!
- 2nd** **WHITEFIELD LIBRARY AT THE ARLINGTON GRANGE 10-12 PM**
- 4th** **COOPERS MILLS FIRE DEPT.** All are welcome. No obligation. 7 pm
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- 5th** **SELECT BOARD**, Fire Station, 6 pm
YIN YOGA AT SHEEPSHOT GENERAL, 6:30-8:00 pm
KINGS MILLS UNION HALL BOARD MEETING - Public Welcome 7 pm
- 6th** **ARLINGTON GRANGE MEETING** 6:00 pm call Debbie at 549-3491 fini
- 7th** **SENIOR MEN'S GROUP**, Sheepscot General, 10 am
- 9th** **WHITEFIELD LIBRARY OPEN HOUSE 10-2 PM SEE DETAILS ON PAGE 1**
HOOKED ON FISHING DAY 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. 10-2 pm 207-389-5150
- 10th** **WHITEFIELD ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (WAA)**, Whitefield School, 6 pm
- 11th** **WHITEFIELD MUNICIPAL FIRE DEPT.**, Fire Station, 7 pm
- 12th** **WOMEN OF WHITEFIELD**, Sheepscot General, 10 am
YIN YOGA AT SHEEPSHOT GENERAL, 6:30-8:00
SELECT BOARD, Fire Station, 6 pm
PTA MEETING 5:30 pm, Whitefield School conference room
- 14th** **SENIOR MEN'S GROUP**, Sheepscot General, 10 am
RSU SCHOOL BOARD MEETING Chelsea School, 6:30 pm
- 15th** **OPEN MIC NIGHT FEATURING WELL SEASONED** 7-9pm Join us for music. Sheepscot General, 7-9 pm.. Come early for pizza night starting at 5pm.
YIN YOGA AT SHEEPSHOT GENERAL, 6:30-8:00 pm
- 16th** **MAINE SUMMER ADVENTURE RACE** Midcoast Conservancy is holding the third annual Maine Summer Adventure Race on June 16, 2018. Hidden Valley Nature Center in Jefferson, Maine 207-389-5150 .
WHITEFIELD LIBRARY AT THE ARLINGTON GRANGE 10-12 PM
DRUMMING CIRCLE, Sheepscot General, 6:30 pm. Open to the public, all ages welcome.
- 19th** **SELECT BOARD**, Fire Station, 6 pm
YIN YOGA AT SHEEPSHOT GENERAL, 6:30-8:00 pm
- 20th** **PLANNING BOARD**, Fire Station, 6:00 pm
- 21st** **SENIOR MEN'S GROUP**, Sheepscot General, 10 am
- 22nd** **8TH ANNUAL ICE CREAM SOLSTICE PARTY:** Sheepscot General 5-7pm We are entering our 8th season and invite you to join us with for annual Ice Cream Solstice Party!! We will provide the ice cream and only ask that you bring a topping to share!
- 23rd** **WHITEFIELD LIBRARY AT THE ARLINGTON GRANGE 10-12 PM**
COMMUNITY CIRCLE SING at Sheepscot General, 6pm for more information, please contact Dan Townsend (207-549-7599, oneyounggeezer@gmail.com).
- 26th** **PADDLEBOARD AND KAYAK ADVENTURE CAMP JUNE 26-28** This camp is open to all Maine youth ages 9-14. Previous experience in these activities is not required. Maine Sport Outfitters of Rockport Maine will be providing expert instruction. Price: 20\$ Scholarships available, 207-389-5150
SELECT BOARD, Fire Station, 6 pm
YIN YOGA AT SHEEPSHOT GENERAL, 6:30-8:00 pm
- 27th** **YOUNG AT HEART SENIORS GROUP MEETING**, at the Whitefield Lions club Coopers Mills, bring a dish to share (A Salad, Casserole or dessert) Time 12pm. Come and join the fun. Presidents Pat Moody and Debbie Gray. Contact number 549-5666 or 445-4930
- 28th** **SENIOR MEN'S GROUP**, Sheepscot General, 10 am
- 30th** **WHITEFIELD LIBRARY AT THE ARLINGTON GRANGE 10-12 PM**

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