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Don't forget WHITEFIELD COMMUNITY DAY SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH

Schedule of Events

- 9:00 - 10:00** Grand Army 5K road race. Starting at Whitefield Elementary School. Kids fun run to begin immediately after 5K.
- 10:00 - 2:00** Children's games, crafts, face painting.
- 10:00 - 2:00** Historical Society open. Slide show & items of interest on display.
- 10:00 - 2:00** Fire Station open for tours. 50/50 raffle tickets on sale
- 10:00 - 3:00** Craft fair, Flea Market, food. Tent.
- 10:00 - 2:00** Art show and Silent Auction - Fire Station
- 10:00** Chain Saw Art with Dan Burns
- 11:00-11:30** K-9 Demonstration - parking lot area
- 11:30-11:45** Pie Eating Contest! How many, how fast! Under the tent
- 11:45-12:00** Penny scramble for kids
- 12:00 - 1:30** Music under the Tent.
 - 12:00** Double Jinx
 - 12:30** Cigar Box Junkies
 - 1:00** The Whitefields
- 1:30- 3:30** Antiques Road Show. Free Event. Bring your treasures to be appraised by LAWRENCE TRUEMAN, L. T. AUCTIONS. Two items per person. Under the tent.
- 4:30 - 6:00** Spaghetti supper at the Arlington Grange. No fee/Goodwill donations accepted. 50/50 raffle drawing.
- 6:30-8:00** Down home entertainment. Upstairs at the Arlington Grange.

WAA still going strong after 37 years

By Sue McKeen

In the early 1980's Danny Grady found his baseball moment by slugging a two-out grand slam in the bottom of the sixth inning to lift Whitefield to a 14-10 win over China in the second game of the Dirigo Youth League championship series. He did it on a country field enclosed in a snow fence and surrounded by friends and relatives.

That was over 30 years ago and the field is now home to Country Manor Nursing Home in Coopers Mills.

This story is about one of the reasons why Danny Grady had his opportunity in the first place. Brilliant ideas have floated around many kitchen tables over the years, but one day in 1977, in the kitchen of Jim and Shirley MacGregor, with Ron Kenoyer, Mike McCormick, Bobbi Berry, Bill Bell, Dolly and Jerry Lothrop, Rodney Bailey and Jerry Maldovan a group met to form a plan and the result was the formation of the Whitefield Athletic Association (WAA).



Basketball Team with Coach Ron Kenoyer c.1978 Photo contributed by Bobbi Berry

I recently sat down with several members of this slightly grayer crowd at the home of Ron and Pam Kenoyer to talk about the beginnings and reminisce about the hundreds of kids and thousands of games. Sharing stories of successes and near misses over the years were some of those who were there in the beginning, Bobbi Berry, Mike McCormick, Terry Blair, Dolly Lothrop.

In the 1970's when no coaches for Little League could be found, Mike McCormick took over the duty and solicited Ron's help. The two did everything from coaching and mowing the field to driving the kids all over town. The need *Continued on Pg. 2*

Opening day at the new Marr's Ridge Trail on Hunt's Meadow Road, August 23, 2014



Contributed Photos

WAA Cont. page 1 for help sparked the formation of the Whitefield Athletic Association and others became involved when at the 1978 town meeting, school sports were completely eliminated from the school budget. This meant the end of the school baseball, softball and basketball teams. Parents and community took action.

As Ron commented in a *Kennebec Journal* interview in 1978, "Even though I live in the country, I want my kids to have the advantages of city kids." He was referring to the fact that Whitefield kids have school choice, and most of the high schools they will attend have all these sports. It put our students at a disadvantage. Giving the kids "a fair shake" is exactly what the Whitefield Athletic Association and the many volunteer coaches did. And, in the bargain, the youngsters learned basic skills and learned them well.

With Ron at the helm as executive director, Bobbi Berry as secretary-treasurer, Jerry and Dolly Lothrop as chief fundraisers, as well as many parents and relatives who coached, umpired and cheered, the WAA became synonymous with Whitefield sports. The group picked up what used to be sponsored by the school, baseball and basketball and continued to sponsor



Jr. Jets with Jerry Maldovan c.1978 Photo contributed by Bobbi Berry

Little League. They added farm league, Tee ball, and Pee Wee basketball. Furthermore, since Ron and Mike had enough girls to actually field their own softball team, girls softball was added. When Art Mayers asked about a soccer team, a relatively new sport at the time, he was instantly initiated as the soccer coach, fielding both girls and boys teams.

Terry Blair remembered some nail biters when he and Steve Crocker coached girl's basketball. Bobbi Berry remembered lining the baseball field using a coffee can so the girl's softball team could actually play. Dolly Lothrop remembered her late husband Jerry was instrumental in re-building the frequently flooded baseball field at the school. A few years later the WAA built the new regulation field at the school, which doubles as the soccer field in the fall. Little League and Dirigo League were played at the Coopers Mills field, which the WAA completely renovated.

All this was done by volunteers - which speaks to the values we bring to our community and to our children. Sitting with this group recently, I realized the thousands of hours and hundreds of miles these people, these volunteers, have given to local kids.



ALS ice bucket challenge by the Whitefield Fire Department

Photo by Anita Newell



Girls Basketball Team with Bobbi Berry & Dolly Lothrop c.1978 Photo contributed by Bobbi Berry

The Whitefield Athletic Association is still going strong, 37 years later and is now headed by Chris Deslile, a dad and a volunteer. As we spoke about the changing culture of kids, parents and sports he said that the numbers of players are dwindling in every community and that parents don't seem to encourage their kids to play.

"Kids have more to do and technology is getting in the way of kids being kids. Parents say they are too busy, but everyone is busy, that excuse really annoys me." He noted the lack of fundamentals in kids showing up to play. "Kids struggle with fundamentals... they don't go out to play anymore... they have trouble catching and throwing a ball," he said, adding there is negativity surrounding competition.

"The problem is today's society tells kids everybody's a winner. That competition is somehow a bad thing. But it's ok to be competitive. Kids don't learn how to lose if they don't compete."

The WAA will be gearing up for the soccer season soon and he hopes to have a good turnout. The association always needs volunteers and hopes people will come to their meetings which are held the second Sunday of each month at the school at 6:00.

I asked Ron his opinion of the value of competition. He said, "Sports teach teamwork, humor, sportsmanship and how to win with humility and lose with pride."

If you have experienced the sheer joy of watching your children, grandchildren or just about any kid play ball, shoot a basket, dribble a soccer ball, don't forget to thank a coach; they were probably a volunteer. It continues to be true, that if you build it, they will come.

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Just Yesterday

The Whitefield correspondent for *The Lincoln County News*, Sept. 16, 1897, reported: "John Cunningham was driving a bull from the pasture recently when it turned on him by throwing him into a brush pile. As the bull was making ready to throw him again, Mr. Cunningham caught the brute by the ring in his nose, holding on until help came and the bull was subdued. Mr. Cunningham was severely hurt."

A front page article in the Sept. 9, 1920 issue of *The Lincoln County News* reported on Lincoln Pomona Grangers hosting Knox Pomona a few days earlier at the Kings Mills Union Hall. "About 30 cars were parked around the building at noon and a dozen wagons." When time for dinner rolled around, "twice were the tables filled for the 200 guests and there was enough food in reserve to feed 100 more. The men of Whitefield are 'good providers' and the women of Whitefield are housekeepers and cooks without rivals. Mountains of beans, acres of pies, oceans of coffee, endless supplies of cakes of every kind."

Lore Ford, who was running as a Democrat for State Senator, spoke on the question, "Is It Woman's Duty to Vote?" The reporter noted, "The general view was that women should vote" and that Mr. Ford "felt that it was their duty to vote if they voted for him next Monday."

Whitefield School News

By Joshua McNaughton, Principal

It's been a busy summer for Whitefield School staff. Our new playground structure is now installed and has been re-opened to the public. We will hold a ribbon cutting ceremony in September.

Our fourth grade teachers are working in conjunction with Hidden Valley Nature Center, in Jefferson, to create and pilot a new educational science program. This new program will provide our fourth grade students with monthly hands on science experiences at HVNC.

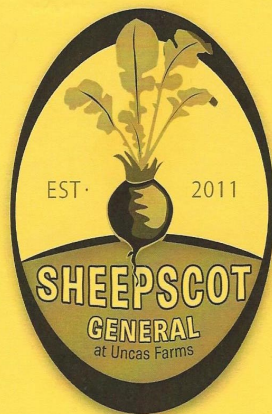
Our building is looking better than ever. During the summer we had some upgrades, which included flooring and paint. Our book room has expanded to a new space. This will provide teachers with easy access to leveled books, as well as a workspace to print, copy and prepare materials for their classes.

Over the course of this summer many of our teachers participated in courses and workshops to promote literacy and writing, and are learning new ways to evaluate data and set student goals to promote achievement.



Recycling scrap metal. Scrap metal can be taken to local scrap yards that will pay for the material. You can check the yellow pages under scrap metal: East Side Scrap is on Route 17 in Chelsea and OneSteel is beyond the old Hannaford's store in downtown Augusta. You need to have your ID to sell scrap metal.

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Whitefield Roads Committee

by John Delvecchio

The Town has a volunteer citizen committee, established by the Select Board, that is studying town roads. Whitefield has 32.5 miles paved and 10 miles gravel it is responsible for maintaining—separate from State roads like Route 126 that are maintained by the state.

The Committee has been asked to assess current road conditions and to recommend a maintenance and improvement program to the selectmen. Committee members conducted a survey inspection of all the town's roads, assessing their current condition using forms and guidelines provided by the Maine Department of Transportation's Local Roads Center. Additionally, the Town has received a grant of \$2,000 from the Lincoln County Regional Planning to assist in the Committee's work.

Over the course of this summer and early fall, the Committee will analyze the road inventory data and field surveys, examine specific conditions, and make recommendations as to grouping and prioritization of road work considering both routine maintenance and capital needs.

The Committee will review suggestions for alternative repair methods that are appropriate for various road conditions and the relative cost effectiveness of each. Because of its importance, drainage corrections and maintenance will also be studied by the Committee.

The Town recognizes the importance of "keeping good roads good" as a foundation of a long-term program to avoid future capital costs to the extent possible. At the same time, it recognizes that some roads are currently in poor condition and will require improvements beyond basic maintenance. The Committee is keen to learn what road planning approaches and practices will ensure that our roads serve residents' needs and are managed in ways that are most cost effective to taxpayers in the long-run.

Members serving on the Committee include: David Hayden, Dan Joslyn, Carl Ribeiro, Louis Sell, John Parks, Chris Post, John Del Vecchio, Dennis Merrill, and Tom Colpitt.

Art Show and Silent Auction during Whitefield Community Day, September 13, 2014.

Artwork, crafts, and photography will be on display in the fire station from 10:00 - 2:00. Come see the wonderful talent by your fellow Whitefield friends and neighbors. A Silent Auction to benefit next year's Community Day will be in the lobby of the fire station during the same hours. Anyone interested in being in this show, and/or making a donation to the silent auction may contact Genevieve Keller: 441-5814.

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SEPTEMBER 2014 COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR

- 2nd Select Board 6pm
- 3rd Yoga, Sheepscot General, 6 am
ZUMBA 3:10-4pm, Whitefield Elementary
- 4th Senior Men's Group Sheepscot General. 10 am
DANCE CLASSES: Sheepscot General 3:30-5:30 p.m.
- 5th Whitefield Food Bank, St. Denis Hall, 1-3 pm
- 6th Forestry Field Days and Live Edge Music Festival, HVNC, 8:30-6:30 pm
- 8th ZUMBA 3:10-4pm, Whitefield Elementary
Coopers Mills Fire Dept. 7 pm
Kings Mills Fire Dept. 7pm
Whitefield Municipal Fire Dept. 7 pm
- 9th Women of Whitefield, Sheepscot General, 10 am
Select Board 6pm
Kings Mills Union Hall Board Mtg. 7 pm
- 10th Yoga, Sheepscot General, 6 am
ZUMBA 3:10-4pm, Whitefield Elementary
Arlington Grange 6 pm Supper, 7 pm Meeting
- 11th Senior Men's Group, Sheepscot General. 10 am
DANCE CLASSES: Sheepscot General 3:30-5:30 p.m.
RSU Board Mtg., Chelsea Elem. 6:30 pm
- 13th **WHITEFIELD CELEBRATION DAY**
See Front of Newsletter for Schedule
Gun Show and Raffle, Whitefield Lions Club, Coopers Mills
- 14th Gun Show and Raffle, Whitefield Lions Club, Coopers Mills
Whitefield Athletic Association (WAA) Whitefield School 6 pm
- 15th ZUMBA 3:10-4pm, Whitefield Elementary
- 16th Bird Capture Demonstration at HVNC 9-11 am
Women of Whitefield, Sheepscot General, 10 am
Select Board 6pm
- 17th Yoga, Sheepscot General, 6 am
ZUMBA 3:10-4pm, Whitefield Elementary
Planning Board Fire Station, 7-9 pm
- 18th Senior Men's Group, Sheepscot General. 10 am
DANCE CLASSES: Sheepscot General 3:30-5:30 p.m.
- 19th Open-Mic Night, Sheepscot General, 7-9 pm
- 20th **FARMERS/FLEA MARKET**, Arlington Grange Hall, 9-1pm
DRUMMING CIRCLE: Open to the public, all ages welcome.
Sheepscot General, 6:30 pm
Grand Opening of the Trout Brook Interpretive Trail in Alna
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. SVCA's Trout Brook Preserve
- 22th ZUMBA 3:10-4pm, Whitefield Elementary
- 23th Select Board 6pm
- 24th Yoga, Sheepscot General, 6am
Women of Whitefield, Sheepscot General, 10 am
ZUMBA 3:10-4pm, Whitefield Elementary
Arlington Grange 6 pm Supper, 7 pm Meeting
- 25th Senior Men's Group Sheepscot General. 10 am
DANCE CLASSES: Sheepscot General 3:30-5:30 p.m.
- 28th Annual Race Through the Woods, HVNC 9 am
Kings Mills Union Hall Open House & Annual Meeting 3pm to 5pm
- 29th ZUMBA 3:10-4pm, Whitefield Elementary
- 30th Yoga, Sheepscot General, 6am
Women of Whitefield, Sheepscot General, 10 am
Select Board 6pm

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