



# Whitefield News

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## Clary Lake Association Petition Delivered to DEP

by George Fergusson

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.

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.



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

**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](http://www.lcrpc.org)) for the application form, or email Bob Faunce, County Planner ([rfaunce@lcrpc.org](mailto:rfaunce@lcrpc.org)) or Mary Ellen Barnes ([mbarnes@lcrpc.org](mailto: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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### Sheepscot Links Club Champions 2017.

Names and categories are as follows from left to right: Men's Club Champion Rolly Laflamme, B Flight Club Champion Richard MacDonald, Senior Club Champion Women's Pat Sweet, and Senior Club Champion Men's Terry Brackett.



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%

**Come Celebrate  
Maine Apple Sunday  
at Bailey's Orchard  
on Sunday,  
September 10th.**



Apple Prize Drawings!

Free Apple squares (while they last)

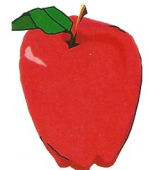
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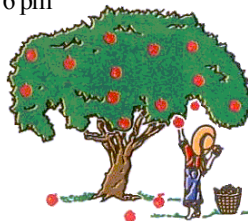
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## SEPTEMBER 2017 COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR

- 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**, Sheepscot General, 10 am  
**WHITEFIELD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**, 4 pm Sheepscot General
- 9th **WHITEFIELD ARLINGTON LIBRARY, Arlington Grange 10-12pm**  
**CHAMPAGNE ON THE SHEEPSCOT**, Spend a bucolic evening on the shores of the Sheepscot 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)
- 11th **WHITEFIELD ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (WAA)**, Whitefield School, 6 pm
- 12th **WHITEFIELD MUNICIPAL FIRE DEPT.**, Fire Station, 7 pm  
**WOMEN OF WHITEFIELD**, Sheepscot 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**, Sheepscot General, 10 am  
**RSU SCHOOL BOARD MEETING** Chelsea School, 6:30 pm
- 16th **WHITEFIELD ARLINGTON LIBRARY, Arlington Grange 10-12pm**  
**DRUMMING CIRCLE**, Sheepscot 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**, Sheepscot 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**, Sheepscot 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**, Sheepscot 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



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