



# Whitefield News

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## Kings Mills July 4th Parade and Community Event

By Jeff Newell

I am sure that everyone has heard about the changes in the Town parade policy recommended by the Maine Municipal Association to reduce liability risk. I would like to reflect upon what it all means. Kings Mills Fire was founded in 1948. We have hosted the July 4th Celebration each year since that beginning. We have had many changes to the day. There used to be a big brass band and field games, as well as the old greased pole. Though times change, sometimes it is beyond our control. The insurance company involved with the changing parade rules is looking out for the residents of our town in a world of lawsuits. The change to the candy throwing policy is a simple safety issue for our children and grandchildren. It is not as bad as it



File photo

looks on the surface. Walkers are encouraged to hand out candy beside the parade floats, as to not end the tradition all together. If you plan to be a participant in the

parade, please provide proof of insurance or sign a waiver of liability. Application forms are available on the Town of Whitefield website or in the Town Office. Randy

Brann, who oversees the parade, will also have copies available on site before start of the parade.

Looking at the big picture, Kings Mills is a part of history and we are trying very hard to

preserve the tradition of July 4th here at home. The importance to this tradition reaches us all. We have always gone down to the village for the parade, the games, the music, and to spend the day with friends and family. Without the parade, none of this could happen. The fundraising that the KMFVD Association does each July is designed ONLY to maintain our building and to help offset the cost of fire service here in town.

Changing and evolving with the times, this year's event will offer something for everyone; starting with the parade at 10AM then moving on to the Firemen's Auction, the Union Hall's White Elephant Sale, food and drinks concessions, the famous Cake Walk, and all of the normal fun and games that we have all become used to. Music this year will be provided by "Well Seasoned"; a great

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Photo courtesy Whitefield Historical Soc.

## Welcome to our new principal

The RSU 12 Board of Directors approved the hiring of the new principal for Whitefield Elementary School at the board meeting, April 12, 2018. Mark Deblois, of Newcastle, Maine was approved for hire by the board as principal of Whitefield Elementary School. He will start as principal of Whitefield Elementary School on July 1, 2018. He will replace interim principal Tom Soule.

Mr. Deblois has been principal of the K-8 Lincoln Akerman School in Hampton Falls, New Hampshire since 2010. However, he is no stranger to the area or to Whitefield Elementary School. He served as principal of the K-8 Nobleboro Central School in Nobleboro, Maine from 2000-2010. He remembers playing volleyball in the old gym at Whitefield Elementary in the 1990's. Mr. Deblois comes to Whitefield with a wealth of experience as a K-8 principal.

Mr. Deblois has memories of Whitefield Elementary School as the heart of the Whitefield community and looks forward to continuing to strengthen those relationships between town and school.

Superintendent Howard Tuttle said, "We had a comprehensive principal search process. The search committee was composed of sixteen representative stakeholders including parents, community members, board members, staff, and administration. We

feel fortunate to have attracted someone of Mark's caliber. Mark comes to RSU 12 and to Whitefield having had successful experiences with school improvement. He is the ideal match for Whitefield Elementary School. The search committee was looking for someone dedicated to building trust with all stakeholders and strengthening a culture of school improvement. Mark is somebody who realizes the importance of connecting with parents and the community as well as students, teachers, and support staff. We were very impressed by Mark's background. Reference checks showed he is a very capable and engaged administrator. We are very pleased and excited to hire him."

Superintendent Robert Sullivan of SAU #21, New Hampshire, stated about Mr. Deblois that, "He is an individual who truly enjoys working with students, is a hard worker, and a team player. Mark will bring his focus on your students' needs to your district."

Please welcome Mr. Mark Deblois, principal of Whitefield Elementary School, when he starts this July, 2018.



Photo submitted by Howard Tuttle



4th from pg. 1 local group that will be sure to entertain everyone.

KMVFD has also put together a great new event in the way of a silent auction that will be held in the engine bay. The silent auction will boast tons of great items starting with a new Serta Recliner, several sets of concert and events tickets, as well as goods and gift certificates from all over the state.

We really are in hopes that you will understand the changes and continue to join us for what it's really all about...to celebrate our independence, and to support your local small town fire department in Kings Mills. Hope to see you on the 4th! Jeffery Newell (Association President K MVFD)



Photo courtesy Whitefield Historical Society

## Champions!

Whitefield School's girls' softball team won the Sheepscot Valley Championship against Vassalboro. It was great competi-



tion, and the Wildcats won! Also, the boys baseball team played a thriller against Palermo - and were victorious!! Matching trophies for the trophy case! Congratulations to the coaches, students, and many thanks to the parents for their unwavering support of their student athletes! What a great season!

## Thanks a million

By Sue McKeen

What a day! If the library committee had ordered the weather on June 9<sup>th</sup>, it couldn't have been better. There was sunshine, just the right temperature, music, food, and lots of camaraderie; it felt like an old-fashioned picnic.

A big thank you for the down-home music from *Well Seasoned* (Dan Townsend and company), the silent auction items from Tim's Sugar Shack (Tim Chase), Hidden Valley Nature Center, Whitefield Pottery (Libby Seigars), Painted Turtle (Leanne Morin), Damariscotta Lake Farms Restaurant, Sheepscot General, Cabela's, Whitefield Lion's Club, Kit Phieffer, Guided Turkey Hunt (Dan Joslyn), Hair Works, Sheepscot Links, Zardus Wellness Spa, The Scoop Ice Cream Shop, Aunt Gin's Restaurant, Windsor Fair Association, Pat Parks, Jeanne Shaw, Karen Stultz, Debbie Rogers, and Chris Kimball.



*Well Seasoned* Photo by Cheryle Joslyn

We also wish to thank David Hayden for Parking assistance and the Whitefield School Jr. National Honor Society.

The library is making plans to expand its space and is moving forward. We continue to seek new bookcases for our ever-increasing selection of books, a couple of comfortable stuffed chairs, and some area rugs.

Some new additions this summer...we've added a small café with coffee and pastries on Saturday, story time every Saturday at 11:00, Summer Reading Bingo Challenge for grades 5-8 and a few selected special activities throughout the summer.

The Department of Education is offering a Read to Ride Challenge for all Whitefield School students (500 minutes of summer reading with a chance to win one of 48 bikes and helmets). Pick up your forms at the library throughout the summer if you would like to enter the challenge.

Please support the library. We are open every Wednesday and Saturday from 10-12.

## Whitefield Cemetery Pump Installed

After many years with no working hand pump to water flowers in the Whitefield Cemetery, we finally have one once again...thanks to the generosity of many individuals.

Ernest Martin, Phil Russell, Rick Matuchi, and Dan Joslyn recently installed a new Baker pump and water barrel under the pump for a quick fill. If you are able, please consider filling the barrel for others before leaving the cemetery.

A most appreciative thank you to all of you who donated the necessary funds and labor to make this possible. We could not have done it without you.

The Whitefield Cemetery Association



## THANKS to the townspeople of Whitefield and Alna.

The recent food drive brought over 1000 lbs. to the St. Denis Whitefield/Alna food Pantry. This generosity allows us to be more selective in using our monetary funds. A special thanks to the Whitefield Postal Service for collecting the food.

We always welcome donations of non perishable goods as well as personal toiletries. We appreciate the local farmers who donate fresh produce.

The food pantry is open the first Friday of every month, at St Denis Hall. It serves the people of Whitefield & Alna



# Whitefield Historical Society "Just Yesterday"

Who is the oldest person in Whitefield? The Whitefield Historical Society and the Town of Whitefield want to present the Boston Post Cane to a person who is at least 90 years old, a resident of Whitefield, and has lived here a minimum of twenty years.

To nominate someone who meets these qualifications, please email the [whitefieldhistoricalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:whitefieldhistoricalsociety@gmail.com) or notify the Town at 549-5175.

The Boston Post Cane tradition was begun in 1909 by the *Boston Post* newspaper. They sent canes to 700 towns in New England to be presented as an honor to each town's oldest resident. The first honoree in Whitefield was Samuel Kennedy who was 93 when he received it in 1909. He lived in the old Kincaid farmstead built in 1856 on the East River Road, now the home of the Hostetlers who are building a new house in back of this one.

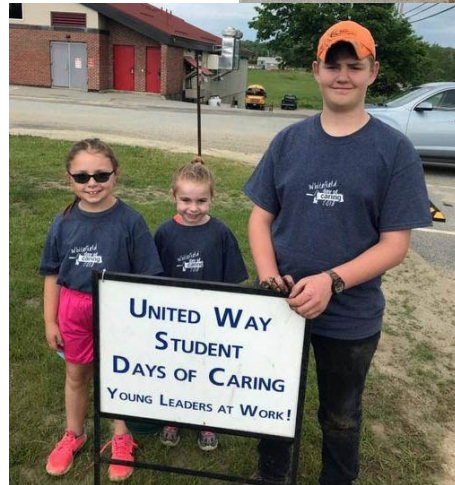
Mary Edgerly Creamer was the most recent honoree who died at age 103 last December. In 2010 she was ceremoniously presented the cane which is kept at the Society. A certificate or lapel pin is now presented to the holder.

Libby Harmon



## Day of Caring 2018

After all their hard work on the Day of Caring, the students and staff were rewarded with a cookout from the United Way and music from 92 Moose.



## Notice of Town Office Hours and Policy

**Monday 7:00 am - 12:00 p.m. 3:00 pm - 7:00 p.m.**  
**Tuesday 7:00 am - 3:00 pm**  
**Wednesday 7:00 am - 12:00 pm**  
**Friday 7:00 am - 3:00 pm**

We apologize for any inconvenience but we do not process new registrations including boats, all terrain vehicles and snowmobiles, etc. a half hour before the office closes due to the length of time needed to complete them.

*Deadline for newsletter submissions is the 15th of the month.  
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## JULY 2018 COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR.

- 2nd** COOPERS MILLS FIRE DEPT. All are welcome. No obligation. 7 pm  
**KINGS MILLS FIRE DEPT.**, 7 pm
- 3rd** SELECT BOARD, Fire Station, 6 pm  
**YIN YOGA AT SHEEPSCOT GENERAL**, 6:30-8:00 pm
- 4th** 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION - KINGS MILLS 10:00 AM
- 5th** SENIOR MEN'S GROUP, Sheepscot General, 10 am
- 6th** WHITEFIELD FOOD PANTRY, St. Denis Hall, 1-3 pm
- 7th** WHITEFIELD LIBRARY AT THE ARLINGTON GRANGE 10-12 PM  
**SNACK & CHAT: SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY** Join Midcoast Conservancy Forest and Facilities Manager Tim Libby to learn about the sustainable forestry practices at HVNC
- 8th** WHITEFIELD ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (WAA), Whitefield School, 6 pm
- 9th** WHITEFIELD MUNICIPAL FIRE DEPT., Fire Station, 7 pm
- 10th** WOMEN OF WHITEFIELD, Sheepscot General, 10 am  
**YIN YOGA AT SHEEPSCOT GENERAL**, 6:30-8:00  
 SELECT BOARD, Fire Station, 6 pm
- 11th** WHITEFIELD LIBRARY AT THE ARLINGTON GRANGE 10-12 PM  
 ARLINGTON GRANGE MEETING 6:00 pm call Debbie at 549-3491 fini
- 12th** SENIOR MEN'S GROUP, Sheepscot General, 10 am  
 RSU SCHOOL BOARD MEETING Chelsea School, 6:30 pm
- 14th** MOSSES AND FRIENDS: Identifying Common Bryophytes Ralph Pope will introduce us to the basic biology of bryophytes (mosses and closely related organisms) before leading us on a discovery of bryophytes to be found along the trails of HVNC 9 am (207) 389-5150  
 WHITEFIELD LIBRARY AT THE ARLINGTON GRANGE 10-12 PM
- 15th** OUTDOOR CONCERT FEATURING SNAEX WITH OPENER BERTIE KOLLER the first summer concert of the season here at Sheepscot General will have Portland-based band SNAEX with opener Bertie Koller Tickets call 207.549.5185
- 16th** SNACK & CHAT: LAND CONSERVATION Join Anna Fiedler as well as landowners who have put their land in conservation easement, to discuss various aspects of conserving land. At the Whitefield home of Karyn and Dan Townsend. Contact Anna fini or to RSVP. (207) 389-5153
- 17th** SELECT BOARD, Fire Station, 6 pm  
**YIN YOGA AT SHEEPSCOT GENERAL**, 6:30-8:00 pm
- 18th** WHITEFIELD LIBRARY AT THE ARLINGTON GRANGE 10-12 PM  
 PLANNING BOARD, Fire Station, 6:00 pm
- 19th** SENIOR MEN'S GROUP, Sheepscot General, 10 am
- 20th** OPEN MIC NIGHT 7-9pm Join us for music. Sheepscot General, 7-9 pm.. Come early for pizza night starting at 5pm.
- 21st** WHITEFIELD LIBRARY AT THE ARLINGTON GRANGE 10-12 PM  
 DRUMMING CIRCLE, Sheepscot General, 6:30 pm. Open to the public, all ages welcome.
- 22nd** LOOKIN' FOR LICHENS WORKSHOP Join Maine Master Naturalist Jeff Pengel as we tour HVNC and discover the miniature world of lichens. (207) 389-5150
- 24th** SUSTAINING A 4-H AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM public discussion focused on creating and sustaining a 4-H after school program and potential community garden at the Whitefield School. Sheepscot General 5 pm  
 SELECT BOARD, Fire Station, 6 pm  
**YIN YOGA AT SHEEPSCOT GENERAL**, 6:30-8:00 pm
- 24rd-26th** FAT BIKE, SUP & CANOE SKILLS WORKSHOP Ages: 11-15 Participants must be able to ride a two wheeled bike Price: 20\$ Scholarships available; please contact Andy B to inquire at HVNC Provided: All equipment, snacks, water, fun!(207) 389-5150
- 25th** WHITEFIELD LIBRARY AT THE ARLINGTON GRANGE 10-12 PM  
 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
- 26th** SENIOR MEN'S GROUP, Sheepscot General, 10 am
- 27th** 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.
- 28th** 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).
- 31st** SELECT BOARD, Fire Station, 6 pm  
**YIN YOGA AT SHEEPSCOT GENERAL**, 6:30-8:00 pm

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