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The Fourth of July Parade is back to its roots

By Dolly Burns

The Kings Mills 4th of July parade is an iconic part of summer in Whitefield. Families and friends, floats, fire trucks and candy followed by the firemen's tasty grilled hot dogs are the key ingredients of this fun-filled day. The parade has been a tradition for so many people and seems to grow bigger each year. However, last summer's parade was an epic failure. Town officials' misinterpretation of insurance advice and last minute communication caused the worst participation in parade history. As a result, the town formed a committee with the sole of purpose of restoring our great parade for 2019.

First and foremost, the committee set as a goal to return the parade to its former venue – no forms, no written rules. To that end, there are no insurance or registration requirements. However, there is one important change to this year's parade and going forward. The Select Board voted 4-1 against throwing candy from floats



citing safety concerns. If you plan to throw candy to the crowd, you are asked to walk alongside your float to do so. To ensure everyone has a safe celebration, we ask all parents of young children to please keep them close and make sure they do not run out into the parade to get candy. The parade is fun and exciting and we want all to be safe and have a wonderful day.

In an effort to encourage participation, the committee will be reaching out to local organizations, such as the Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and 4-H clubs, to invite them to be in the parade. Certificates will be awarded to floats in the following categories: Best Overall, Most Patriotic, Best Farm, Best Historic, Most Outrageous, Best Political, Most Thrown Together and Best Float designed by Kids. With all of these categories, people can get creative however they choose and be a part of this great parade. Of course the parade is a couple of months away, so this is a good time to be thinking about how your family *continued on page 2*



Whitefield Library and Community Center WE CAN BUY THE BUILDING!

We are so very pleased to inform you that Kennebec Savings Bank has made a \$25,000 gift to the Whitefield Library in support of the purchase and restoration of the town's historic Arlington Grange Hall. The gift will complete the first phase of the Library's campaign and fully fund the purchase of the building.

All the generous donations we have received are so very appreciated; from \$1.00 to \$25,000, they all give us the opportunity to create a first in Whitefield, a Library and Community Center that will serve not only the residents of our town, but the surrounding towns as well.

We are so proud of this effort and all the people who have helped us to begin the process of saving a historical landmark as well as creating a place where we all can come together to celebrate literature, art, theater and become the gathering place that the original creators of this wonderful building meant it to be. THANKS YOU ALL!

We are not done, but we have a terrific start! Look for our many events to come!



Parade Cont. from pg. 1 or group can participate. Floats can happen in any shape or form. They can be on trucks, trailers, antique cars and tractors, a group can walk, kids can ride bikes, people can ride horses or if you're really talented, walk on stilts! We encourage it all! That's what makes our parade so special.



If you want to be in the parade, you simply show up. As always, parade participants should line up on Route 194 well before 10am since the parade starts at 10 sharp! The Kings Mills Fire Department will be offering all of the traditional activities after the parade. These

include the Famous Cake walk, kids games, the silent auction and live auction, and their delicious grilled hot dogs and french fries. The Kings Mills Union Hall will also be holding their White Elephant Sale where lots of treasures can be found.

We're looking forward to bringing our great parade back to celebrate July 4th in White-

field. And remember, it's the only 4th of July parade in Maine that goes by twice, in case you missed it the first time! See you there!



Town Office News

The office will be closed on Monday, May 27th.
The Office Staff wishes everyone a Safe Memorial Weekend.

Announcement:

Beginning July 1st the new office hours will be:

Monday	8-4
Tuesday	8-4
Wednesday	Closed
Thursday	7-12 and 3-7
Friday	8-2

Announcement:

Select board new days. The select board is now meeting every other week beginning Tuesday April 16th

Cooper's Mills Project Dedication Ceremony on May 20th

Join the Town of Whitefield in dedicating the completion of the project in Coopers Mills. A ceremony will be held on Monday, May 20th, from 11:00 AM to 12:00PM. The ceremony will showcase the check hand-off to the Town of Whitefield for the future stewardship and maintenance of the site. The town and several project partners will also offer brief remarks on the project.



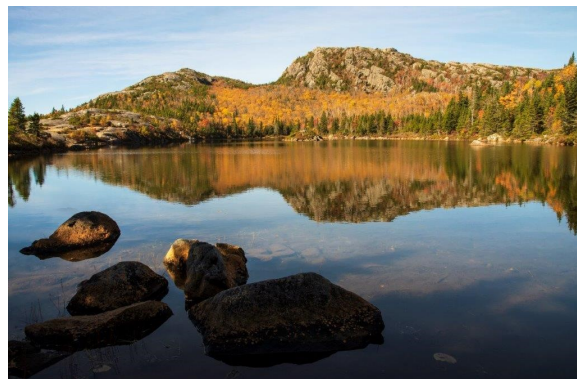
Please Help keep Whitefield beautiful by picking up trash on your road. It only takes a few minutes to make a big difference.

Photography by Tony Marple

Whitefield's very own landscape photographer exhibits his phenomenal work.

Tony Marple's color photograph titled "Tumbledown" invites you to "step right in".

This is one piece of a breathtaking display of his masterful work in the hall gallery at Lincoln Health's Miles Campus. If you have not already seen this amazing collection, now is the time to hurry down to Miles



Tumbledown by Tony Marple

before it ends Friday, May 3. To quote Lincoln County News reporter, Christine LaPado-Breglia, "Marple's photographic work delivers on every front!"

RSU 12 Whitefield School now accepting Pre-K applications

Whitefield School is now accepting applications for our 2019/2020 Pre-K program. In order to qualify, your child must be 4 years old on or before October 15th, 2019. If you are interested in an applications, please stop by Whitefield School or call at [549-7691](tel:549-7691).

RSU 12 Whitefield School Kindergarten Registration

If you or someone you know has a child who will be 5 on or before October 15th, 2019, they are eligible to attend kindergarten. Whitefield School is now accepting names for kindergarten registration for the 2019/2020 school year. Please stop by or call the school at [549-7691](tel:549-7691) with your information and to receive registration packets. Kindergarten screening dates will be determined at a later date.

If your child is currently enrolled in an RSU 12 pre-k program, you do not need to register them for kindergarten.

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Whitefield Historical Society



June 1933

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MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM
PRESENTED BY THE
WHITEFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY
MAY 27TH
TOWN HOUSE, 10:00 AM



The Aarondippidy Band



"always something different"

Aarondippidy Band Concert (blues, hip-hop, & rock)
@ Sheepscot General to benefit Whitefield Library and Community Center 7:00pm-9:00 \$15.00 Adults & Children free. Buy tickets in advance (207-549-5185) or 549-0286 for more info.

The Whitefield Food Pantry has extended its hours

We are now open the first Friday of the month from 10-3 and the third Saturday from 10-12. We offer non-perishable items, eggs, bread, frozen meats, fresh produce and some toiletries. We welcome donations from local farmers to increase our fresh produce options. Monetary donations help us purchase goods from the Good Shepard Food Bank and can be sent to Earl Lemieux 377 Hunts Meadow Road, Whitefield.

We encourage the use of reusable bags, so please bring them if you have them. We are located at St Denis Church Hall at 298 Grand Army Road. For more information call [582-2684](tel:582-2684) or [549-3672](tel:549-3672).

Whitefield Cemetery - Rt. 218 south of Kings Mills

-THANK YOU-

One year ago the Whitefield Cemetery Corporation advertised for donations to install a new hand pump. The old pump was being used in the 60's and had been there for some time before that. It was not useable. We estimated a replacement pump with necessary accessories would cost \$1,450.00. Readers of the Whitefield Newsletter really responded, and we raised \$1,660.00 with the final cost being \$1,073.55, an extra \$586.45 left over. A local distributor in Gardiner helped with great pricing.

Installation was with free labor. Whitefield has so many folks who give of their time and never care to make a scene about it. A simple thank you carries a long way here. So "THANK YOU" to everyone who donated. Fifteen families gave anywhere from \$10.00 to \$300.00.

We keep a water barrel next to the pump, so if you use it and have the strength to work the handle, please try to leave at least as much water there as you found.

-LOTS-

Folks may not be aware that the cemetery has "Lots" for sale. Prices are reasonable, and you may even sell your Lot with association approval in the future, should you decide not to keep it. Prices include Perpetual Care that covers mowing and trimming each season.

Lot size	Cost	Stipulations
4' x 10'	\$220.00 residents	single vault or two cremations
4' x 10'	\$300.00 non-resident	single vault or two cremations
3' x 3'	\$175.00 residents	single cremation
3' x 3'	\$275.00 non-resident	single cremation

Multiple family Lots may be purchased in one unit for future generations.

We see many people walking the lanes and standing around stones talking about their family's history. Having a stone there would provide your ancestors with a place to establish their family history. Call Phil Russell @[549-5587](tel:549-5587) or Dan Joslyn @[549-7305](tel:549-7305) for the paperwork.

-STONE CLEANING-

Any families wishing to clean their stones may buy D/2 by the gallon from A. H. Harris, 23 Leighton Rd, Augusta, [622-0821](tel:622-0821). You will be able to clean several stones. This chemical is non toxic, easy to use, and does a fine job removing dust, pollution and algae from stones. Directions are easy to follow. Cost is roughly \$50.00/gallon.

-WORK BEE-

Saturday May 4th. @ 10:00 Rain Day is the following Sat. @ same time.

Bring rakes and a wheel barrow or two. Twigs and leaves galore to clean up.

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MAY 2019 COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR.

- 2nd **SENIOR MEN'S GROUP**, Sheepscot General, 10
SPRING TIMBER FRAME COURSE HVNC, May 1st thru the 5th. 8-4 pm call (207) 389-5150
- 3rd **WHITEFIELD/ALNA FOOD PANTRY**, St. Denis Hall, 10-3 pm
ART OPENING AND RECEPTION w/ EMILEE HARPER & ADAM TAYLOR, Sheepscot General 5-7 pm
WINE TASTING with SoPo Wine Co. 5-7pm Sheepscot General, So Po Wine Co of Portland will be on hand to taste some seasonal wines.
- 4th **VERNAL POOLS EXPLORATION**, HVNC, (207) 389-5150 10-12 pm
- 6th **COOPERS MILLS FIRE DEPT.** All are welcome. No obligation. 7 pm
KINGS MILLS FIRE DEPT., 7 pm
- 7th **YIN YOGA AT SHEEPSBOT GENERAL**, 6:30-8:00 pm
KINGS MILLS UNION HALL BOARD MEETING - Public Welcome 7 pm
- 9th **GUIDED BOG WALK**, at HVNC (207) 389-5150 10-12 pm
SENIOR MEN'S GROUP, Sheepscot General, 10 am
RSU SCHOOL BOARD MEETING Chelsea School, 6:30 pm
"WILD SPRING" NATURE WALK HVNC 9-11:30 am (207) 389-5150
- 11th **ROCKING @ HVNC** 9-12 pm (207) 389-5150
- 12th **WHITEFIELD ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (WAA)**, Whitefield School, 6 pm
- 13th **WHITEFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY**, Town House, 1 pm
WHITEFIELD MUNICIPAL FIRE DEPT., Fire Station, 7 pm
- 14th **WOMEN OF WHITEFIELD**, Sheepscot General, 10 am
YIN YOGA AT SHEEPSBOT GENERAL, 6:30-8:00
SELECT BOARD, Fire Station, 6 pm
PTA MEETING- please join us for our meeting @ 5:30 always the 2nd Tuesday in the school conference room.
- 15th **NEW PARENT PLAY GROUP**, Sheepscot General, The playgroup is primarily aimed at 0-2 years old
 Playgroup will meet in the gallery space at 9 am.
PLANNING BOARD, Town Office 6:00 pm
- 16th **SENIOR MEN'S GROUP**, Sheepscot General, 10 am
- 17th **OPEN MIC NIGHT FEATURING DAVE FOLEY** at Sheepscot General 7-9pm
- 18th **WHITEFIELD LIBRARY OPENING DAY AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL** First day of the Whitefield Library with Ice Cream Social!!!! New Hours: 10:00am-2:00. All invited!
WHITEFIELD/ALNA FOOD PANTRY, St. Denis Hall, 10-12 pm
DRUMMING CIRCLE, Sheepscot General, 6:30 pm. Open to the public, all ages welcome.
- 19th **ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST AT THE ALNA GENERAL STORE** Midcoast Conservancy's HVNC annual Pancake Breakfast at the Alna General Store. \$10 donation
- 21st **YIN YOGA AT SHEEPSBOT GENERAL**, 6:30-8:00 pm
WHITEFIELD LIBRARY BOARD MEETING 7 pm at the Whitefield Library, all are welcome.
- 22nd **WHITEFIELD LIBRARY 10-12**
YOUNG AT HEART SENIORS GROUP MEETING at the loins club in Coopers Mills. Please bring a dish to share. We meet at 12 pm. Contact Debbie Gray 445-4930 or Pat Moody-549-5666
WHITEFIELD LIBRARY 5-7 PM
- 23rd **SENIOR MEN'S GROUP**, Sheepscot General, 10 am
- 24th **HEALING WITH CBD BOOK TALK** Healing with CBD Book Talk 6-8pm Author Eileen Konienecny. Book available for purchase.
- 25th **WHITEFIELD LIBRARY 10-2**, Storytime w/ Activity 10:30-11:30
CONSERVING AND CARING FOR THE HEART OF THE MIDCOAST HVNC 8:30—4:30
COMMUNITY SINGING CIRCLE, Sheepscot General, 6 pm. Open to all, acoustic instruments welcome
- 27th **MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM** presented by the Whitefield Historical Society, Townhouse Road 10:00 AM
- 28th **WOMEN OF WHITEFIELD**, Sheepscot General 10 am
SELECT BOARD, Fire Station, 6 pm
YIN YOGA AT SHEEPSBOT GENERAL, 6:30-8:00 pm
- 29th **WHITEFIELD LIBRARY 10-12**
WHITEFIELD LIBRARY 5-7 PM
ADULT BOOK CLUB, Whitefield Library, 6-7 pm
- 30th **SENIOR MEN'S GROUP**, Sheepscot General, 10 am
- 31st **WHITEFIELD LIBRARY BENEFIT CONCERT WITH THE AARONDIPPIDY BAND** 7pm a benefit concert for the Whitefield Library and Community Center. Tickets \$15 Adults, children free. Ticket available at Sheepscot General or by contacting Kathy Dauphin, kathydauphin@gmail.com



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