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Annual CMVFD Auction August 17, 2019



The Annual CMVFD Auction is August 17 at 10AM until we run out of steam or daylight. We never run out of good stuff. This year we have a good part of the contents of a whole house, plus a couple of cottage closeouts, plus the usual gift certificates and box lots. It's probably the best quality we've ever seen.



TIME TO THINK ABOUT VOLUNTEERING

By Sue McKeen

The Whitefield School loves volunteers. Last year a call was put out for volunteers and answered by people who believe that the kids are worth it and the payback invaluable. Just ask Cari Jewett, Pam Kenoyer, Phillis Buck, Joanne Steneck, Pat Parks, Natasha Mayers, Martha Gottlieb and Barbara Hayden. All volunteers who gave the commitment of their time, energy and caring.

I sat down with principal Mark Deblois who had nothing but praise for the volunteers. He said, "It's all positive, it all benefits the kids. They (volunteers) have a tremendous impact and you never know when an important connection will be made between a student and a volunteer."

He told me volunteers not only benefit the kids who may be struggling academically, but can also lend a hand to those kids who would like to try alternative enrichment activities. Deblois said that all the students have a designated time at the end of the day which is focused on student needs as well as a time to try on their creative side. He noted enrichment programs are important and can be a reward for the student who may be struggling with a task. He said members of the community are encouraged to share their talents with students who might not otherwise have the opportunity to learn about new ideas and experiences.



Joanne Steneck, Pam Kenoyer, Phillis Buck, Martha Gottlieb - photo by Meagan Soule

Meagan Soule, the school Student Support Specialist recently told me, "All the volunteers care about the kids and want the school to be the best it can be. Volunteers support the kids academically as well as being another adult they can trust. The kids look forward to seeing them and form important relationships. Volunteers are an important link between the community and the school and make a real difference."

If you want to make a difference in your school and your community, please contact Mark Deblois or Meagan Soule at the school at 549-7691.

Get Your Float On? You Did!

IT WAS A DANDY FOURTH OF JULY
Parade winners were:

Best Overall Moon Landing - Mason & Smith Families

**Most Patriotic Land of the Free
Most Historic George Whitefield
Best Farm Phil Russell & tractor**

**Most Outrageous UFO - Keith Sanborn
Best Political Green New Deal - Natasha**

Most Thrown Together Clary Lake Sue-Monster - Bill Bunting

Best Float Designed by Kids Whitefield Library

Thanks to our judges, Debbie Rogers, David Hayden and Dolly Burns.



Congratulations to John Cook!!!

He is the first recipient of the Dennis Cullenberg Memorial Scholarship. Members of Mr. Cullenberg's family presented the scholarship to John during Class Night at Lincoln Academy. John will be attending Ithaca College in the Fall. Pictured in the photo with John are Dennis' brother, Carl and his sister, Peg.



Town Office News....

Please note that the Town Office hours are changing as of July 1st. They are as follows:

Monday	8:00am to 4:00pm
Tuesday	8:00am to 4:00pm
Wednesday	Closed
Thursday	7:00am to 12:00pm and 3:00pm to 7:00pm
Friday	8:00am to 2:00pm

We are closed for all State and Federal Holidays.

Reminder to taxpayers that if they have received a 30 day Notice for unpaid taxes, they will be going to lien on August 15th. So please don't forget to pay your taxes so that you do not incur more cost.

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Out and About In Whitefield

By Christine LaPado-Breglia

A little more than two years ago, I had the good fortune of meeting local writer May Davidson through her Lincoln County News column "No Longer Lower Round Pond," which I edit for the paper. It is not an understatement to say that May – who has become one of my dearest friends – is one of the best writers in Lincoln County, in Maine, well, anywhere. Her ability to capture in words the beauty of her life, her surroundings, and those dear to her is a talent that few possess, and that ability seems to come directly from her deeply beautiful heart and willingness to always meet life openly and honestly.



May Davidson Photo by Cheryl Joslyn

After writing a column for the LCN for many decades, May recently came out with a book titled "Whatever It Takes: Seven Decades of True Love, Hard Work, and No Regrets," published by Islandport Press. Locals might have noticed that the hefty pile of them that were for sale at Sheepscot General quickly disappeared.

I am fortunate to have a copy of "Whatever It Takes," which tells story after story – sometimes poignant, sometimes funny, and always interesting – of the long married life and adventures of May and her husband, Jim, who passed away in 2017. Chicken farming, raising sheep, being long-haul big-rig drivers, inventing windbells that sound exactly like specific buoys – this is a tiny smattering of what May and Jim did in the heartfelt, hard-working, good-natured way they seemed to approach everything they did.

The way May closes the last chapter of her book, "May and Jim: A Love Story," is particularly lovely: "In the early days of just the two of us laboring in the workshop making bells, we often listened to a favorite FM radio station that played soft music. A piece we especially liked was a piano version of 'Ballade Pour Adeline.' It is a lilting, delicately ethereal kind of melody, joyous in the pictures it evokes. One day when it was playing, Jim left the welder and came over to hug me and say softly, 'When I hear that, I always think of you and me dancing in the pastures.'

"Yes, we certainly did dance. And somehow, somewhere, I believe that will always be true."

A little history about May: She was born in Bremen and lived for most of her 90 years in Bristol with Jim. She and Jim moved to Whitefield in 2012, after they retired from North Country Wind Bells, the company they founded.

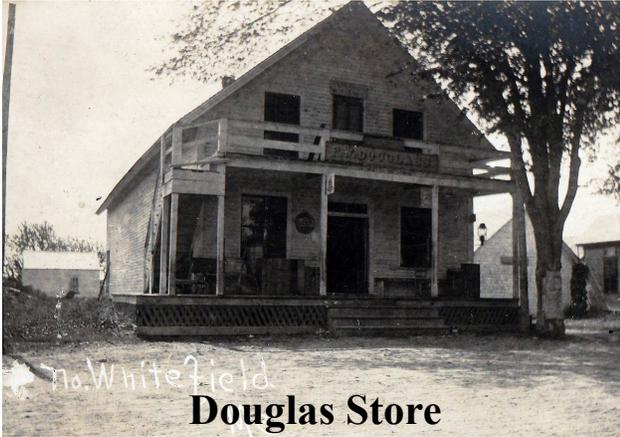
May loves Whitefield. She says that "because of the beauty of Whitefield and its friendly and kind citizens, it made us feel we were back in the days and times of true rural life and the caring of neighbors for one another.

"We have the best of all life's modern advantages here in Whitefield," May says, "but we still have unspoiled beauty of fields providing harvests of hay and crops, also supporting cattle, sheep, and horses. Glorious forests, and the deep comfort of peaceful, quiet surroundings – in essence, Whitefield reflects Maine's slogan 'The way life should be.'"

Watch for upcoming "Whatever It Takes" book events, yet to be announced, at the Whitefield Library & Community Center and at Sheepscot General. Go to islandportpress.com to learn more and to purchase a copy of May's book.

Email Christine at christine.lapado@gmail.com.

Whitefield Historical Society "Just Yesterday"



Douglas Store

This store stood at the top of Grand Army hill beside the Arlington Grange hall which can be partially seen in the background.

The exact year it was built by Jason Carlton is unclear but it is believed to be circa 1870. A couple of years later he built a house across the road. He ran the store until 1881 when he sold the store to Frank Douglas.

Frank's son Ed took over the store circa 1900. In 1905 the New England telephone Company extended a line into Whitefield located at the store. You can see the phone sign in the photograph, the Post Office was also housed there for years.

The upper floor housed Town offices and was the site of local business meetings. There was an icehouse at the back. There was a tie up for horses and as automobiles started replacing the horses Ed installed gas pumps. The store carried yard goods, embroidery floss, thread, candy, ice cream, grain, harness equipment, ice, kerosene, rubber boots and even plug tobacco. Ed married Belle Fowles in 1902 and they ran the store together until Ed died in 1931 and then Belle ran it alone until it burned in the fire of April 10, 1948 which also burned several other buildings in North Whitefield.

DON'T FORGET

SATURDAY STORY HOUR AT THE LIBRARY
TRAVEL AROUND THE WORLD IN STORIES
10:30 – 11:30



& Community Center

Family Game Night
August 14th 6-7 p.m.
Knitting & Needles Circle
August 21th 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Book Club
August 28th
6-7 p.m.

Visit the Whitefield Library's book sale room during library hours- Saturday 10-2 and Wednesdays 10-12 and 5-7.

Huge selection of books for sale: paperbacks 25 cents and hardcovers \$1.00.

Stock up for summer reading.



Clary Lake Association Events

Annual Meeting and Community Cookout
Saturday, August 3rd

The CLA will hold its Annual Meeting at the dam site on Mills Road in Whitefield at 2PM. This year we are inviting the larger community of lake lovers to come join us in celebration of our restored natural treasure. Cookout open to the public will start at 4PM. The Association will be offering hot dogs and hamburgers and beverages and we encourage folks who plan to attend to bring an offering of a side dish or dessert. We hope to see you there!

Coffee and Donut Clutch Out on the Lake!
Saturday, August 24th

Come find us out in the middle of the Lake for a morning of fun floating with neighbors. Get there however you can! There will be a party boat canteen with freshly brewed coffee and homemade donuts from 9-11AM.

Stay tuned for details of other upcoming events this Fall...brought to you by the Clary Lake Association, proud owners of the Clary Lake Dam and dedicated stewards of this jewel in our backyard – Clary Lake!



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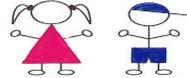
AUGUST 2019 COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR.

**WHITEFIELD LIBRARY SATURDAYS 10-2, Storytime w/ Activity 10:30-11:30
WEDNESDAYS 10-12 AND 5-7 PM**

- 1st **SENIOR MEN'S GROUP**, Sheepscot General, 10 am
- 2nd **WHITEFIELD/ALNA FOOD PANTRY**, St. Denis Hall, 10-12 pm
ART OPENING & RECEPTION WITH MANDA HARD 5-7 pm at Sheepscot General
CBD TOUR & LECTURE WITH DR SULAK at 98 Townhouse Road from 7-8pm for a free presentation on CBD (Cannabidiol).
- 3rd **CLARY LAKE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING** at the dam site on Mills Road at 2PM.
This year we are inviting the larger community of lake lovers to come join us in celebration of our restored natural treasure. Cookout open to the public will start at 4PM. The Association will be offering hot dogs and hamburgers and beverages and we encourage folks who plan to attend to bring an offering of a side dish or dessert. We hope to see you there!
- 4th **TEA TIME IN THE GARDEN** at Natural Dawnings herb gardens the first Sunday of each month thru the summer June-September from 2-4pm. The address is 251 Benner Lane. \$10 donation to attend.
- 5th **COOPERS MILLS FIRE DEPT.** All are welcome. No obligation. 7 pm
KINGS MILLS FIRE DEPT., 7 pm
- 6th **SELECT BOARD**, Fire Station, 6 pm
YIN YOGA AT SHEEPSCOT GENERAL, 6:30-8:00 pm
KINGS MILLS UNION HALL BOARD MEETING - Public Welcome 7 pm
- 8th **SENIOR MEN'S GROUP**, Sheepscot General, 10 am
RSU SCHOOL BOARD MEETING Chelsea School, 6:30 pm
- 11th **LIVE EDGE MUSIC FESTIVAL** Tickets \$20—11:30 am - 6:00 pm at HVNC A fun-filled day of live music featuring Maine bands, great local food and craft beer.
WHITEFIELD ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (WAA), Whitefield School, 6 pm
- 12th **WHITEFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY**, Town House, 1 pm
WHITEFIELD MUNICIPAL FIRE DEPT., Fire Station, 7 pm
- 13th **WOMEN OF WHITEFIELD**, Sheepscot General, 10 am
YIN YOGA AT SHEEPSCOT GENERAL, 6:30-8:00
- 14th **FAMILY GAME NIGHT** at the Whitefield Library & Community Center 6-7 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. 207-389-5150
- 15th **SENIOR MEN'S GROUP**, Sheepscot General, 10 am
- 16th **OUTDOOR CONCERT WITH SARAH TRUNZO WITH SPRUCE TOP HOLLER** at Sheepscot General 7 pm
- 17th **ANNUAL CMVFD AUCTION** 10 am (see Page 1)
WHITEFIELD/ALNA FOOD PANTRY, St. Denis Hall, 10-12 pm
DRUMMING CIRCLE, Sheepscot General, 6:30 pm. Open to the public, all ages welcome.
- 20th **SELECT BOARD**, Fire Station, 6 pm
YIN YOGA AT SHEEPSCOT GENERAL, 6:30-8:00 pm
WHITEFIELD LIBRARY BOARD MEETING 6:30 pm at the Whitefield Library, all are welcome
- 21st **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.
KNITTING & NEEDLES CIRCLE at the Whitefield Library & Community Center 10:30-11:30 am
PLANNING BOARD, Town Office 6:00 pm
- 22nd **SENIOR MEN'S GROUP**, Sheepscot General, 10 am
- 24th **IDENTIFYING NEW ENGLAND'S EDIBLE AND MEDICINAL MUSHROOMS**—HVNC Cost \$60 9-3 pm
COFFEE AND DONUT CLUTCH OUT ON THE LAKE! Come find us out in the middle of Clary Lake. There will be a party boat canteen with freshly brewed coffee and homemade donuts from 9-11AM.
COMMUNITY SINGING CIRCLE, Sheepscot General, 6 pm. Open to all, acoustic instruments Welcome
- 27th **WOMEN OF WHITEFIELD**, Sheepscot General 10 am
YIN YOGA AT SHEEPSCOT GENERAL, 6:30-8:00 pm
- 28th **BOOK CLUB**, Whitefield Library and Community Center 6 pm
- 29th **SENIOR MEN'S GROUP**, Sheepscot General, 10 am



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