



# Whitefield News



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## September 8th is Maine Apple Sunday

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Bill McKeen modeling new library sign  
donated by Minuteman Signs of Augusta.  
photo by Dan Joslyn.



The "Boys of Summer". Dan Joslyn, Erik  
Ekholm and Bill McKeen pause for a break on  
this 90 degree day while digging the post  
holes for the new library sign.

## Simon McCormick: A scholar, an athlete, a gentleman

by Sue McKeen

I sat down with Simon McCormick and his mom, Karen on a hot afternoon in August. Simon, seated at a picnic table with the requisite basketball perched in front of him, smiled from ear to ear, one of the most engaging and genuine smiles I've ever seen. And it's not just his smile that makes Simon McCormick special.

Now a senior at Cony High School, I asked Simon what it was like growing up in Whitefield. He told me it was great, he knew everyone, and had lots of good friends. From the age of three, he always loved and played sports. Beginning in 7<sup>th</sup> grade he played AAU basketball, travelling many miles for tournaments and grueling practice schedules. This was just the beginning. Karen laughs at this point reminding him how many thousands of miles her little car has travelled over the years.

Going to Cony from Whitefield wasn't much of an adjustment for Simon, he simply did what he has always done, engage friends, play sports and work hard academically. At Cony he plays three sports; basketball, soccer and track. He's not just a great athlete. He is also a scholar, having been inducted into the National Honor Society in his junior year. And there's more, he can sing and act too, participating in Chizzle Wizzle (Cony's annual entertainment event) each year. In his spare time he helps run basketball clinics for kids and assists with a Special Olympics team. Simon now has his license, much to Karen's delight, but Karen travels to every game, every tournament.

On July 16, Simon's Portland-based team, the Blue Wave, won the Amateur Athletic Union 17U national championship in Orlando, Florida.



Simon McCormick proudly holds the Amateur Athletic Union 17U national championship trophy won by his Portland-based team in Orlando, Florida July 16.

Simon, a stand out point guard, scored the Blue Wave's tying basket in the second overtime with a layup on a set play. In the 3rd overtime, teammate Logan Bagshaw, of Greely, made all 3 foul shots to win the game.

I asked Simon about future plans. He said he wants to go to Colby, Bates or Bowdoin, but Colby is his first choice. He's interested in business, psychology and sociology. Simon told me he's a people person and although he plans to see other places after college, he said he is a homebody at heart.

I asked Simon what is most important to him. He smiled that million dollar smile and said, "Friendship, family, coming together and winning!" Whitefield is very proud of this young man.

**Volunteers Bob Kelley, David Elliott and Mike McMorrow with Midcoast Conservancy staffer Jade Christensen completed a new bridge in August on the Sheepscot West Branch trail off the North Howe Road.**





# Out and About I Whitefield

By Christine LaPado-Breglia

At [mainething.com/amish](http://mainething.com/amish), Whitefield's David Chase, a former art teacher who has become deeply involved with the local Amish community, offers his newest version of his detailed downloadable map of the area's growing Amish community, including families living in Windsor and Jefferson and those soon to arrive.

Names of the families as well as what type of services they offer are included. For instance, one learns that Ben and Annie Zook live at 544 Cooper Road in Whitefield and offer custom-made canvas products, baked goods, and dairy products, and that John and Melinda Miller live at 25 Mills Road and make wreaths and quilts and do woodwork.

"The map was created with the help of the Amish with the understanding that it would be updated every year to reflect their growing community and products and service," David said. He said is getting tens of thousands of "hits" online.

David has long had a soft spot for the Amish, since they began arriving in Whitefield in early 2017. "They are people who are very different from us (longtime locals). When they came, I thought, 'It might not be a good landing.' I wanted to soften their landing," David told me.

He has tried to help "soften their landing" in Whitefield by offering a wealth of information about the Amish at his website, [mainething.com](http://mainething.com), including videos of the Amish at work, such as the interesting "Ice Harvest 2018."

"We need diversity," David said passionately of the influx of Amish from New York, Kentucky, and Michigan. "I have met every single one of them. I did that in a week."

He continues to meet new Amish families as they arrive in town.

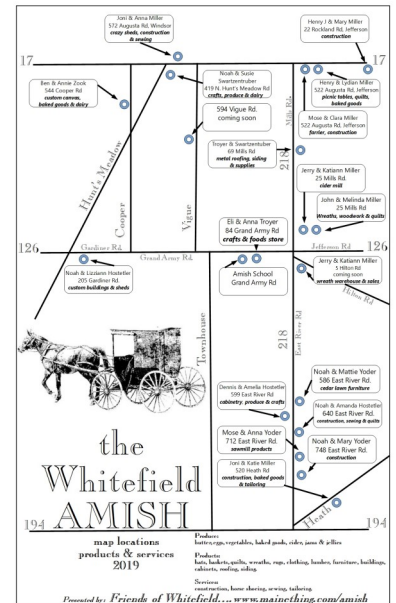
David is a big believer in getting to know the people in one's community, no matter how "different" they might seem at first glance. And he is quick to say that if anyone talks badly about any

of our Amish neighbors, "I ask if they have met them and talked to them.

"We can count on the Amish to give us lessons," he said, comparing the peaceful, hard-working Amish to Buddhists. "We can't see them as 'from away' or 'intrusive.' They are here to help."

Extra fun: Read Kennebec Journal reporter Mechele Cooper's in-depth story "World Wide Whitefield," about David and his multifaceted website, at [mainething.com/wwwkj](http://mainething.com/wwwkj).

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**Donations for school supplies are always needed. Paper, pencils, glue, tape, etc. Please drop them off at the Whitefield School. Thanks!!**



## Town Office News....

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

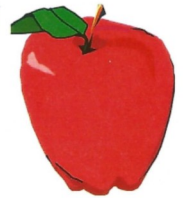
Applications for absentee ballots are available. It is only the application to receive ballots when then come in on or about October 4<sup>th</sup>.

Also, tax bills will be out sometime on/or about the week of September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Tax Clubs will be out as well at that time.

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# Whitefield Historical Society "Just Yesterday"



"Street View North Whitefield Maine" postcard stamped June 1, 1911, mailed to Mr. Phillips in Boston. This postcard was published for F.W. Douglas. The Hodgkins store was owned by a Mrs. Hodgkin who sold dry goods. Prior to that it had been owned by John Tarr. There was a small hall over the store that was used for meetings, dances, and to show "moving pictures". How appropriate that after being purchased at Douglas Store in Whitefield, it comes back here to live!  
(Postcard purchased online by Libby for WHS)

## Correction:

In the last newsletter, the "Just Yesterday" piece mis-placed the Douglas Store.

It reported that the store was "beside" Arlington Grange and indeed the grange hall could be seen next to the store in the photo. - not! Since the late 19th century, and like today there have been 5 buildings between the grange hall and what is now the Superette. Douglas store was the middle of the 5 buildings.

On the right of the store was the home of Calvin Flanders and next on the right was the home of Percy Cunningham (also the telephone office) and to the right of his home is Arlington Grange now our Library. April 10, 1948 Percy was burning rubbish and the fire ignited the grass that spread to both Calvin's home and Douglas's store - both were destroyed.

Later Chet Chase brought the land where these buildings had stood and he built the two "new" homes that stand today between Percy's and the Bailey's. - a long ways from our Grange/Library building...  
Thanks

David Chase

## Sheepscot Valley Hinterland Preschool

Melissa Vallieres & Brandi Grady

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8 am—2 pm

## Whitefield Cares!

We are excited to announce a new program for the Whitefield community.

Our residents are supported in many ways through outside agencies and local community support.

Yet, we are sure we can improve our support network. We want to learn: 1) are residents aware of these valuable resources, 2) what are we missing, and 3) how can we bring additional needed resources to Whitefield?

In an effort to bring awareness and support to all residents of Whitefield we want to discuss our community needs. Please join us on September 26, 2019 at 6:00 PM at the Whitefield Elementary School, to launch an effort we're calling "Whitefield Cares!". Lise Hanners and Joan Morin are convening the interested public and service providers in Whitefield to share information about the resources that are currently available and to identify how we can better support members of our community.



Despite the heat of July, volunteer Bob Gilman stuck to the chore of sanding and refinishing the Roll of Honor memorial in Kings Mills village. In July 2000, the Whitefield Senior Men's group restored the replica of the hand-lettered Roll of Honor of Whitefield men and women who served in World Wars I and II. An inscription reads, "in grateful recognition of all townspeople native or new-comer who bear the burden of war in defense of America and its vision of liberty and justice for all". Many thanks to Whitefield Senior Men and the dedicated labor of Bob Gilman!



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

- 1st **TEA TIME IN THE GARDEN** at Natural Dawnings herb gardens from 2-4pm. The address is 251 Benner Lane. \$10 donation to attend
- 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  
**KINGS MILLS UNION HALL BOARD MEETING** - Public Welcome 7 pm.
- 5th **SENIOR MEN'S GROUP,** Sheepscot General, 10 am
- 6th **WHITEFIELD/ALNA FOOD PANTRY,** St. Denis Hall, 10-12 pm  
**ART OPENING & RECEPTION WITH ARLENE KELLEY** 5-7 pm at Sheepscot General
- 8th **MAINE APPLE SUNDAY AT BAILEY'S ORCHARD - ALL DAY EVENT - FREE APPLE SQUARES  
SEVERAL APPLE PRIZE DRAWINGS.**  
**WHITEFIELD ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (WAA),** Whitefield School, 6 pm
- 9th **WHITEFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY,** Town House, 1 pm  
**WHITEFIELD MUNICIPAL FIRE DEPT.,** Fire Station, 7 pm
- 10th **WOMEN OF WHITEFIELD,** Sheepscot General 10 am  
**PTA MEETING-** please join us for our meeting @ 5:30 always the 2nd Tuesday in the school conference room.
- FAMILY GAME NIGHT** at the Whitefield Library & Community Center 6-7 pm
- 12th **SENIOR MEN'S GROUP,** Sheepscot General, 10 am  
**RSU SCHOOL BOARD MEETING** Chelsea School, 6:30 pm
- 13th **ZERO WASTE TALK WITH SUZANNE BALBO** 6:00 - 8:00 PM Don't throw away your money! Learn how reducing your trash and saving money go hand in hand. Sheepscot General  
**FULL MOON PADDLE ON LITTLE DYER POND** at Hidden Valley Nature Center All Ages 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm 207-389-5150
- 15th **TOMATO CANNING 101 WORKSHOP** 1:00 -3:00 pm. This class will walk participants through the basics of canning whole tomatoes. Lead by University of Maine Master Food Preservers Susan Webbert and Ben Crockett. \$10 per person
- 17th **SELECT BOARD,** Fire Station, 6 pm  
**WHITEFIELD LIBRARY BOARD MEETING** 6:30 pm at the Whitefield Library, all are welcome
- 18th **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
- 19th **SENIOR MEN'S GROUP,** Sheepscot General, 10 am  
**WHITEFIELD SALMON PRESERVE HIKE** 5:00 - 7:00 pm Join Midcoast Conservancy hikers at the Whitefield Salmon Preserve. We will meet at the parking lot for the preserve on N. Howe Road RSVP to Jade by email or call her at (207) 389-5163.
- 21st **WHITEFIELD/ALNA FOOD PANTRY,** St. Denis Hall, 10-12 pm  
**DRUMMING CIRCLE,** Sheepscot General, 6:30 pm. Open to the public, all ages welcome.
- 22nd **SENIOR MEN'S GROUP,** Sheepscot General, 10 am
- 24th **WOMEN OF WHITEFIELD,** Sheepscot General 10 am
- 25th **BOOK CLUB,** Whitefield Library and Community Center 6 pm  
**"ARLINGTON BOOKWORM"** 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Whitefield Library, Young Adult Book Club. Check out our Instagram page "Arlington Bookworm" for details. All teens welcome!
- 26th **SENIOR MEN'S GROUP,** Sheepscot General, 10 am
- 27th **HAPPY PIGS TASTE BETTER - BOOK TALK WITH ALICE PERCY** 5:00 PM 7:00 PM at Sheepscot General. She will be here to discuss and answer questions on her new book.
- 28th **COMMUNITY SINGING CIRCLE,** Sheepscot General, 6 pm. Open to all, acoustic instruments Welcome
- 29th **RACE THROUGH THE WOODS** at Hidden Valley Nature Center Race fees are \$35 for the half marathon, and \$25 for the 5.5 miler. This race is open to beginners and experienced trail runners alike. If you've never been in a trail race this is a great, fun event to start with. 8:00 am - 2:00 pm  
**MAKE YOUR OWN MEDICINE... HEMP TINCTURE AND SALVE WORKSHOP** 1:00 PM 2:30 PM Come learn how to make your own medicine. Materials will be available for purchase during class. \$15 participation fee, limited class size register by emailing [sheepscotgeneral@gmail.com](mailto:sheepscotgeneral@gmail.com)  
**KINGS MILLS UNION HALL ANNUAL BOARD MEETING AND OPEN HOUSE** 3-5 pm Kings Mills Union Hall. All are welcome.



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