



# Whitefield News

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## Whitefield Food Pantry is now open weekly during this crisis

The Whitefield Food Pantry continues to be open the first Friday of the month from 10-3 as well as every Saturday from 10-3 (except for the Saturday following the first Friday opening). **Starting May 9<sup>th</sup>, however, the Saturday hours will change to 10-1pm.**

During this crisis, there are no income restrictions. If you could use a little extra food please stop by and visit us. Everyone is welcome. We offer non perishables, fresh produce & dairy (as available), bread, eggs, cheese, all kinds of frozen meat, canned fruit, cereal, and other things. We even have a little toilet paper.

In our effort to keep everyone healthy, our awesome volunteers pack the boxes and deliver to your car. If you have a friend in need, please bring them or inform them of our services. If transportation is an issue please call Jeanne 549-7014 or Janet 549-3672. Check our facebook page – *Whitefield Food Pantry* – for updates. Monetary donations are tax deductible and may be sent to Whitefield Food Pantry, 123 Philbrick Lane, Whitefield, Maine 04353

## LOCAL HEROES

By Sue McKeen

In these unprecedented times, we hear the word hero used a lot. But what does it actually mean and what does it take to be one? So I asked Google. Here's what she said. "a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements or noble qualities..."

Many come to mind, but sharing the top of my list are those everyday workers in our own local stores. Think about this, where would we be without them? No local gas, sandwiches, deli, coffee, groceries, pizza, no one to tell us the latest local news. The list goes on.

I stopped at the North Whitefield Superette and spoke with Steve Crocker and Trish Shorey. Although it was busy, they took some time to talk



Dee Dee Crocker at the North Whitefield Superette Photo by Sue McKeen

with me about how they're coping. They said most people have been nice and patient.

Steve said it is sometimes difficult to get some products, but they try to stay ahead of demand. He mentioned the challenge in getting help in these times which was particularly brought home when Steve himself was spotted behind the counter making a sandwich the other day. Thank you to all the local heroes at the Superette.

I then spoke with Erin King at Country Corners.

She also noted how most of their customers have been understanding and appreciative of their efforts to keep them safe while at the store. She said, "Product replacement has been a bit of a struggle. We might get an item one week and not again for two more. I've had to get creative... and be flexible with the brand or style of a product I might try to get." She noted, "Really everyday is a new day and therefore can be a new adventure. We are doing our best to stay healthy and help the public stay healthy as well...taking one day at a time and thankful to be here. Working and open." Thank you to all the local heroes at Country Corners.



Julia Burk at Country Corners Photo by Erin King

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## Whitefield School continues to help those in need

By Meagan Soule

At this time, Howard Tuttle, Superintendent of RSU 12 has stated the RSU will follow the recommendation from the Commissioner of Education to end classroom instruction and implement a continuity of learning plan for distance education until the end of the 2019-2020 school year unless conditions change.

During this time of uncertainty, we see many of our school community families struggling. Many of these families were struggling prior to the pandemic and even more need support now more than ever.

The staff at the Whitefield School are working hard to make sure families in the community worry a little less about food. While school was in session we were able to support food insecurities by providing breakfast, lunch, and snacks (when necessary) for students. We also provided Friday backpacks that were given to those who needed some extra food for the weekends.

During school closure, the Whitefield School has been working to replicate food service for families in the community. Starting on April 20th, we will be delivering food to these families twice each week on Tuesdays and Fridays. Food deliveries will remain at the same time and will be larger disbursements. Along with Tuesday and

Friday food deliveries, we have also continued to support families that were receiving Friday food bags, (backpack program) from the school's food pantry. These food bags will be delivered on Fridays only.

The Whitefield Food Pantry has also extended its hours to accommodate the community. Additionally, Whitefield Cares, a volunteer committee, offers food pick up and drop off for those who do not have transportation.

Please contact Meagan Soule, Amy Perkins, or Kendra Anderson at the school at 549-7691 if you have any questions or know of any families within the community who may be struggling with food insecurity.



Marcie Abbott, with red jacket and face mask and Deb Barnum, walking toward bus.



## Out and About in Whitefield

By Christine LaPado-Breglia, christine.lapado@gmail.com

We may be on coronavirus "lockdown," but it does not mean we have to do without healthy good food. Sheepscot General, that hub of goodness at 98 Townhouse Road in Whitefield, is (thankfully) open during the current pandemic period, but it is selling everything it offers for "curbside" pickup only. That means one cannot currently go inside the business to purchase groceries or other needed items, but must rather order ahead of time for same-day or next-day pickup outside the store.



Here's the scoop: Orders placed before noon will be for same-day pickup; orders placed after noon will be for the following day. Someone from Sheepscot General will call customers when their order is ready for pickup. Go to the following link to view the many grocery items available, such as bread, bagels, cookies, produce, fermented foods, dairy products, frozen meat, and much more, and to order.

Cafe food orders must be called in the same day at 549-5185. The menu and order forms are on the website <https://www.sheepscotgeneral.com/>.

Special orders are also available, which are pre-orders for kitchen items (such as chicken salad, whole quiche) or bulk grocery items (such as dry beans, flour, and rice).

When I asked Sheepscot General co-owner Taryn Marcus how she, her husband, Ben, and their staff are holding up during this trying period and whether they got a Paycheck Protection Program loan to help their small business, Taryn said, "We are currently applying for emergency loans that are being offered. We lost our cafe sales but have seen an increase in grocery sales."

"Online orders are the best way for us to quickly fill your requests," said Taryn. "We are still taking phone orders and we check our email every hour."

"We have chosen a small group of staff to work with us during this time," she noted. "We are trying our best to mitigate risk, especially because I am pregnant and therefore considered high risk. We also have staff that we would love to bring back on, but they live with people that are high risk or are high risk themselves. There are eight of us total working right now including Ben and I."

No one needs to miss out on such deliciousness as Sheepscot General's awesome bread (their olive bread, for instance, is to die for!) and regionally famous pizza during this time period, either. As Taryn put it, "We would love to sell more of our bread, made fresh every day, and pizza -- orders are taken from noon-7 p.m. every day."

"We love Whitefield and are grateful for all the love and support we have already received!"

Sheepscot General is open for business Tuesday-Saturday from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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And of course Sheepscot General, where everyday there are people working hard for you. See related story by Christine LaPado-Breglia

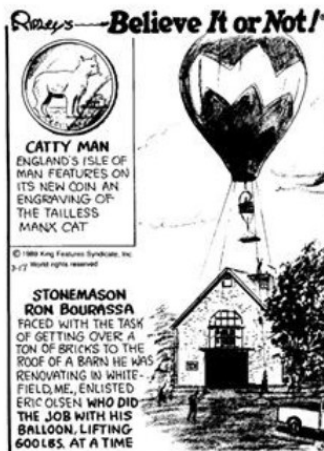
So what does it take to be a hero? I think it takes guts, but Google says, "Being a hero is about suffering for others, making sacrifices for higher purposes and being courageous in the face of danger. A hero will fight for a cause that helps others, not themselves. A hero will put the greater needs of a group above that of his or her own." We salute you, we thank you, we're proud to call you our own.

## How to build a chimney in Whitefield???

We offered this picture last month and had many responses on Facebook and email. This was the barn owned by Michael and Glenna Kimball called the Second Fiddle. When faced with the task of building a chimney, they came up with a unique way of transporting the heavy bricks, the Olsen's hot air balloon! A blast from the past for sure! Hopefully the names are correct. Had tons of input. Thanks everyone!

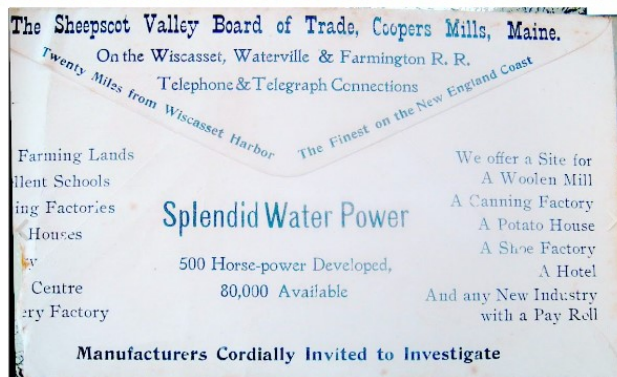


Nate Smith, Peter Froelich, KC Olsen, Robin Johanson, Dana Bowdoin, June Lordi (behind Justin), Justin Smith, David Nichols, Steve Schlosser, Walter Kinsley, Chris Kimball, Deborah Ghorbyeb (behind Glenna), Glenna Kimball with Sarah Kimball  
 Jessie Kimball, Eric Olsen, Ron Bourassa, Rebecca Moore, Linda Moore, Gus Moore, Arron Bourassa on Bike, Jimmy Silin.





# Whitefield Historical Society "Just Yesterday"



## SO YOU THINK YOU KNOW WHITEFIELD?!

Around 1911 the Sheepscot Valley Board of Trade advertised Coopers Mills as a prime place to do business due to the water power from the Coopers Mills dam and the transportation provided by the WW&F railroad. What is now quiet little Main Street, was then Route 17 bustling with activity between Rockland and Augusta. How times have changed! Attribution: David Chase: Mainething.com

## Whitefield Historical Society encourages US flag display

The annual Memorial Day program will not be held this year due to the present recommendations against group meetings during the COVID-19 crisis. Members of the Society brainstormed ways to celebrate Memorial Day in a simple and safe way.

The Society members are asking everyone in town who owns a US flag to display it in some way so that passers-by can be reminded of this important and historic holiday. Please hang one of any size, big or small, on your porch, by your front door, out by the road, or up on a pole. Let everyone know that Whitefield residents are remembering Memorial Day with a flag. The Whitefield Historical Society also reminds residents that another safe way to remember the holiday is to visit a cemetery. This is a holiday about honoring those who serve or served and those who lost their lives in order for us to enjoy the freedoms we have today. Today more than ever, we are all together, we are all one.



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## Select Board Corner

March 15, 2020 - April 15, 2020

Below are issues of likely interest to residents of Whitefield from the Select Board meetings of the previous month. This issue covers the beginning of the State closure per Janet Mills' order "Social Distancing Emergency Executive Order due to the Covid-19 Pandemic". The Select Board meeting on March 17 was the last time the Select Board met in person; meetings on March 18 and March 27 were conducted remotely. For a complete description of the issues before the Board each meeting, please click this link: <https://townofwhitefield.com/agendas-minutes/> to go to the Town website and read the Select Board minutes.

- The Town of Whitefield has a new health officer! Ben Caron of the Whitefield Fire Department agreed on March 17 to take on the health officer responsibilities until a permanent replacement is identified. Thank you Ben!
- Much of the business of the Select Board has been focused on the Town's response to the Covid-19 pandemic and ongoing issues that arise because of our new reality.
- The Town Office will be closed indefinitely, until the State makes decisions regarding public activities. Darlene Beaulieu and staff will be on-site intermittently to maintain finances and respond to voice mails.
- The Central Fire Station Meeting Room will be closed to the public indefinitely.
- The Whitefield Town Meeting and Election were postponed per State emergency legislation. Those serving in elected positions will continue in those roles for the foreseeable future. The Select Board will meet on May 26<sup>th</sup> to evaluate options for a future Town Meeting and Elections date.
- The Select Board will continue to sign and approve accounts payable and payroll warrants during this period. The Board will continue to meet remotely every two weeks.
- Property taxes are due April 30, 2020 and may be mailed or dropped off through the mail slot on the left-most door at Town Office. Darlene Beaulieu will mail a receipt to property owners after taxes are received.
- The decision was made to continue paying Town staff during this period. Expenditures for the Town will be carefully reviewed in light of expected shortfalls in State revenue because of the pandemic.
- The Recycling Center is closed. Indefinitely. The bins outside are open and are being emptied but the building will remain closed until the Town Office is opened. Please do not leave cans and bottles by the building because no one will remove them until the building is opened!
- The Economic Development Committee is working on a proposal for funding by ConnectME to improve internet distribution throughout Whitefield. The Select Board signed a letter in support of the proposal.

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## MAY 2020 COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR.

### IN CASE YOU HAVEN'T HEARD:

MOST EVENTS AND MEETINGS ARE CANCELLED. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, CONTACT THE GROUP OR MEETING PLACE TO SEE IF YOUR EVENT IS STILL OCCURRING

### Howard Tuttle, Superintendent

Unless conditions change, RSU 12 classrooms will remain closed and RSU 12 students will continue distance learning until the last day of school, June 12th. Find more information about this extended classroom closure here, <https://5il.co/fa08>

**TOWN OFFICE** You can request absentee ballots on the state's website at:

<https://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/elec/voter-info/absent.html>.

Find more information on our website at: <https://townofwhitefield.com/>. We are trying to keep everyone updated through our website.

### THINGS TO DO:

**FEELING COOPED UP?** Why not take a walk on one of Whitefield's beautiful town trails!

Download maps/ brochures at [www.midcoastconservancy.org/preserve/sheepscot-valley/](http://www.midcoastconservancy.org/preserve/sheepscot-valley/)

*Marr's Ridge Trail:* kiosk and parking on middle Hunt's Meadow Road

It's less than a mile up to the ledge overlook where you can see out to the Camden Hills!

*Happy Farm River Trail:* park at Recycling Center, look for kiosk near ballfield

An easy out-and-back walk, through beautiful fields down to the Sheepscot River.

*Sheepscot West Branch Trail:* kiosk and parking at the dead end of North Howe Road (come in from Rte. 17)



### Fixing the Roof at the Library

It was the perfect day to get the roof patched. I couldn't help wondering about those men who climbed that steep roof 135 years ago, and I'd love to know who made those bricks...wouldn't you? Well, we know who finally took the chimney down... Thanks to our volunteers; Chris Henderson, Chris Delisle, and Scott Hayden.



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2 Brand new windows. Decided to go with something smaller. \$400 for pair. Measure 47 1/2" by 68 1/2" (rough opening should be larger). Call or text 485-3991 for more information.

Deadline for newsletter submissions is the 15th of the month. [whitefieldtownnews@gmail.com](mailto:whitefieldtownnews@gmail.com) Whitefield Newsletter Committee: Cheryle Joslyn, Kit Pfeiffer, Sue McKeen, Tony Marple, Christine Lapado-Breglia, Lise Hanners & Debbie Rogers.

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