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Town Office News

By the time this has gone to print and available for reading, Election Day will be here, mail in absentee and in person absentee voting will be behind us. In 2016, the last Presidential Election, we had 1432 Voters, 361 of them were absentee voters. There is currently 1800 registered Voters in Whitefield. We have had a record # of voters vote by mail in absentee, 559 requests have been received as of 10/20/2020. Since October 5th when in person absentee voting became available we have had 126 voters vote in person absentee at the Town Office. I would like to Thank all the Voters who have voted in person for their patience while the office staff processes and prepares their requests and makes sure the booths get sanitized in between voters. The Polls will be OPEN 8 am – 8 pm on Election Day November 3rd at the Whitefield Fire Station located @ 24 Townhouse Road. We ask that you wear masks and practice social distancing at the Polls. I look forward to



meeting all of you.

2021 Tax Bills went out on October 6th, the first ½ is due by November 30th

The Town Office will be CLOSED on Thursday November 26th and Friday November 27th

Hope you all have Enjoyed the Fall Colors. Have a Safe Holiday Season ahead!

Yolanda Violette

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

Saluting those who care

By Sue McKeen

In a time when unkindness and selfishness seem to be normal, it is wise to remember this is simply not true. All you need to do is look around your own backyard, the community of Whitefield. There you will find kindness, helping hands and caring. I know this is true, especially when I watch the many people who volunteer their time, energy and support to the people who need it and the projects which need to be done. This, especially, is a time for giving. We wanted to mention a few of the many volunteers and committees in our town who give so much to our community.

Karen McCormick, a lifelong resident of Whitefield and middle school science teacher at the Whitefield School is one of these people. I recently sat down with Karen and asked about the garden project at the school. She told me originally the National Junior Honor Society (NJHS), where she acts as advisor, started by planting pumpkins on Tony and Marianne Marple's property but was eventually moved to the school for better access. The pumpkins were harvested and sold to support their projects. Due to a staffing change, Karen has recently taken over the Greenhouse Project, which is now integrated into her science class. With the addition of a hoop house, the students can grow vegetables year-round and provide this produce to the food program at school. They are not stopping there. Plans are in the works to **Continued on Pg. 2**



Whitefield School garden, ready for planting in the spring

Free Fruits and Vegetables Available In Waldoboro, Whitefield, Damariscotta, Wiscasset and Boothbay October 26 - October 31

Lincoln County community organizations have collaborated with the United States Department of Agriculture and the Farmers to Families Food Initiative to offer Drive-Thru Farm Stands in Lincoln County next week, where anyone can pick up a free box of food including fruits, vegetables, dairy, and meats.

- Monday October 26- at the Waldoboro Town Office (1600 Atlantic Hwy, Waldoboro) from 2:30pm to 6pm.
- Tuesday October 27- at the Wiscasset Community Center (242 Gardiner Rd, Wiscasset) from 9am to 12:30pm.
- Wednesday October 28- at the Whitefield Calvary Baptist Church (150 Grand Army Rd, Whitefield) from 1:30pm to 5:30pm.
- Thursday October 29- at the Boothbay Town Commons (Common Dr, Boothbay) from 9am to 12:30pm.
- Friday October 30- Coastal Rivers Round Farm, Damariscotta) from 2:30pm to 6pm.
- Saturday October 31- at Sherman Lake Rest Stop (980 Atlantic Hwy, Newcastle) from 9am to 1 pm.

Farm fresh fruits and vegetables, including potatoes, onions, carrots and apples will be part of the large boxes that will be available to anyone who attends. To maintain social distancing and to follow safety guidelines during the COVID-19 pandemic, workers will be wearing masks and will place the food box in your vehicle.

Research shows that the number of people who are food insecure across the country has increased during the pandemic, with an estimated 18 percent of people in Lincoln County, according to new Feeding America projections released in June. This is a 44 percent increase from 2018's rate of 13 percent, or 4,250 individuals in Lincoln County who were considered food insecure, which means they did not have reliable access to enough affordable, nutritious food.



Thank you to our local farmers and partners who have made these free events possible.

This collaborative event is made possible by Lincoln County Emergency Management, Lincoln County Regional Planning Commission, Lincoln Health, Healthy Lincoln County, and Lincoln County Food Initiative.

Contact Sandy Gilbreath, (207) 232-5419 for more information.

Caring from Pg. 1 expand the outside garden which she hopes will offer more food both to the school and the community. Karen and her NJHS students also provide a harvest dinner to folks in the community who may need a meal or just a hand up. She has taken it upon herself to see that the flower garden at school is kept weed free and maintained. Too add to the list, Karen and her NJHS students place American flags on veteran's graves every Memorial Day. This is the short list of all Karen does for the school and her community, she gets the job done, she cares about her community.

Jeanne Shaw and Janet Ober are another example of people who care. The Whitefield Food Bank was established back in the 90's when then selectperson Charlene Bartlett saw a real need for families struggling to put food on their tables. The first food distribution center was located in a closet at the town office where it was then moved to the Baptist Church in Kings Mills and finally, outgrowing their space, was moved to its present location at the St. Denis Hall. For over 30 years, Earl and Mary Lemieux were at the helm working tirelessly picking up food, providing meals, and helping those in need. Jeanne and Janet are now heading up that effort and with the help of many volunteers the food bank has become a vital source of nutrition and information in our community with numbers growing every year.

George and Margaret Ferguson, both committed to their community in so many ways, filling a need the Whitefield School delivering meals to those students who currently ing the remote option attend clas- Every Mon- and Wednes-



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George and Margaret pick up their food packets and make their rounds to the several families who are always happy to see them. When I sat down with Margaret and George she said, "It gives us meaning and purpose. It's a nice time for George and I to be together while we drive around town." George confirmed and added, "People are very appreciative." George and Margaret are part of the Whitefield Cares Committee, a committee dedicated to connecting people with services.

The Trails Committee, headed by David Elliott, has been active designing and creating recreational spaces for everyone to enjoy. The Trails committee was the brainchild of Tony Marple and has grown to include many volunteers who clear and maintain an ever-growing system of trails right here in Whitefield. To date there are four trails, with more under construction, being enjoyed by the large number of people seeking outdoor entertainment.

The Roads Committee, chaired by Frank Ober was established by the Select Board and tasked with reviewing and recommending road construction, maintenance, and repair. These volunteers have provided invaluable expertise, consultation, and oversight of road projects for the last several years.

The Economic Development Committee headed by Louis Sell and several volunteers was established several years ago with the mission of improving Whitefield's economic climate. This committee has been working tirelessly on enhanced internet access for all.

The Facilities and Cemetery Committee, chaired by Charlene Donahue, provides oversight of the town's buildings as well as cleaning up town cemeteries. These volunteers play an important part in tracking necessary repairs and renovations often completing these repairs themselves.

The Whitefield Library and Community Center is in the process of renovating the former Arlington Grange and is making this dream a reality. The library plans to open next spring. A project only made possible by hundreds of hours of volunteer time and community support.

The Union Hall, headed by Judy Maldovan and a dedicated group of volunteers has been working for many years to keep the Union Hall an important part of our community, from hosting the annual Chicken Pie Suppers to their fourth of July indoor flea market.

The Whitefield Historical Society, founded by a group of volunteers in the 80's is responsible for collecting, maintaining, and preserving Whitefield's history. Headed by Libby Harmon and Marie Sacks the archives have grown to provide a significant and important source of information for our community.

The Whitefield Lion's Club, located in Coopers Mills, has been providing services to Whitefield and the surrounding communities for many years. This organization is powered by volunteers who donate hundreds of hours to community service.

These are just a few of the many volunteers who personify the spirit of giving, of giving back and giving thanks for all we have in our community. It really does take a village. Not just any village, but a place filled with caring people who will help you when you need it.



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Thanksgiving Baskets available



The Whitefield Food Bank and Town of Whitefield are collecting names for those interested in receiving a Thanksgiving basket. If you would like a basket, please contact Jeanne Shaw at 549-7014. All requests must be received by November 9th, baskets will be delivered on November 24th.

Whitefield Historical Society "Just Yesterday"



SO YOU THINK YOU KNOW WHITEFIELD?!

Arthur King of Kings Mills casting ballot. Left are Lyndon Hardwick and Margaret Mooney. Next photo contains 3 yr. old Gregory Prescott, Ida Cuthbertson, Alice Prescott and Evelyn Plummer

Photo courtesy of the Lincoln County News, with assistance from the Whitefield Historical Society

Whitefield Library and Community Center calendar now available

A very special 2021 Whitefield Library and Community Center calendar featuring local artists of

all ages is now available for sale at the following locations:



Whitefield Town Office
Sheepscot General Store
North Whitefield Superette
Country Corners



Select Board Notes

Whitefield Residents Voting Early

By Bill McKeen

As of October 20th, the town office has had 685 absentee ballots requested. That number represents 46% of the number of voters in the last presidential election which were about 1500. It is recommended that absentee ballots be mailed by October 26 so that they can be returned by mail in time. The deadline for in-person voting at the town office is Friday, October 30. Town Clerk, Yolanda Violette said that she expects a larger than normal vote on November 3rd. A \$5,000 grant has been received by the town from the Canter for Tech and Civic Life for election expenses.

The town office will follow state guidelines about office hours for the Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years holidays.

Karen McCormick has been given permission to expand her school garden onto a small part of town land adjacent to the school property. She will move the pumpkin patch there from an outside location. The produce raised at the garden is distributed to students with any excess going to Whitefield residents.

Noreen Hare of the St. Michael's Parish has asked the town if it might be interested in buying the St. Denis Hall. The Parish plans to build a new hall behind St. Denis Church. The Parish will provide to the town the costs of needed repairs, operating, maintenance costs, and a marketing analysis.

A new trail and parking area has been bush hogged at the town property off Fox Farm Lane. The trail is non-motorized and goes around the perimeter of the property, along the West Branch of the Sheepscot River and can be used for hiking, cross country skiing, snowshoeing, picnics and viewing of wildlife.



View along west branch of the Sheepscot River

A new deck surface at the Whitefield Historical Society has been nearly completed by volunteers. An RFP will be advertised by the town for quotes to paint the building. The old boards will be donated to the Trails Committee for use as walkways on our local hiking trails.

The swap shop at our recycling facility has re-opened, by allowing only one person at a time for no more than 5 minutes.

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NOVEMBER 2020 COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, CONTACT THE GROUP OR MEETING PLACE TO SEE IF YOUR EVENT IS STILL OCCURRING

- 6th **WHITEFIELD FOOD PANTRY**, St. Denis Hall, 10-2pm
 10th **SELECT BOARD** 6 pm Central Fire Station
 12th **RSU SCHOOL BOARD MEETING** Please check the website for meeting date and availability online.
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE 4 pm at the fire station.
 14th **WHITEFIELD FOOD PANTRY**, St. Denis Hall, 10-12 pm
 21st **WHITEFIELD FOOD PANTRY**, St. Denis Hall, 10-12 pm
 24th **SELECT BOARD** 6 pm Central Fire Station
 18th **PLANNING BOARD**, Town Office 6:00 pm
 28th **WHITEFIELD FOOD PANTRY**, St. Denis Hall, 10-12 pm



Holiday Pop Up at Sheepscot General

In lieu of a holiday bazaar this year, we will have a pop-up holiday market in our cafe space mid-November through December. Rather than holiday shopping being a one day event, you can take your time and browse over a number of weeks. Come support local artists and complete your holiday shopping at the same time!

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Whitefield Food Pantry changes hours

Starting in November the Pantry will be changing our hours of operation. We will be open the first Friday of the month from 10-2.

We will be open on Saturdays from 10-12. We are not open the Saturday following the first Friday. This is a decrease of one hour per operational day.

If you, or anyone you know, are food insecure and are unable to come during our distribution times, please contact Jeanne 549-7014 or Janet 549-3672.

We are very thankful to all the local farmers who have contributed to our fresh produce this year; and to others who have donated monetarily.

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