



# Whitefield News

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## Town News

**Municipal Election Results -**  
Select Board 3 yr term – **Lester E Sheaffer Jr**

Planning Board 3 yr term – **Kathy E Dauphin**

Planning Board 3 yr term – **Jennifer H Grady**

RSU #12 School Board 3 yr term – **Deborah Talacko**

RSU #12 School Board 2 yr term – **Suzanne Balbo.**

Congratulations to All and Thank you for being involved in our Community! Thank you to all the Voters, we had 99 voters vote in person and 33 absentee voters.

Again, Town Meeting will be held June 5<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am at the Whitefield Elementary School and Annual Reports will be out in mid May.

New Online Service to Whitefield Tax Payers.... You may now pay your Property Taxes online. All you need to do is to go to our website:

[townofwhitefield.com](http://townofwhitefield.com) go to Government – Tax Collector and Click on the link, you can also find it under Government - Services. You will be charged 2.5% more to use the card like the service provided in the Town Office. If you have any questions contact me during regular business hours. This service is **ONLY** for paying current year taxes, you can not pay taxes that have been liened.

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## The Perfect Circle Cheesecakery

By Christine LaPado-Breglia

I recently dropped in to Country Corners Grocery, at 184 Main St. in Whitefield, to check out the cheesecakes made by Whitefield's The Perfect Circle Cheesecakery. But true to the good reputation that preceded them, the cheesecakes were sold out. "They come in every Tuesday," the clerk told me, "but they sell out in two days."

I decided to check in with the folks that own and operate The Perfect Circle Cheesecakery-- Emily, Julie, and Sarah St. Jarre--to find out some of the secrets to their popular business.

**Christine: How did you come up with the name of your business?**

**Emily, Julie, and Sarah:** When we first began selling cheesecakes, we called ourselves Saints and Sinners Cheesecakes. We are three sisters, so at the time it made sense to do a play on words of our last name. Although we kept the name for a while, we realized that it didn't fit who we were or what we were all



about. So, we reached out to our family for ideas and our brilliant brother, Matt, came up with our new name. A circle represents completion, wholeness and harmony.

It has no beginning and no end. We realized that like our cheesecakes, a perfect circle represents our family. The loyalty and love we have for one another is infinite; without end. It was original and it meant something to us, and so The Perfect Circle Cheesecakery we became.

**Christine: How long have you been in business?**

**E, J, and S:** We began back in November of 2016, baking out of a little apartment.

**Christine: Where do you sell your cheesecakes?**

**E, J, and S:** We currently sell our cheesecakes in some of the best local shops! You can find us at Country Corners in Whitefield, Weston's Meat Market in Farmingdale, Mulligan's in Manchester, and Fieldstone Quick-stop in China. Belgrade Hospitality gives our cheesecake to every guest who stays in their Airbnb, and if you buy a house from Laflin and Wolfington Realty, you're sure to find us there too!

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## Erskine Academy's Leo Club offers volunteer help

By Sue McKeen

Abbygail Blair lives in Whitefield, is a senior at Erskine Academy and cares about her community. She is president of Erskine Academy's Leo Club, a group of young volunteers who want to help and make a difference. The Leo Club is a volunteer organization in association with the Whitefield Lions Club which offers residents of Whitefield and surrounding communities a wide variety of services. She said the club offers shopping for people who don't want to go out into grocery stores because of the pandemic, spring cleanup, yard work and any number of chores, including washing windows. She said, "Because of Covid-19, many of our annual fundraisers and volunteer activities have been canceled leaving our club searching for new opportunities to help our community. Last month we helped an elderly couple move their belongings into their new house and helped clean out their garage. We are very willing to offer similar

services to anyone else in need."

In addition to these types of services, she said the Club offers programs such as tutoring (K-8), and 1 on 1 mentorships to provide support and guidance for kids in our community. All volunteers follow Covid guidelines. If you have a project and need a hand, you can contact the Leo Club by calling Abbygail at (207) 215-5133 or by email at [ablair21@erskine247.com](mailto:ablair21@erskine247.com). You may also contact the Club's advisor, Roxanne Malley at [rmalley@erskine247.com](mailto:rmalley@erskine247.com).



### Cheesecake from Pg 1

**Christine: What type of cheesecakes do you sell and what is the cost?**

**E, J, and S:** Minis are our top-selling size! They are available in packs of 2 for \$7, 4 for \$13, and 6 for \$19, and also come in boxes of 16 for \$40 (give or take a few cents if you buy them in store). We also make 7-inch and 9-inch whole cheesecakes, which are available upon request. All of our cheesecakes are available in any of our 40-plus flavors. Peanut Butter Cup, Lemon Blueberry, Mint Fudge Cookie, White Chocolate Raspberry, and Espresso Chip are some local favorites!

**Christine: What makes your cheesecakes so popular?**

**E, J, and S:** Our minis are, first and foremost, delicious! They are a fun, convenient size and come in dozens of exciting flavors. Cheesecake is a luxurious dessert and it just makes you feel good when you eat it! We have a passion for what we do and strive to create the perfect cheesecake with every batch. We are so grateful for all of the support our local communities have given us and for our amazing customers who constantly spread the word and share our product. We could not have done it without you!

*Find The Perfect Circle Cheesecakery on Facebook and Instagram: Email, call, or text the St. Jarre sisters to place an order at [stjarrecheesecakes@gmail.com](mailto:stjarrecheesecakes@gmail.com), 207-215-3252, or 207-485-8317 "We politely request a week's notice when placing an order," they say. "We accept cash, check, Venmo and Paypal.*

### Town from Pg. 1

Having trouble making the semi-annual tax payment deadlines? Or would you like the convenience of using your automatic bill paying service to make scheduled payments? Tax Club could be the answer for you. Participation in the Tax Club allows you to make 12 monthly payments with no interest penalties. So, have you ever thought about paying your property equally over 12 months??? Check out the TAX CLUB GUIDELINES on our Website at [townofwhitefield.com](http://townofwhitefield.com) for details. If you would like to sign up or have questions, email Tina Laskey at [townwhitefielddepl@gmail.com](mailto:townwhitefielddepl@gmail.com).

Town Office will be Closed Monday April 19<sup>th</sup>, in observance of Patriots Day. Welcome Spring!! Enjoy the weather!  
Yolanda Violette, Administrative Assistant

## Working Together in Whitefield: Covid Crisis One Year Out

It's hard to believe that it's been a full year we've been living through the Covid pandemic. True to form, Whitefield residents have been pulling together to help each other out. The Whitefield Food Pantry has been open on a weekly basis since last spring, serving many more families than before the pandemic. Whitefield School officials and teachers have been light on their feet to adapt to new systems for educating and feeding our young people while keeping them safe. The group Whitefield Cares has responded to many more requests for help with transportation, fuel assistance and other needs. If you are involved in a volunteer effort to help out fellow Whitefield citizens, be sure to let Whitefield Cares know about it ([info@whitefieldcares.org](mailto:info@whitefieldcares.org)), so they can list you on their comprehensive resource list: <http://www.whitefieldcares.org/wp-content/uploads/Whitefield-Cares-Resource-List.pdf>

As spring unfolds, let's hold the line on staying safe. Get your vaccine as soon as you are eligible. Daily updates to available appointments are listed at <https://www.maine.gov/covid19/vaccines/vaccination-sites>. If the technology of all this is daunting, ask a younger person in your life to do the online search for you! And whether you've been vaccinated or not, keep wearing your mask and practicing social distancing in public places.

If you're doing well and have some time on your hands, why not offer to volunteer? There is more need than ever for extra helping hands.

Let's all do our best to get through these hard times—together.

## Out and About in Whitefield Lincoln Theater is open again!

By Christine LaPado-Breglia  
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As some people might already know, Lincoln Theater, at 2 Theater St. in Damariscotta, reopened on March 19 with the showing of the award-winning film "Nomadland" after having closed its doors to the public for a year due to the COVID-



19 pandemic. The theater's reopening is very good news for Lincoln County residents who have missed all of the goodness the theater has to offer.

The theater's executive director, Andrew Fenniman, is excited about this latest development. "While things may not be quite back to normal, we have made a number of adjustments to our facility as well as to our procedures to aim to create a very safe environment during these still tenuous times," Fenniman said. Lincoln Theater has upgraded its ventilation system so that the entire air mass moves through a new disinfection structure composed of filters, UV-C lights, and bipolar ionization which aims to eliminate virus particles. The system also fully replaces the inside air with outside air approximately twice an hour. Masks are required to be worn by both patrons and staff for the entire time they are in the building currently. No concessions are sold and no outside food or drink is allowed in.

All tickets must be purchased in advance online at the theater's website, [lincolntheter.net](http://lincolntheter.net). One may reserve seats together with friends and family, and the system will automatically generate 6 feet of social distancing between patrons, with multiple rows also blocked off. Seating is currently limited to a maximum limit of 50 people. Call 563-3424 on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for any needed help in purchasing advance tickets.

"We look forward to welcoming you back to Lincoln Theater when you feel comfortable to attend and are grateful for the ongoing support of the community during this difficult year," said Fenniman.



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# Whitefield Historical Society "Just Yesterday"



These young men were endmen in a Teen-to-Tot minstrel performed at the K of C Hall in North Whitefield on April 16, 1956.  
First row: Larry Morse, Roger Downs, David Chase, Stephen Chase  
Second row: Norman Cloutier, Leo Gould

It was directed by Jane Burns (later Hellegers). Others who worked behind the scenes included Peggy Lermond (piano), Margaret Tobin (scenery), Henry Morin (makeup) and John Perry (stage manager.)

Performers in the show which featured variety skits and music ranged in age from pre-school to teenagers. The proceeds were used to buy games and equipment for the young people of the town in the recreation room at the K of C Hall.

*From the Chester Chase Collection at the WHS*

## Boston Post Cane Honoree Needed. It's a New England tradition.

By Sue McKeen

The Whitefield Historical Society is looking for the oldest citizen in town. Albert Boynton previously held that distinction and the Boston Post Cane from November 2, 2019 until his recent death in January of this year.

The Historical Society is now looking for the oldest person in Whitefield to pass on the tradition of the cane.

The Boston Post Cane originated in 1909 when the now defunct Boston Post newspaper, looking for a way to boost readership, distributed walking canes to 700 New England towns. The canes were made of ebony, imported from Africa and crowned with 14-karat gold. They were presented in a ceremony to the oldest living male in these municipalities as a sign of respect. In those days longevity was newsworthy because life expectancy of men in 1900 was 49.7 years and 50.9 for women, according to the CDC. For over a century the canes have been handed down to the oldest citizen in these towns. Women were added to the list of cane recipients starting in 1930. Over the years the tradition has waned in many towns and the original canes lost, but Whitefield still has its original ebony cane. Bill McKeen constructed a replica of the original which is given to the recipient.

The Historical Society is looking for someone born before November 10, 1927. The Society hopes to award the cane at the Memorial Day program. Please call the town office at 549-5175 before May 10th with your suggestions.



## Select Board Corner

February 15-March 15, 2021

By Lise Hanners

Below are issues of likely interest to the residents of Whitefield from the Select Board meetings of the previous month. 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 Select Board continued to finalize the budget for 2021-2022. The Budget Committee will meet March 30, April 6, 13, and 20 to review the Board's recommendations. The RSU Budget will be presented to the Select Board on March 30.

This budget will include a recommendation for the Town to approve \$60,000 for improvements on the Town Salt/Sand Shed. The back wall of the building has been damaged and needs substantial repair. As that work is completed, a shed to house the road grader will be constructed on the back. Because the structure is so tall and must withstand regular use by heavy equipment, the cost of these repairs and modifications is substantial.

Lighting in all Town and Fire Station buildings will be upgraded to LED with the use of an Efficiency Maine Grant to be secured by Yolanda Violette. Lighting around the Town Office has already been upgraded to LED free of charge by CMP.

Yolanda Violette has completed her 6-month probationary period and is now a regular full-time employee of the Town. It is hard to believe that it's already been 6 months since Yolanda joined us in Whitefield life and it's hard to imagine life without her! She has truly been a pleasure to work with; if you have not met Yolanda yet, please stop by and say hi!

## Library Request

Will you help us purchase an 8x16 storage shed for our Library needs? The \$2,400.00 Amish shed we have in mind is similar to this; except with a shed roof and a door in the middle. It will be very useful for this Spring's renovation storage. We truly appreciate your support.

(Donations may be sent to Whitefield Library, PO Box 5, Whitefield, ME 04353). We are a 501c3 nonprofit. Donations can also be made directly on the Library's Donate Now webpage: <https://whitefieldlibrary.org/donate-now/>



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