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Bailey's Apple Orchard

By Dolly Burns

Visiting Bailey's Apple Orchard in the fall is essential. As you pull in, the big apple barn is always a welcoming sight. Inside, you'll be warmly greeted by Rodney or Kay or their children, Mark and Margo. They grow over 50 varieties of apples. They also grow pears, plums, crabapples, pumpkins and gourds. Fresh and delicious cider is pressed without additives or preservatives at the orchard. I would also recommend picking up a piece (or two) of Kay's delectable peanut butter fudge. The apple orchard is open to pick your own apples which is a fun activity. Picking your own allows you to walk through the orchard, admire the trees and take in the beauty of this amazing orchard. The orchard is open for pick your own seven days a week 9:00 am-5:30 pm. If you prefer not to pick or time does not allow, you can always buy apples already picked in the barn.

Apples from the orchard are so crisp and delicious, wonderful for eating and even better for baking! Fall would not be complete without making Kay Bailey's

Famous Apple Squares. They are a favorite in my house! If you have never made these apple squares, do not hesitate, they are very easy. In a short time, you will have sweet apple cinnamon-y goodness sitting on your counter! Here is the recipe-

Baked Apple Squares

- 1 ¾ cups sugar
- 2 cups flour
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 3 eggs
- 1 tsp baking powder
- ½ tsp salt
- ¾ cup cooking oil
- 2 cups thinly sliced apples
- 1 cup chopped nuts (optional)

Beat eggs, add sugar gradually, and beat until mixture is light and fluffy. Add sifted dry ingredients. Add oil and vanilla. Fold in nuts, fold in the apple slices. Turn into 9" x 13" greased pan. Bake at 350° for 40-45 minutes.

Experience and enjoy Maine's bountiful apple season at Bailey's Orchard. They are located at 255 North Hunts Meadow Road in Whitefield and their number is 549-7680. They are open 9 am-6 pm every day through late October. I urge you to take a drive and visit Bailey's Apple Orchard, you'll be happy you did!

Share the Road with Carol

The Fifth Annual Share the Road with Carol took place September 19, 2021 in Windsor and Whitefield, Maine. This ride honors the memory of Carol Eckert, M.D., long-time family practice physician at the Sheepscot Valley Health Center in Cooper's Mills. Carol was tragically killed as a result of a bike accident in Windsor on October 10, 2016. Biking was one of Carol's passions, and the event is meant to further the cause of bicycle safety in Maine.

Jeff Frankel, Carol's husband, told the crowd of bicyclists at the Windsor Town Office how much this event means to him and his family.



Left, Jeff Frankel, Right, Judy and Eric Ekholm Photos by Kit Pfeiffer

Whitefield School Garden



Cassidy Brann, Jilian Desjardins and Chloe Anderson are all smiles as they man the garden cart in front of the Whitefield School. Every week through September and into October fresh veggies and pumpkins will be available to the public for a donation. According to Karen McCormick, who, with Tim Davis, are in charge of the garden and aquaponics program, "The kids who participate met all summer to help weed and take care of the garden. Different parts were planted during the Day of Caring. Pumpkins were planted by PreK and K." All donations will go toward purchasing supplies to maintain and continue the program.

Fall Festival at the Whitefield Library and Community Center to be held October 23

Come out and enjoy a beautiful, crisp fall day on October 23 from 11:00 to 2:00 when the library will hold a Fall Festival. This will be an outdoor event and feature for sale our brand new 2022 Whitefield Library and Community Center calendar with photographs by local photographers of Whitefield people, places, and things. Once again, we'll be offering the beautiful Heirloom bulbs for sale and as always, books can be purchased from our used bookshelf. There will be a raffle of a unique item, you won't want to miss.

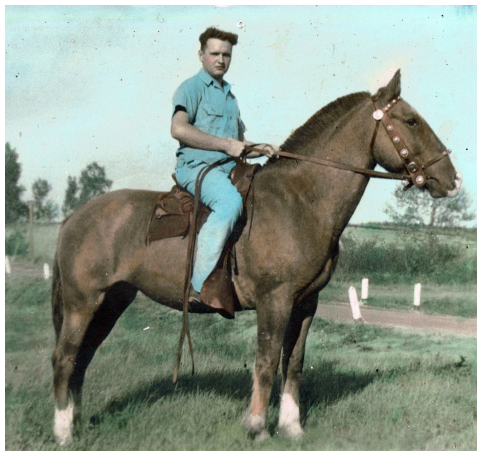


Don't forget lunch, where you can enjoy hot chili, cider and the requisite assortment of baked goods. No Fall Festival is complete without some great music which will be graciously provided by Rusty Hinges. You can sing a little, dance a little or just enjoy the tunes.

This year we invite all little ghosts and goblins to join us, in costume to play some games, paint some pumpkins (we'll have aprons) have some cider and fresh popcorn, pet some unique little animals, and have a great day. If the weather does not cooperate, the event will be held October 30 from 11:00 to 2:00. We hope to see you there.

Whitefield Historical Society to present Day of Remembrance October 17, 2:00 at the Town House

For the first time in two years, the Whitefield Historical Society is back to celebrate the Day of Remembrance. Taryn Marcus will present a program entitled, "The Life and Times of Larry Felt". Larry was born at Maple Tree Farm in Whitefield. He was the son of Lester Felt and Flossie Moody. He was an accomplished equestrian, poet and according to Marie Sacks, if Larry told you something, you never had to check his facts.



As always, refreshments will be served. Masks are required at this event. We hope to see you there.

Volunteers welcome back at

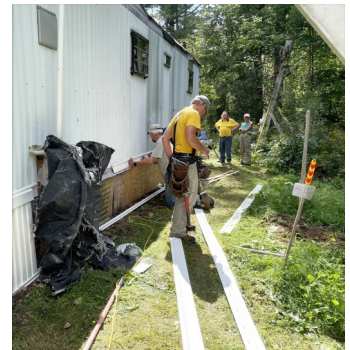
Whitefield School

If you have an interest in volunteering at the school please contact Meagan Bowdoin at 549-7691 or email at mbowdoin@svrsu.org

Whitefield Cares Springs into Action on Community Cares Day

By Lise Hanners

Our Whitefield Cares! volunteers made a real difference in someone's life on Saturday September 11. Eight people from Whitefield worked with CHIP, the Community Home Improvement Project, on their Community Cares Day, to refurbish trailer skirting and clean up a collapsed shed on the property of disabled veteran living in Whitefield. David Wright led the trailer skirting team, supported by Carole Cifrino, Rocky, and Dirt, and Lise Hanners led the clean-up team supported by Steve Patton, and Jim Torbert. George Fergusson made himself useful for both teams. CHIP had ordered a giant dumpster which we filled with materials from both projects and Dave Wright ordered the skirting materials using CHIP's accounts. Working with CHIP was terrific, they



delivered home-made sandwiches, chips, cookies, and apples and even brought cut flowers, a potted chrysanthemum, and vegetables for the homeowner. I think everyone felt great to be able to help someone who really needed it!

If you know anyone who could use a helping hand to keep them safe, warm, and dry, please refer them to CHIP at 207-677-3450 or call Yolanda Violette at Town Office (549-5175) and we'll see what Whitefield Cares! can do to help. If you are interested in helping with upcoming work parties, please contact Lise Hanners (lisehanners@gmail.com) and sign up for the newsletter at the website whitefieldcares.org.

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Whitefield Historical Society "Just Yesterday"



Kings Mills High School Class, ca 1925. Lore H. Ford is the teacher, back row on the right.

Back row L to R: Arden Nilsen, Warren Russell, Curtis Coombs, Laurie Avery, William Hickey, Teacher Lore Ford. *Middle row L to R:* Charles White, Caro Cunningham, Gertrude McGrath, Ursula Reilly, Bernice Partridge, Helen Blair, Doris Hughes, Olive Russell, Martha Potter, Lillian Carleton.

Front Row: The Baseball Team: Earl MacInnis, Harold Jewett, Lore Ford, Jr., Leon Crocker, Edmond Croxford, Donald Blair.

In 1885, Whitefield voted to establish a "Free High School" which provided for an additional two years beyond grammar school. Some years there were two, some years three schools, held simultaneously or alternately, at Kings Mills, North Whitefield (Grange Hall), Keyes Corner, Church District and Coopers Mills. In 1914 the state decreed that there should be a permanent location. From 1914 until 1943 the Whitefield High School was held only at Kings Mills. Students from the other parts of town often boarded during the week with Kings Mills families. The grammar school met downstairs and the high school met upstairs. Many students went on to finish high school at Gardiner or Cony High Schools after graduation from Whitefield High School.

WHS Archives. Gift of Lore Ford III

BAILEY'S ORCHARD

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Rod & Kay Bailey

Apples, Cider, Pears, Plums,
Fudge, Honey, Pumpkins

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Select Board Corner

August 15-September 15, 2021

By Lise Hanners

Below are issues of likely interest to the residents of Whitefield from the Select Board meetings of the previous two months. 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.

- A group of about 20 residents in Town attended the August 31 Select Board meeting to discuss the closure of Weary Pond Road by Keith Radonis. Jake Matthews represented the residents to say that while the road was no longer a Town road, the right-of-way has been used for walking and recreation for many years and should remain open. Board Chair Lester Sheaffer requested that residents summarize their points-of-view in a letter to the Board. Keith Radonis submitted materials to the Board supporting his viewpoint at the September 14 meeting. Both sets of documents will be sent to the Town Attorney to review the legal matter and determine next steps.
- The Leonard's Bridge culvert repair moved forward significantly with acceptance of the lowest bid for construction by Dirigo Timberlands for \$165,000. A Special Town Meeting was held on September 9 at the Whitefield School where residents approved appropriation of \$35,000 from surplus for the remainder of the funding for the project. Replacement of the culvert will be done in October/November.
- Road Commissioner David Boynton has completed improvements on Hollywood Boulevard and has begun working on Doyle Road. These dirt roads are annually so muddy that travel becomes difficult to impossible. The roads are being reconstructed with a fabric underlay which should greatly improve drainage and hopefully eliminate the need and cost for gravel. This method is used very successfully in Vermont. The plan is to work on each of the gravel roads in Town that have passage problems in the Spring.

Town News

Well here we are in October (already), my favorite time of the year! It is tax bill season as well. You will be receiving them in the mail, if you haven't already. Please take notice of the insert in with the tax bill this year, it has a lot of helpful information on it (put it on your fridge). The first half is due November 30, 2021. Again, I ask for your assistance, if you look at all the information on your bill, especially to see if your name(s) and address are correct and current, also the book and page (should have a date after of it). If not, contact me to discuss any discrepancies you see. It is important to keep us updated with changes of addresses you may have to ensure tax bills and any other mailings reach you properly. Three ways to pay your tax bill 1. In person 2. Mail in 3. Pay online, go to our website: <https://townofwhitefield.com/tax-information/> Keep in mind you will be charged 2.5% portal fee of the total being charged.

Dog Licenses – you may start licensing your dog(s) October 15th for the 2022 year. Bring current Rabies and Spay/Neut. Cert, especially if it is a new dog. If you are licensing a previous dog, you may call and see if we have current Rabies on file.

November 2nd State Referendum Election, Polls will be OPEN 8 am – 8 pm at Central Fire Station. If you prefer to vote early, there are three ways you can request and absentee ballot: stop by the town office to request in person, call the town office to request over the phone or use the online Absentee Ballot request service on the maine.gov website at <https://apps.web.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/AbsenteeBallot/index.pl>

We encourage wearing a mask when entering the Town Office to ensure everybody's safety.

The Town Office will be Closed Monday October 11th in observance of Indigenous People Day

Get outside and enjoy the Fall colors and weather!

Yolanda Violette

Administrative Assistant, Town Clerk & Treasurer

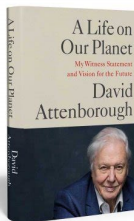
SEPTEMBER 2021 COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR.

- 1st **WHITEFIELD FOOD PANTRY**, St. Denis Hall, 10-12 pm
- 4th **ROADS COMMITTEE**, Central Fire Station, 4:00 pm
COOPERS MILLS FIRE DEPT. All are welcome. No obligation. 7 pm
KINGS MILLS FIRE DEPT., 7 pm
- 5th **SINGING CIRCLE** at Inn Along the Way in Damariscotta, on Tuesdays at 1-3 pm <https://www.innalongtheway.org>
KINGS MILLS UNION HALL MONTHLY MEETING 7pm Union Hall Public is welcome
- 7th **SENIOR MEN'S GROUP (ROMEOS)** 10 am Sheepscot General
- 9th **WHITEFIELD FOOD PANTRY**, St. Denis Hall, 10-12 pm
FOREST BATHING WORKSHOP \$20 for members; \$25 for others. HVNC 9-12 pm. (207) 389-5150
FOREST FOR MAINE BIRDS WORKSHOP HVNC 9-12 pm. Free (207) 389-5150
- 11th **WHITEFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY**, Town House, 10:00 am
WHITEFIELD MUNICIPAL FIRE DEPT., Fire Station, 7 pm
- 12th **SINGING CIRCLE** 1-3 pm
SELECT BOARD at 6 pm Central Fire Station
- 14th **SENIOR MEN'S GROUP (ROMEOS)** 10 am Sheepscot General
RSU 12 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 6:30—9:00 pm
- 16th **WHITEFIELD FOOD PANTRY**, St. Denis Hall, 10-12 pm
- 17th **WHITEFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY DAY OF REMEMBRANCE AND ANNUAL MEETING** 2 pm See Page 2
- 18th **FULL MOON PADDLE** HVNC, 5:30-7:30 pm (207) 389-5150
- 19th **SINGING CIRCLE** 1-3 pm
- 20th **YOUNG AT HEART**, Seniors Pot Luck, 12 pm Debbie 445-4930
PLANNING BOARD, Town Office 7:30 pm
- 21st **SENIOR MEN'S GROUP (ROMEOS)** 10 am Sheepscot General
- 23th **WHITEFIELD FOOD PANTRY**, St. Denis Hall, 10-12 pm
FALL FESTIVAL AT THE WHITEFIELD LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY CENTER see pg. 2
WRITING PLACE: LANDSCAPE, PEOPLE AND THE NATURAL WORLD, HVNC 10-2pm
- 26th **SINGING CIRCLE** 1-3 pm
SELECT BOARD at 6 pm Central Fire Station
- 28th **SENIOR MEN'S GROUP (ROMEOS)** 10 am Sheepscot General



Environmental Book Club to meet online Thursdays in October 2021

Once again Knox-Lincoln Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) is offering an Environmental Book Group and will meet online Thursdays, October 7, 14, 21 & 28 from 12:30 - 2:00 pm. Join Rebecca Jacobs, Knox-Lincoln SWCD Program Manager, for a lively discussion on *A Life on Our Planet: My Witness Statement and Vision for the Future* by David Attenborough. This companion book to the October 2020 film: "A Life on Our Planet," received positive reviews in many publications, including Financial Times and Kirkus Reviews and the reviews highlighted the importance of Attenborough's "refreshingly optimistic" message. Jacobs will also discuss practical ways to implement various conservation practices on your property to restore the health of the landscape and mitigate further loss.



Registration is required to obtain a link to our online discussion. Register here: <https://www.knox-lincoln.org/environmental-book-club>.

For those not wishing to purchase books, limited copies are available to borrow through your local library or InterLibrary Loan. There is no fee for the program. For more information, please call Knox-Lincoln SWCD at 596-2040 or email julie@knox-lincoln.org.

Deadline for newsletter submissions is the 15th of the month. whitefieldtownnews@gmail.com
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