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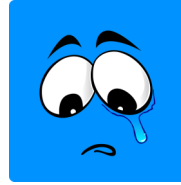
St. Denis Irish Picnic

Saturday, Sept 24th 5pm - 7pm,

298 Grand Army Rd.

Featuring Dublin-born Irish folksinger Tom O'Carroll, Hotdogs/Hamburgers, Ice cream Sundaes, Corn hole, All welcome! By freewill donation.

December could be your last issue of the Whitefield News



Ten years ago, the Whitefield newsletter was an idea to get folks more involved with the town and the activities offered in Whitefield and the surrounding area. We are very blessed to live in a lovely, welcoming community that offers multiple ways to get involved with your surroundings. Whether it's to volunteer with the local organizations like the Whitefield Lions Club or the three fire departments you depend on in a crisis, the Kings Mills Union Hall, or the Whitefield Library, there is always a way to contribute. The newsletter is also a wonderful way to join in the civic community and volunteer.

Debbie Rogers and her husband Dana are selling their current home and will be building a smaller home in the next several years. Until then, they will be spending time in other areas of Maine and will be spending several months in

the warmer climates during the Winter. Debbie has been putting the newsletter together in print form every month and gathering advertising for the newsletter to pay for printing. She has been with the newsletter since it began.

In order to continue publishing the newsletter, we need people to step up and help. We will need someone to compose and design the newsletter as Debbie has been doing for ten years. We also need more people to contribute stories and photographs.

The newsletter is mostly put together via email and phone calls and is never lacking in stories and announcements. The job of designing the newsletter is done right from your home.

If anyone is interested in helping with the newsletter, please let us know by emailing us at whitefieldtownnews@gmail.com or contacting Debbie at 549-3491 or Sue McKeen at 446-7473 Email smckeen66@gmail.com.

We will continue to produce the Whitefield News until 2023. At that time we may not have someone to put it together and will be unable to continue with the newsletter. Please, don't let this valuable information tool go by the wayside.

For the love of bees

by Sue McKeen

I recently sat down with the new owner of Spicer Bees, Brian Mason. On this 90-degree day he and his mom, Charlene were sitting on the porch working steadily putting together bee frames.

Brian recently moved back to Whitefield and says he loves being home. He is a high school physics teacher at Greely High School in Cumberland where he commutes every day during the school year. Brian told me when Dave Spicer, previous owner of Spicer Bees, approached him last winter about purchasing his business, it was a dream come true. He said, "It's not only a dream job, but a hobby I love." He told me it all started when Danny Weeks came to his house the first summer he was home from college and asked him if he wanted a job moving bees. He said he thought that was a job he could do and that was the beginning of his long love of bees.

Brian now has over 40 hives but intends to add more as time permits. I asked him what fascinates him about bees and the educator in him immediately came to life. He said they are one of a few super organisms and that a worker honeybee will never reproduce. The queen is the only bee who lays eggs and that is her only job. The drones only purpose is to reproduce, the worker bees, all female I might add, do all the work, including feeding the drones and the queen. In any hive only 15% are drones, who have a short life span. At the end of the summer the worker bees drag the drones out of the hive and chew off their wings so they can't return to the hive. An interesting turn of events.

He told me the bees keep him busy. In the spring, the busiest time, all the hives must be assessed to check on the health of the hive. He also produces



food for the bees in the form of sugar water and sugar fondant (cubes). He said 40 to 50% of the hives in Maine do not survive the winter because outside resources for the bees are scarce, varroa mites and disease can take a toll. In summer there is a bit less to do as resources are plentiful, but he must continuously check the hives to make sure there is enough room, hydration and for any signs of disease. Early September and fall is the time to extract the honey. He showed me his large extractor which runs on centrifugal force. Each frame contains approximately four pounds of honey which when extracted makes raw honey.

Brian and Charlene took me to view the hives. I declined the protective gear but began to regret that when I saw the hundreds of bees 'free ranging'. It was immediately clear the bees weren't a threat. Both Brian and Charlene moved quietly and efficiently through the hives, replenishing the sugar water and checking the hives. He carefully removed one of the combs where I could see the deposited honey and view the extraordinary life of bees.

We talked about the future of beekeeping. Brian explained that during the pandemic bee keeping exploded with people looking for ways to become more self-sufficient. He sees a continuing demand and plans to expand his business when he has more time. Spicer Bees new retail shop sells beekeeping supplies and offers education to beekeepers as well as the community. Tours are welcome. They are located at 463 Mills Road and can be contacted at 549-0441.



Community Cares Day in Whitefield!

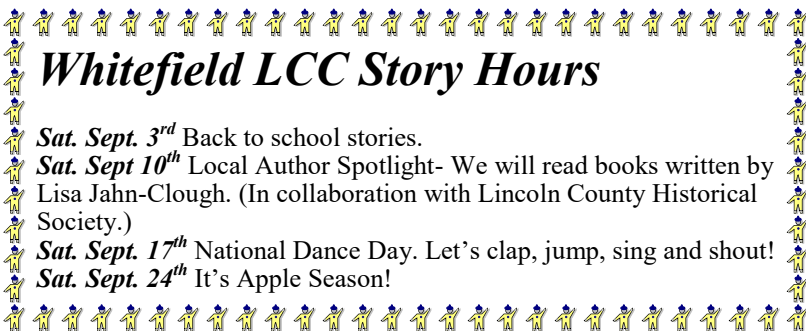
CHIP Inc, the Community Housing Improvement Project will be sponsoring a workday in **Whitefield on September 10, 2022** this year.

CHIP serves residents in central/eastern Lincoln County and provides help with heating and home repairs. Whitefield Cares! is teaming up with CHIP to provide volunteers to work on projects including weatherproofing, window and door repairs, and other projects. At each property where we work, we will provide a team leader who can direct everyone to the tasks of the day. We are looking for both skilled volunteers who work more independently and unskilled workers who can follow directions given! If you need home repairs or know someone who could use help, please call 207-677-3450 and CHIP will try to address your needs in September. If you are interested in volunteering for the workday, please email info@chipinc.org and we'll add you to our team or visit the Chip, Inc website at <https://www.chipinc.org/> to sign up.

Whitefield Planning Board News

A public hearing was held on August 3 to discuss the proposed amendment to the town's Building and Development ordinance regulating commercial solar development. Several members of the public expressed concerns about maintaining Whitefield's rural character and how a development can affect your neighbors and the entire community.

Based upon comments from the public, minor changes were made to clarify certain issues in the proposed ordinance and to correct typos and errors of omission. The planning board met with the select board on August 16 to discuss the proposed wording for the ballot referendum going before the town voters on November 8, 2022. On June 22 voters approved a moratorium on commercial solar developments in order to give the Board an opportunity to address these types of development following the approval of an application for a 900-kilowatt ground-mounted solar array on the Howe Road.



Whitefield LCC Story Hours

Sat. Sept. 3rd Back to school stories.
Sat. Sept 10th Local Author Spotlight- We will read books written by Lisa Jahn-Clough. (In collaboration with Lincoln County Historical Society.)
Sat. Sept. 17th National Dance Day. Let's clap, jump, sing and shout!
Sat. Sept. 24th It's Apple Season!



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Town Office News – September

It's hard to believe Fall is right around the corner, with Fall in mind, that means **Tax Bill** time. They will be sent out near the end of September to beginning of October. The first half will be due **Tuesday November 29, 2022** and the second half will be due **Friday April 28, 2023**. Keep in mind if two larger payments is hard to come up with, you can always mail in smaller amounts on a monthly basis and as long as the half is paid in full by the due date then no interest will be charged. Also the tax bills are mailed to the record owner as of April 1, 2022, if your property has had a change of ownership since April 1, 2022, the tax bills that will be sent out at the end of September will still be in the previous owner's name. If you are the new owner, you may contact the Town Office for a copy of the tax bill or you can print it from the website <https://townofwhitefield.com/> under Government – Tax Collector. The 2023 Tax bills and Tax Cards will be available on the website after October 1st.

There is a new program, Property Tax Stabilization for Senior Citizens, to stabilize RE Taxes for 65 year old and older who have had a homestead in Maine for 10 years or more. Forms are available at the Town Office. This program is for next year's taxes in 2023, which the application must be received at the Town Office by December 1st, 2022 to qualify. More information is available on the Maine.gov website at <https://www.maine.gov/revenue/taxes/tax-relief-credits-programs/property-tax-relief-programs/stabilization-program> or stop by the Town Office to find out more.

Election time is just around the corner. We are now accepting applications for absentee ballots for the **November 8, 2022** General/Gubernatorial Election and Municipal Referendum Election. 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> The Municipal Referendum will be a vote to approve an Amendment to the current Building and Development Ordinance, adding a New Section 5 to Article 9 being Commercial/Community Ground Mounted Solar Energy Facilities. This will be posted by mid-September and Public Hearing will be held in the later part of October.

Winter is just around the corner and the **Heating Assistance Fund** is down this year. This is a program for those that need a little help with heating fuel. This is run strictly on donations only. If you have a little extra to donate to this fund you can send it in to the town office marked Donation for Heating Assistance Fund. Whether it is big or small, every little bit adds up. **Thank you** to those that have made donations.

Just a reminder, October is the month to begin licensing Dogs for the new year, October 15th to be exact. If your fur baby(s) is not current on his/her rabies, get that appointment scheduled with your vet now. The current license expires December 31st.

There is lots of information on our website, if you have not taken the time to view the website, please do so. If you are interested in knowing when new things are posted on the website you can sign up for notifications for them. It is as simple as going to the website scroll down the home page to the Green Oval Icon – "Subscribe to Updates" and input your email or cell # (for texts) and choose everything you would like to receive updates from. You will then get an email and/or text confirmation, you then confirm it and that's that. You will then receive an email and/or text when postings are done. This will help you stay current on what is happening in Whitefield.

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

The Town Office will be **CLOSED** on Monday September 5th, in Observance of Labor Day!

Enjoy the remainder of your summer.

Yolanda Violette, Administrative Assistant

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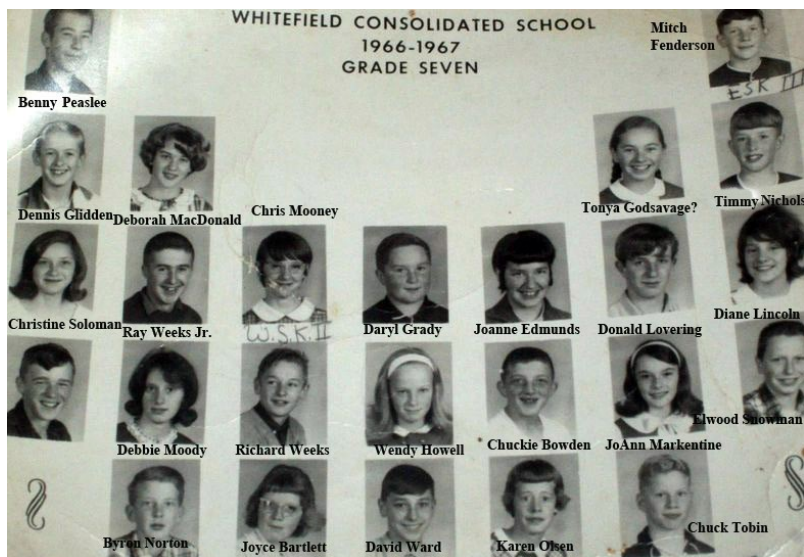
Our Barn will open August 26th
255 North Hunts Meadow Road
Whitefield, Maine 04353

Pick your own will start September 3rd

Apples, Cider, Pears, Plums, Fudge, Honey & Pumpkins
Rod & Kay Bailey
207-549-7680



"Just Yesterday"



Class of 1966-67 Grade 7
From Facebook contribution on "I Survived Whitefield School in Whitefield Maine"

South Hunts Meadow Road Culvert installed!

By Frank Ober

The long-awaited replacement culvert on the South Hunts Meadow Road has been installed. In 2020 the State warned the town to limit traffic over the existing culvert, but the road collapsed last spring forcing the town to close down the road. The town had been putting monies aside for the replacement and working with Coffin Engineering on design.

The replacement culvert was delivered last fall but due to high water, our contractor, Dirigo Timberlands, was unable to replace it before winter. Two weeks ago, Dirigo was able to begin the process of removing the old culvert and moving the new culvert into place.



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Select Board Notes

By Seth Bolduc

July 21 through August 18

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, follow this URL to go to the Town website and read the Select Board minutes: <https://townofwhitefield.com/agendas-minutes/>

The situation with the future of EMS coverage in the town has been the topic of several meetings and the board is working to determine how best to maintain coverage and training options, which may include a part-time hire.

Volunteers with the facilities committee have repaired the sand shed wall. This will save the town considerable money to not have to contract the repair.

Leonard's Bridge culvert has been moved into place. That road project is finishing up.

The Solid Waste Committee met to discuss future alternative options to Hatch Hill. The next meeting is September 6 at 6pm at the Fire Station. Contact Seth Bolduc for more information.



**Register Now for
Sept. 9th
Conservation Bus
Tour of Knox &**

Waldo counties!

We are excited to bring back our Conservation Bus Tour traveling through Knox County and expanding into Waldo County. This year we are partnering with **Waldo Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD)** to highlight five residential properties and a public park that earned certification through our Conservation Landscape Certification Program. This program was created by Aleta McKeage of Waldo SWCD, and Rebecca Jacobs of Knox-Lincoln SWCD expanded the program into Knox & Lincoln counties. Featured on our September 9th bus tour, you will see beautiful landscapes enhanced with native plants, meadowscapes, perennial gardens, pollinator gardens and wildlife habitat features. The luxury air-conditioned motor coach ride will be narrated, snacks served, and we will have lunch at The Hoot, a gourmet farm-to-table restaurant in Northport.

Pre-registration is required by August 30th. Register today as seats fill up quickly! Cost of the tour is only \$50 per person (mail-in) / \$52 (online) and includes all food and travel. To request more information or to register for the tour, contact Julie at 596-2040, julie@knox-lincoln.org.

Kathy Dauphin Massage Therapy



By Appointment

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SEPTEMBER 2022 COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR.

- 1st **SENIOR MEN'S GROUP (ROMEOS)** 10 am Sheepscot General
PADDLE THE LAKE ON DAMARISCOTTA LAKE [207.389.5150](tel:207.389.5150)
- 2nd **WHITEFIELD LIBRARY** Open 10-2
WHITEFIELD FOOD PANTRY, 150 Grand Army Road, 10-2 pm
SHEEPSHOT GENERAL LIVE MUSIC Twitchell Hill String Band live music
6-8 pm Outside, weather permitting
- 3rd **WHITEFIELD LIBRARY** Open 10-2 Storytime at 10:30 am Back to school stories.
RISE THE RAILS TO HIKE THE TRAILS, Alna [207.389.5150](tel:207.389.5150)
- 5th **COOPERS MILLS FIRE DEPT.** All are welcome. No obligation. 7 pm
- 6th **SINGING CIRCLE** at Inn Along the Way in Damariscotta, on Tuesdays
1-3 pm <https://www.innalongtheway.org>
SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE MEETING - at 6pm at the Fire Station.
- 8th **SENIOR MEN'S GROUP (ROMEOS)** 10 am Sheepscot General
RSU 12 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 6:30—9:00 pm
FULL MOON PADDLE at Hidden Valley Nature Center [207.389.5150](tel:207.389.5150)
- 9th **WHITEFIELD LIBRARY** Open 10-2
SHEEPSHOT GENERAL LIVE MUSIC WITH John Pranio and Toki Oshima
6-8 pm Outside, weather permitting
- 10th **WHITEFIELD FOOD PANTRY**, 150 Grand Army Road, 10-2 pm
WHITEFIELD LIBRARY Open 10-2 Storytime at 10:30 am Local Author
Spotlight- We will read books written by Lisa Jahn-Clough. (In
collaboration with Lincoln County Historical Society.)
- 12th **ROADS COMMITTEE**, Central Fire Station, 4:00 pm
WHITEFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY, Town House, 10:00 am
WHITEFIELD MUNICIPAL FIRE DEPT., Fire Station, 7 pm
- 13th **SINGING CIRCLE** 1-3 pm
SELECT BOARD at 6 pm Central Fire Station
KINGS MILLS FIRE DEPT., 7 pm
- 15th **SENIOR MEN'S GROUP (ROMEOS)** 10 am Sheepscot General
PADDLE THE MIDCOAST, Clary Lake in Jefferson [207.389.5150](tel:207.389.5150)
- 16th **WHITEFIELD LIBRARY** Open 10-2 Storytime at 10:30 am
DEVENISH WINE TASTING Sheepscot General 5-7 pm
SHEEPSHOT GENERAL LIVE MUSIC WITH Rusty Hinges 6-8 pm Outside, weather permitting
- 17th **WHITEFIELD LIBRARY** Open 10-2 Storytime at 10:30 am National Dance Day. Let's
clap, jump, sing and shout!
WHITEFIELD FOOD PANTRY, 150 Grand Army Road, 10-12 pm
- 18th **LIVE EDGE MUSIC FESTIVAL**, Hidden Valley Nature Center [207.389.5150](tel:207.389.5150)
- 19th **WHITEFIELD LIBRARY & COMMUNITY CENTER BOARD MEETING**
10 am at the Whitefield Firehouse.
- 20th **SINGING CIRCLE** 1-3 pm
- 21st **YOUNG AT HEART** will be at the Lions Club in Coopers Mills at noon. Bring a hot dish, salad or
dessert to share.
PLANNING BOARD 6 pm at Central Fire Station
- 22nd **SENIOR MEN'S GROUP (ROMEOS)** 10 am Sheepscot General
- 23rd **WHITEFIELD LIBRARY** Open 10-2 Storytime at 10:30 am
SHEEPSHOT GENERAL LIVE MUSIC WITH Stan Davis 6-8 pm
Outside, weather permitting
- 24th **IRISH PICNIC**, St Denis Church, 5pm - 7pm, 298 Grand Army Rd.
Featuring Dublin-born Irish folksinger Tom O'Carroll, Hotdogs/Hamburgers, Ice
cream Sundaes, Corn hole, All welcome! By freewill donation.
RACE THROUGH THE WOODS TRAIL RACE, Hidden Valley Nature Center
[207.389.5150](tel:207.389.5150)
WHITEFIELD LIBRARY Open 10-2 Storytime at 10:30 am It's Apple Season!
WHITEFIELD FOOD PANTRY, 150 Grand Army Road, 10-12 pm
- 25th **KINGS MILLS UNION HALL ANNUAL MEETING** 3-5 pm, Union Hall
Refreshments will be available.
- 27th **SINGING CIRCLE** 1-3 pm
SELECT BOARD at 6 pm Central Fire Station
- 29th **SENIOR MEN'S GROUP (ROMEOS)** 10 am Sheepscot General
- 30th **WHITEFIELD LIBRARY** Open 10-2 Storytime at 10:30 am
SHEEPSHOT GENERAL LIVE MUSIC WITH Sigrid Sibley 6-8 pm
Outside, weather permitting



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