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Office Hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday..... 10am - 5pm
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Remember...

• Selectmen's Meeting

1st Tuesday & 3rd Monday of each month 6:30pm

• New Portland Fire Department Meeting

2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month 6:30pm

• Library Board of Trustees Meeting

2nd Tuesday of the month 6pm

• Planning Board Meeting

1st Wednesday of the month 6:30pm

• New Portland Water District

2nd Wednesday of each month 7pm

• School Board Meeting

1st Wednesday of each month 6pm

• Recreation Committee

1st Thursday of each month 6:30pm

• New Portland Community Library

Winter Hours - September 1 to May 31

Sunday 1pm - 3pm

Tuesday & Saturday..... 10am - Noon

Wednesday & Thursday 4pm - 6pm

• Kingfield-New Portland Transfer Station

Wednesday, Saturday, Sunday..... 7:30am - 4:30pm

• New Portland Post Office Customer Service Hours

Monday - Friday..... 7am - 9am, 2pm - 4pm

Saturday..... 7am - 10:30am

Public Notice

The Wire Bridge Memorial Park Group will be meeting on Thursday, July 12 at 6:30 pm in the Community Room at 911 River Rd, New Portland, ME 04961.

The purpose of this meeting is to review the design created by the landscape architect and group last year and finalize those plans so we can establish a timeline to start this project. All interested persons are invited to attend this public meeting.

Submitted: Stacie Rundlett

From the Editor

If you read this newsletter carefully, then you may have noticed the Volume # and Issue #. That's right! With this issue the *New Portlander* has reached its twenty-fifth year. It is hard to believe!! Happy Birthday *New Portlander*!!!

Submitted: Dallas Landry

Selectmen

Minutes for the April 3 Selectmen's Meeting

Selectmen Present: Raymond Poulin, Andrea Reichert, Wayne Rundlett; Present: Stacie Rundlett, Mike Malesky, Kip Poulin, Christeen Mudgett, Mike Tracy, Bobbie-Sue Harrington, Jessie Atwood, Heather Hilenski, Gary Agren, Marilyn Gorman, Gilbert and Becky Taylor, Kristen Mitchell.

1. Andrea called the meeting to order at 6:29 pm.
2. Raymond motioned to accept the minutes as written, Wayne seconded and all were in favor.
3. Kristen presented appointment papers to the board to review and sign. Andrea motioned to appoint Jethro Poulin for Fire Chief for the term of 1 year. Raymond seconded and all were in favor. Andrea motioned to appoint Stacie Rundlett for Code Enforcement Officer for the term of one year. Raymond seconded and all were in favor. Andrea

motioned to appoint Lori Agren for Animal Control Officer for the term of three years. Raymond seconded and all were in favor. Andrea motioned to appoint Gary Agren as Road Commissioner for the term of three years. Wayne seconded and all were in favor. Andrea motioned to appoint Marilyn Gorman for Ballot Clerk for a two year term. Raymond seconded and all were in favor. Andrea motioned to appoint Judi Wills for Ballot Clerk for a two year term. Raymond seconded and all were in favor. Andrea motioned to appoint Nancy Stueber for Ballot Clerk for a two year term. Raymond seconded and all were in favor. Andrea motioned to appoint Jacob Pinkham for Ballot Clerk for a two year term. Raymond seconded and all were in favor. Andrea motioned to appoint Stacie Rundlett for Ballot Clerk for a two year term. Raymond seconded and all were in favor.

4. Mr. Michael Tracy, MSAD #74 superintendent discussed with all who were present the school budget and explained the increases and the areas where they were able to cut. There was also a brief discussion regarding the schools in the district and possibilities of closing any of those.
5. Department Heads:
 - a. Gary Agren updated the board on the conditions of the roads and his timeline for grading and rock raking.
 - b. Mike Malesky. updated the board on his work with the town's assessing. He has found over \$400,000 in valuation from last years figures. All his transfers are done and the tax maps are ready to go to print.
 - c. Kip Poulin updated the board on the call volume. The hose testing had been done. The large hoses would need to be done at a later date. They got the certification for the new compressor. The LED lights had been installed on the trucks. There is still a traffic light to be replaced on one of the trucks. There was a brief discussion regarding a dry hydrant.
6. Items by the Town Manager: The board reviewed and signed payroll and accounts payable warrants. There was a brief discussion regarding cancelling the second meeting of the month. There was a discussion regarding mowing of the town property. Stacie is still waiting to hear back about quotes to mow the town's property for the spring/summer season. This will be

placed on hold until we have a couple of quotes. Stacie presented to the board a Treasurer's Report. The board reviewed it and signed off on it.

7. The Board of Selectmen opened and reviewed the three bids that were submitted for the tax acquired property off Safford Road. vGeorge Strickland bid \$3,000, Ann Albus bid \$3,003, Mike Adams bid \$3,250. The board had a brief discussion on the amounts. Raymond motioned to accept the bid from Mike Adams in the amount of \$3,250. Wayne seconded and all were in favor.

There was a brief discussion regarding the possibility of paving the Freeman Ridge Road and some of the options that would become available if the town followed through with this project. No decisions on the matter were made at this time.

There was a brief discussion regarding another tax acquired property in the West Village. The board asked Stacie to draft a bid proposal for the cleanup of this property and once the property was clean from debris after the dangerous building was burned, they would schedule a date for that to go out to bid for the land.

The board decided to cancel the second meeting in April unless something came up. Stacie updated the board on her vacation schedule.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm

These minutes were approved by the Board of Selectmen at the May 1st meeting. smr

Minutes for the May 1 Selectmen's Meeting

Selectmen Present: Raymond Poulin, Andrea Reichert, Wayne Rundlett; Present: Stacie Rundlett, Kip Poulin, Brian Rundlett, Marilyn Gorman, Dallas Landry, Judi and Lewis Wills

1. Andrea called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
2. Wayne motioned to accept the minutes as written, Raymond seconded and all were in favor.
3. Department Heads:
 - a. Kip updated the board on repair work to be done on the trucks. Calls have been down. He updated the board on participation in the precession for Corporal Gene Cole's funeral. There was a discussion regarding the pavement in the Fire Department driveway and that it needed to be sealed.

NEW PORTLANDER article submission deadline is July 20 by 4:00 pm.

Any articles, submissions, information for publication should be received by:

Dallas Landry • PO Box 34, North New Portland, ME 04961 • phone 628-4201 • email: alderswamp2@gmail.com

If there are any questions or needs regarding the receiving of the *New Portlander*, those inquiries should be directed to the Town Manager.

- b. Judi updated the board on recreation projects.
 - c. Gary was unable to attend the meeting but left word that there was road grading taking place and rock raking and spreading of calcium. If the board had any questions to give him a call. The board didn't have any questions at that time.
4. Items by the Town Manager: The board reviewed and signed payroll and accounts payable warrants. There was a brief discussion regarding cancelling the seconded meeting of the month. There was a discussion regarding mowing of the town property. Raymond got word that Charlie Pease would be willing to mow the town property for \$50 per time. Raymond motioned to go with Steve for the mowing of the town property, Wayne seconded and all were in favor. The purchasing of a mower is on hold.
- There was a discussion regarding the snow plow contract. The board would have recommendations for changes or updates to the current contract at the June 5 meeting.
- There was a discussion regarding the tax acquired property in the West Village that needed ground work done prior to putting it out to bid.
8. The Board of Selectmen: The board had a brief discussion on the sand/salt shed meeting and next meeting is scheduled for May 16. There was a brief discussion regarding the snow plow contract and a tentative term for the contract.

Meeting adjourned at 7:07 pm.

These minutes were approved by the Board of Selectmen at the June 5th meeting. Smr

Minutes for the Selectmen's Meeting June 5

- Selectmen Present: Raymond Poulin, Andrea Reichert, Wayne Rundlett; Present: Stacie Rundlett, Kip Poulin, Brian Rundlett, Marilyn Gorman, Dallas Landry, Judi Wills, Michael Malesky, Gary Agren
- 1. Andrea called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm.
 - 2. Andrea motioned to accept the minutes as written, Raymond seconded and all were in favor.
 - 3. Department Heads:
 - a. Mike updated the board on the proposed time for commitment of taxes being mid July. He shared with the board that the tax maps are currently being updated and that they should be ready within about two weeks.
 - b. Gary updated the board on three quotes for paving of the Freeman Ridge Road. Fine Line Paving quoted \$53,800. Pike quoted \$46,320 and Western Maine Paving \$40,300. Gary voiced his concerns on the

quotes presented. Gary's suggestion was to go with Pike. The board members took a few minutes to discuss the options for paving the road. Raymond motioned to go with Pike, Wayne seconded and all were in favor. Gary also discussed with the board his plans for ditching, graveling, and some culvert work to be done.

- c. Kip discussed with the board the calls since the last meeting. Kip presented to the board an option to purchase air packs for the department. There was a lengthy discussion regarding possible options to do this, the need for the air packs, and the timing of the request. The board decided to review the options in more detail and make a decision at a later date.
 - d. Judi updated the board on the upcoming Garden Tour scheduled for June 9. She briefed the board on the outcome of the May baskets that were distributed by the Recreation Committee. There was a brief discussion regarding costs for printing more calendars for the 2018 calendar year. But she thought that the committee would probably just hold off on having more printed as there were plans for a 2019 calendar.
4. Mike Malesky reminded all that there was a Sand/Salt Shed meeting scheduled for June 13.
5. Items by the Town Manager:
- a. The board reviewed and signed all payroll and the accounts payable warrants.
 - b. Stacie presented to the board appointment papers for 2 planning board members and an LPI. Raymond motioned to accept Gabe Clark and Kyle Handrahan to remain on the Planning Board for a 3 year term. Raymond motioned to accept Leo Mayo as the LPI for a 3 year term, Wayne 2nd and all were in favor. The board members signed the appointment papers.
 - c. Stacie reviewed with the Board of Selectmen two junkyard violation notices that were sent out prior to May 1.
 - 1. 48 River Road owned by Raymond Jordan
 - 2. 25 Bennett Hill Road owned by the late Rosemary Allen, who's son Mike Allen is the caretaker.

Stacie shared photos with the board members of the Bennett Hill Road property showing the amount of metals and debris that have been disposed at this location. She also shared a conversation that she had with Mike Allen, asking for a little more time and that it would be cleaned up by June 10. Stacie also reviewed with the board her communications with Raymond Jordan, and that at this point he is stating that his property is compliant with the ordinance. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the properties, and Stacie asked the board to take some time to physically look

at both properties and advise her on their opinions on how to proceed. After notifications of violations are sent out by the Code Enforcement Officer if the requests are not met it is up to the Board of Selectmen on how to proceed. There was a discussion regarding the ordinance and repeat offenders. Stacie did inform the board that there are a few more places that will be getting violation notices as well.

d. Stacie shared with the board a feral cat issue at the 25 Bennett Hill location and a complaint regarding unlicensed dog(s) at 685 Middle Rd. Stacie and Kristen notified Lorie of these issues. There was a brief discussion about the matters. The board asked Stacie keep the updated on the matters.

e. Stacie updated the board on the need for a soil test to be performed at the location at 54 River Rd. There was a brief discussion regarding a property located at 38 Carrabasset Rd. and that the debris from a fire in January of 2017 had not been cleaned up yet. The board and Stacie thought that a letter should be sent to the owners to clean up any and all debris from that incident.

6. The Board of Selectmen: Raymond discussed an email that he had received from one of our school board members about New Portland pulling out of the MSAD #74 district. After some research and communications with our board member and our superintendent, it was determined that it was just some misunderstanding. The superintendent did ask if the New Portland Board of Selectmen would like to attend a meeting with both our district and MSAD #58. The other board members would like to attend, depending on the date of this meeting. Andrea reviewed upcoming scheduled meetings. There was a discussion regarding the current snow plow contract and any revisions that the board members might want added or changed. There was a discussion regarding options for just offering a one year contract to any bidders as the Sand/Salt Shed facility is still in the works. The board asked Stacie to contact MMA Legal Services to see what the options might be.

Stacie discussed with the board that she was still waiting for the official word from the National Park Services on the awarding of the grant that the town applied for for the Wire Bridge Memorial Park. She voiced her concern on getting notification to new property owners of an abutting property of the Wire Bridge area. The board and Stacie felt it was a good idea to reach out to those new property owners to make sure they were made aware of the proposed park.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm.

These minutes were approved by the Board of Selectmen at the June 18th meeting. Smr

Trivia Question for July 2018

Trivia question for July: What are previous names of bridges in New Portland, compared to the names they now have?

Answer for June question: When was Town of New Portland settled? Year it was incorporated?

The town of New Portland was first settled in 1783. It was incorporated in 1808.

The winners are Dallas Landry, Doreen Kelly, Thank you for keeping these Trivia Question going. All the names will be put in a box and drawn later. I did receive an answer for May question from Jim Turner who had it right. Please try to enter questions the month they are in *New Portlander*.

Submitted: Judi Wills

RSU 74 / School Board

The June board meeting was held on June 6 at Carrabec Community School. Bonnie White prepared the food. The food highlights included meatballs, deviled eggs, and some sort of chocolate desert. It was all outstanding, and it is possible I may have eaten more than my fair share.

Adjustments: A few additions were made to the agenda.

Minutes: The minutes of the April 26 special board meeting and the May 2 regular board meeting were approved.

PBE Update: Tim Richards updated the board on PBE. Though there has been much talk about the legislature changing or possibly even overturning the existing PBE law, no action has been taken yet. At Carrabec High School standards have been identified, and rubrics and materials are being prepared in order to implement PBE. So far, only the current freshmen are subject to the PBE law. Teachers seem to believe that they are where they hoped to be at this point in the process, and possibly even a little ahead of where they had expected to be at this point. Mr. Richards showed the board what report cards look like with PBE standards included, and he said there has been no negative feedback from parents regarding the changes. Tim also showed a document to the board that lists all the standards that a student must meet in order to graduate from CHS. Mr. Richards stated that there is a viable, functioning PBE system in place at CHS.

PBIS Update:

Tom Desjardins spoke to the board about the implementation of PBIS in the elementary schools. He thanked Jean and the members of the PBIS committee for their work. He said the a key aspect of PBIS is setting clear and consistent expectations. He showed the board a matrix showing rules at Solon, Garret Schenck, and CCS. Having students be responsible, respectful and safe is the primary goal, and rewarding kids for being successful is key.

Superintendent's Report: Mr. Tracy told the board that later in the agenda would be discussion of a van purchase and some policy revisions. He and the admin team will be meeting in late June to focus on next year. His summertime agenda includes a focus on strategic planning, outlining job descriptions, and updating emergency plans. A STEAM academy will be held in late June, and the shared Bingham/Madison/Carrabec 7-9 Alt Ed program will be ready for 2018-19.

Appointments: Kathy Bertini - STEAM coordinator, Richard Reichenbach - STEAM lead teacher, Jasmyrn Wagg - STEAM lead teacher, Joy West - STEAM Lead teacher (SAD 13), Mary Collins - STEAM lead teacher (SAD 13), Grace Cram - special ed summer school instructor, Billie Lawrence - special ed summer school instructor, Mary Keenan - special ed and title one summer school, Jessie Cates - special ed and title one summer school, Laurie Nile - special ed and title one summer school, Shannah Cotton - special ed summer school, Hollye Dunphy - title one summer school, Brenda Mullin - title one summer school, Darcie Nichols - title one summer school, Hannah Hanson - title one summer school, Ross Sirois - boys soccer coach, CHS.

Resignations: Fran Sirois - Industrial Technology CHS, Maria James - special ed Solon

Doug Woodsum - English CHS

Nominations: Lori Conway - Guidance Counselor CHS, Natalie Costello - Math Inteventionist, Coady Richardson - Science/Math CHS, Mike Golden - Fifth Grade CCS

Admin Reports: 1. Tim Richards told the board that marching practice had begun. Class Night was June 7, and Final Assembly and Graduation were June 8. The CHS softball team lost its playoff game to Lisbon, 8-7. The Bridgeway Bandits beat Traip 9-0. A board member mentioned that the girls' tennis team had a playoff match scheduled for Thursday, and one CHS track athlete qualified for the state meet. 2. Jean Butler said that it was a busy time in the elementary schools. There have been field trips and assemblies. Volunteer recognition events were held. Students in k-5 participated in Career Days in May. 3. Tom Desjardins said that the recent Art/ Science Fair was a big success with a "packed crowd". The Spring Band/Chorus production was also very impressive.

The CCS baseball and softball teams enjoyed successful seasons. Mr. Desjardins and Ross Sirois hope to start youth wrestling at CCS next year. 4. Nicki Richardson thanked the RSU 74 board and said it had been a "great experience" working in this district. 5. Laurie Agren said that things were busy with sports and end of year events, but that they were staying "on top of things".

Committees: The board's Strategic Planning Committee met on May 23.

Citizens: 1. Laura Layman asked if there was a policy regarding the scheduling of board meetings. She mentioned a budget meeting in March that was held even though school had been canceled that day. She also mentioned the fact that the June board meeting had a time change, starting at 7:00 pm instead of the normal 6:00 pm. Mr. Tracy said that he was not aware of the policy and stated that start time for the meeting was changed in the hopes of having a quorum. Road playoff games for CHS softball and the Bridgeway Bandits created a concern that many members could be absent if the meeting kicked off at 6:00 pm. 2. Laurie Agren thanked Nicki Richardson for her contributions to RSU 74.

Middle School Sports: An agenda item to move the CCS sports teams from the Central Maine League to the Capitol Area League was tabled.

Copier Bids: RSU 74 will continue its relationship with ACopy.

Transportation Director: Chris Roy's contract was extended through 2018-2019.

Budget Votes: The board approved the computation and declaration of votes for the 2018-2019 Budget.

Policies: Updates to policies BCB, JIFF, and GDO were approved.

Strategic Planning: As mentioned earlier, the Strategic Planning Committee met in May. This committee will be tasked with figuring out a path for the future of RSU 74. After two straight years of relatively high budget increases to taxpayers, the committee will look to achieve financial flexibility without compromising education. The committee will look to determine what level of collaboration RSU 74 should have with neighboring school districts. It is not an easy task, and the committee hopes to have support and buy-in from staff and community members.

Van: Mr. Tracy told the board that a van was in the 2018-19 budget. When transporting students to MEANS or Belgrade, a van is more practical than a bus. RSU 74 is struggling to find bus drivers right now. Mr. Tracy said that some neighboring districts pay drivers significantly more in health insurance than RSU 74 does, and this might be part of the problem in recruiting drivers.

Adjournment: The meeting ended at 8:46 pm.

Submitted: Dave Ela, President of Carrabec Educational Association

New Portland Library

Vision Statement "Enrich the Community with a welcoming center to gather, to learn, to connect"

Our summer hours are, Tuesday 9:00 am – 12:00 noon, Wednesday 4:00 – 6:00 pm, Thursday 4:00 – 6:00 pm. Saturday :00 am – 12:00 noon.. Let us know if other times will help you.

Thanks to all who contributed baked goods and plants to our Plant, Bake and Book Sale. It was a great success.

July 18 - Wednesday 5:00 -7:00 pm is our Ice Cream Social. Stop in to say hello to neighbors and enjoy an ice cream cone starting at \$1 up to Banana split or Brownie sundae \$5.00!

A belated thanks to Gilbert Taylor for taking the extra time to plow closer to our door. It is appreciated.

We will not be having our Get Together Tuesday through the summer.

Just as a reminder: the library has a piano that is available for practice or to use for lessons. Give a call if you interested.

The library board meets the second Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm. If you have an interest please stop in.

Welcome back summer residents and visitors. We love seeing you at the library. Stop in say hello and check out our growing collection of books and movies! If you find you have some spare time, there is always a place for volunteers, if not behind the desk but maybe a behind the scenes job. Any amount of time is appreciated.

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Thank you.

Submitted: Rosemary Drosky

Lexington Highland Historical Society

July 3 – Open House at the Lexington/ Highland Historical Society Museum at 5 Back Road in Lexington. Tours of the Museum with Docents 10:00 am – 3:00 pm.

July 3 - Spaghetti Supper and Bake Sale at Happy

Citizens' Corner

Please save the date for a meet and greet in Lexington with Terry Hayes, Maine's first independent State Treasurer and a Clean Elections candidate for Governor. This is not a fundraiser. It's an opportunity for you to meet Terry, ask her questions, and have a conversation about the important issues facing our state. There will be strawberry shortcake, too! The History House will be from 4 - 5:30, so come early to have a look around. Tuesday, July 24, 5:30 – 7:00 pm at the Lexington History House, 3 Back Road, Lexington Twp

Submitted: Kay Micha

Horseshoe Campground on Long Falls Dam Road in Lexington. 5:30 – 7:00 pm. Meal - \$7.00, children under 10 – free. Sponsored by the Lexington/Highland Historical Society.

July 10 –Open House and Sharing Day at the Lexington/Highland Historical Society at 5 Back Road in Lexington. Please take photos, obits, family history to be copied. Vintage items will be accepted. 10:00 am – 3:00 pm.

July 14 – Silent Auction and Bake Sale sponsored by the Lexington/Highland Historical Society held at the Happy Horseshoe Campground, Long Falls Dam Road. Open 9:00 am, Call 11:00 am.

July 17 – 20 – Tuesday through Friday at the Lexington/Highland Historical Society Museum at 5 Back Road in- Lexington, 9:30 am – 3:00 pm Summer Youth Day Camp for school age children. Elementary students will experience skills of the past in "hands on" activities and high school students will work on the Nature Trail identifying trees and plant life. Lunch provided each day. Arts, crafts and fun games will be scheduled. Please call 207-465-8238 to enroll.

July 24 - Teachers' Day at the Lexington/Highland Historical Society Museum at 5 Back Road in Lexington 10:00 am – 3:00 pm. Special programming and demonstrations and a review of resources available. Lunch provided. Call 207-465-8238 to register.

July 28 – Basket Raffle from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm sponsored by the Lexington/Highland Historical Society being held at the Happy Horseshoe Campground on Long Falls Dam Road.

Submitted: Barbara Pinkham

Community Church

Happy 4th of July everyone! Hope you have a chance to celebrate the auspicious beginnings of our country with family and friends.

The West Village church supper will be held on July 19 at 5:00 pm. On the menu is meatloaf, mashed potatoes, veggies and rolls. For dessert, a delicious pistachio cake with pistachio frosting! Dinner is \$8 a person. As always, take out is available or stay and visit with family and friends.

July is the start of the 'work group' season. Mission groups come to the area from 'away' to participate in MATE Housing Ministry projects around the Farmington/New Portland area. This project helps many in the community to improve their housing conditions and make life a little easier. If you are interested in working on any of the housing ministry projects please contact Rothea Kornelius at (434)247-9747 or e-mail her at rotheak@gmail.com No special skills are required. There is a great need for volunteers.

Flemington Presbyterian Church from Flemington, New Jersey will be arriving at the North Village Church on July 22. They are participating in MATE housing ministry projects around the area and will be in town, camped at and around the church, from July 22 to July 28. Please make them welcome when you see them. They will also be running the annual Vacation Bible School program from Monday, July 23 – Friday, July 27. Children 5 – 12 years of age will have an interesting bible-related program offered from 9:00 am – noon every day. It's a fun time of crafts, music, learning about God, and tie-dye t-shirts!

Rev. Thea has started a program that is proving to be quite popular. It is called Roast the Pastor and is held on Tuesday at 4:00 pm at Fairbanks Union Church in Farmington. This is a chance to meet in an informal setting to discuss any concerns that you may have. How faith relates to the issues of the day in the news, in conversations and sermons. Bring whatever is on your mind to the table for friendly discussion. Past conversations have ranged from topics such as assisted suicide, the recent intersections of politics and faith, and what various bible verses mean in today's world. Topics have been wide-ranging and relevant. Several members of the New Portland congregation go down to Farmington to attend this meeting, but if there is enough interest Thea would be more than willing to set up a weekly date and time here in New Portland. Let her know at the number listed above or let any of the church community know of your interest.

The Wire Bridge Thrift Store is open as usual. Please make a note that the store will be open from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm on the first and third Saturdays of the month. It's time for some comfortable, broken-in, summer clothes.

Since the beginning of June church services have been held in the beautiful North Village Church. The schedule remains the same with coffee hour starting at 10:30 am, and the service following at 11:00 am. We would love to see you there. Respectfully. . .

Submitted: Nan Berry

At the time of this writing, members and friends of the Western Mountains Baptist Church are working diligently to pull together an awesome week of Vacation Bible School (VBS) for kids ages four and older. The church is already decorated, snacks are being prepared and everyone is practicing the "Gear Up, Get Ready, Game On" song. Stay tuned next month to learn how this kid-friendly event turned out during the last week of June. Excitement is in the air at WMBC!

During the month of July, there will be week long summer camps held at the Farmington Conference Center. One week will be for boys and one week for girls who have completed grades 3 through 10. For students grade 10 through 12 there is a training track. Email fcc@ for more information.

On Saturday, July 21, WMBC volunteers will once again offer bounce houses, snow-cones and popcorn to anyone attending the festivities of the upcoming Kingfield Days. We will be located in Kingfield at the end of Depot Street, near the health center and the library. Bring the kids by to enjoy free refreshments and bounce off some of their energy.

Youth Group will continue to meet throughout the summer on Thursday evenings, 6:00 – 7:30 pm. Ted and Heidi Neal have recently stepped up to lead that ministry and are excited to take on this new adventure of working with and teaching teens. Feel free to call, 446-8082, for more information or drop by the church any Thursday evening.

Did you know you can learn more about WMBC on our website at www.westernmountainschurch.org

Worship services are held every Sunday morning at 10:00 am. Coffee, snacks and friends are readily available. Sunday School for all ages is offered at 9:00 am. Visitors are always welcome.

Submitted: Crystal Fitch



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