TOWN OF LEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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April 10, 2015

EGG HUNT APRIL 4TH





The Town of Lee Annual Easter Egg Hunt, hosted by the Recreation Commission, was held last Saturday with great success! The weather cleared and the kids came out in droves. Over 8,000 eggs, stuffed with prizes and candy were scattered all over Town Field. It appears that this was the largest turnout in years. The children had a great time!

The Recreation Commission would like to thank the following people for their hard work and dedication to making this a success.

Cynthia and Charlie McLain for organizing all of the details.

Judy Belanger and her crew for cleaning and stuffing the eggs.

McGregor Ambulance for setting up their display for the kids and letting them tour the ambulance.



A very special "thank you" goes out to Scott Minor and Lindt Chocolate for their extremely generous donation of 3 pallets of chocolate eggs and bunnies.



The trustees would like to thank Chief Tom Dronsfield, Road Agent Randy Stevens and Transfer Station Manager Roger Rice for picking up and transporting a very heavy table that the Lane Library in Hampton donated to our library. Not only does it provide plenty of work space, it can be wired for laptop computer users. It's a great addition to the library – one we couldn't have accepted without Tom, Randy and Roger's help.

Be sure to stop by the Library and say hello to our new library director Ruth Eifert this Friday, April 10th at 4:00pm. The trustees will be hosting a reception to welcome Ruth to Lee.

APRIL SELECT BOARD MEETINGS

Monday, April 13th and 27th at 6:00 pm Go to www.leenh.org for more Town meeting dates Go to http://leenh.org/pages/LeeNH_LibraryCal/?formid=158 for the Library Calendar

LEE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
POT LUCK DINNER & ANNUAL MEETING
ALL ARE WELCOME

Friday, April 10th 6:00 pm Lee Grange

Come share stories about Lee!
Don't forget to bring your dinner dish to share!

UNH COOPERATIVE EXTENSION PRESENTS A FREE WORKSHOP ON BACKYARD CHICKEN BASICS

Sunday, April 12th 1:00 – 2:30 pm Dover Agway



<u>CLICK HERE</u> for details

UNH COOPERATIVE EXTENSION PRESENTS A GARDEN WORKSHOP SERIES

Next class Saturday, April 15th
Growing Tomatoes
CLICK HERE for schedule



The next Senior Advisory Committee will be April 13th at 9:00 am at the Public Safety Complex. Senior housing remains the focus right now. A trip to a completed senior housing project in Rye, NH, has been scheduled for April 21st. There will be a car pool. Please call Gwen Rice at 603-659-4766 for more information.

The Knitting Gathering will meet on Wednesday April 8th and 22nd at the Lee Library, 9-11:00am. Donna Kay, knitting instructor, is available to help get you started on a new project or teach you if you are a beginner. The Knitting Gathering is sponsored by SAC & the Library.

APRIL 15, 2015



WARNING: Please beware of IRS scams!

You can also go to www.irs.gov/uac/Tax-Scams-Consumer-Alerts to learn about more about scams using the IRS.



WILD NEW HAMPSHIRE DAY

Saturday, April 18th 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Fish & Game Department, 11 Hazen Drive Concord, NH

Discover WILD New Hampshire Day is a fun way for the whole family to explore New Hampshire's wildlife resources and legacy of outdoor traditions. Come browse exhibits from environmental and conservation organizations throughout the state. See live animals, big fish and trained falcons. Try your hand at archery, casting, fly-tying and B-B gun shooting. Watch retriever dogs in action. Get creative with hands-on craft activities for the kids. N.H. Department of Environmental Services staff will be on hand to help you discover new trends in recycling, environmental protection and energy-efficient hybrid vehicles. Watch for more details about Discover WILD New Hampshire Day at http://www.wildnh.com.

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22ND for Training **But will OPEN** THURSDAY, APRIL 23RD 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Normal hours of operation will resume the following week. ****************



BACKYARD FARMING INITIATIVE SERIES 2015 PRESENTS FIVE NIGHTS, 10 FARMS: EXPLORE YOUR FARMING DREAMS

NEXT DISCUSSION Monday, April 27th 7:00 pm

Jeremiah Smith Grange Hall, Lee Hook Road, Lee

This evening's program is being presented by Misty Meadows Herbal Center and Boulder Brook Stables. Misty Meadows offers skilled herbalists, bulk herbs & tea blends, herbal medicines, aromatherapy & essential oils, herbal apprenticeships and short workshops for all levels. Boulder Brook Stables is a multi-discipline, full service equine facility including boarding, training, lessons and clinics.

Sponsored by the Lee Agricultural Commission and Lee Public Library.

CLICK HERE for ENTIRE SERIES SCHEDULE

REGISTER YOUR DOG BY APRIL 30TH AT THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE



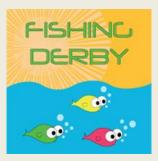
SULLY

(the Deputy Town Clerk's pup)

AVOID A \$25.00 FINE BY REGISTERING BY APRIL 30TH. \$6.50 for SPAYED/NEUTERED Dogs & Puppies (4-7 months) \$9.00 for UN-ALTERED Dogs

11th ANNUAL SAFE KIDS 500

May 6th 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm at NH Motor Speedway, Loudon Your family can bike on the same track driven by your favorite NASCAR stars. There will also be free bike and helmet safety checks, healthy snacks and educational handouts. For information, please contact Safe Kids NH at (877) 783-0432 or IPC@Dartmouth.edu.



FISHING DERBY AND FISH FRY SAVE THE DATE MAY 9TH



A SIGN THAT SPRING IS HERE CLICK HERE for BURN PERMIT CHECKLIST

OPEN POSITIONS ON TOWN COMMITTEES AND/OR COMMISSIONS LISTED BELOW

TOWN CENTER COMMITTEE RECREATION COMMISSION SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE ENERGY COMMITTEE

CLICK HERE for Application

Hand deliver to Town Hall or email application to the Town

Secretary at dduval@leenh.org.



CHANNEL 13

Check your local TV channel 13 to view Select Board meetings aired daily at 7:00 am; 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm.

TRANSFER STATION UPDATE

Compost bins and Rain barrels are for sale, \$50.00 and \$65.00 respectively. The supply is limited. We have free containers for those that need to dispose of "Sharps". It is important to drop off your full containers at the TS office, not throw them in the trash. If you forget your bins or recycling containers at the Transfer Station, call us at 659-2239. Our cost of glass disposal goes up next week. We are paying \$420 to haul a load of glass (PGA is Processed Glass Aggregate). Our tipping fee (the cost per ton to dump the material) was \$16 eight years ago and is now going up to \$30 per ton so to dump a load of PGA the new cost is around \$570 plus the trucking. You can help by purchasing items in aluminum cans (soda and malt beverages) or plastic for food and a lot of other items. We currently get \$1,240 per ton for Aluminum cans and \$180 per ton for our #1 (PETE) plastic.

We need five more families who don't do back yard food waste composting and would like to be part of a pilot project in Lee to do food waste drop-off at the Transfer Station. Inquire at the office for details. Thank You for your recycling!



PLEASE DO NOT BECOME A VICTIM

Please keep in mind that there are a lot of telephone and internet scams going around. The callers or people sending the emails could pretend that they are from your bank, the IRS, a jury selection process, Publisher's Clearinghouse, your grandchildren, Microsoft, or any other place you can think of. Our reminder is PLEASE DO NOT PROVIDE ANY PERSONAL OR BANK INFORMATION TO ANYONE WITH WHOM YOU DID NOT INITIATE CONTACT. If you are not sure that the call is legitimate, hang up and call the company they are representing directly. But, do not use the telephone number they provided. Use the corporate telephone number, or the number you have listed on your credit/bank cards. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the Lee Police at 603-659-5866.

CLICK HERE for information from other sources



OLIVER CROMWELL GILBERT

This is the true story of an escaped slave, who came from Maryland and while on his journey through the Underground Railroad, spent some time in Lee. Oliver Gilbert had an interesting life and was proud of his accomplishments. His great-great-grand daughter says that "he would be dancing now" with the publication of his story. Jody Fernald, a researcher at the UNH Library, with the assistance of Oliver's great-great-granddaughter, Stephanie Gilbert, has written the known details of Oliver's life. Oliver Gilbert's story has made it possible for the Cartland House in Lee to be the only documented "station" on the Underground Railroad in New Hampshire.

This book is published by the Lee Heritage Commission and is on sale now at Town Hall and Library for \$10.



BARRY CONSERVATION CAMP

Each year the Lee Conservation Commission sponsors a campership at the Barry Conservation Camp which is located at the Fish Hatchery in Berlin, NH. The 4-H Camp is operated in conjunction with the NH Department of Fish & Game. "Barry Conservation Camp emphasizes environmental awareness, responsible use of firearms, safe hunting practices, conservation principles and ethics." There is also swimming and canoeing, as well as group activities that encourage teamwork. Lee youngsters, ages 10 and up, are eligible for this campership. (The Hunter Safety & Certification Program requires ages 12 and up.) For further information, or to apply for the campership, please call Laura Gund at 659-2044 or walgrove@comcast.net. It's best to apply as soon as possible while there is still room available! To learn more about the http://extension.unh.edu/4-H-Youth-Family/Barrygo camp to Conservation-4-H-Camp.

COMING TO A VERNAL POOL NEAR YOU!



After a rigorous and persistent winter, Spring's advent has been halting; but everywhere there are encouraging harbingers. The snow is receding. Red maple flower buds are swelling. The year's first redwinged blackbirds and phoebes have arrived; goldfinches are beginning to take on their yellow nuptial plumage; and each morning begins with a small dawn chorus of mourning doves, cardinals, chickadees and titmice singing up the sun. Soon another herald of the young season will be heard as quacking wood frogs will be heard in the forests where their breeding pools are found. Having spent the winter under leaf litter in the forests where they live, these small, cryptically marked, terrestrial frogs emerge from hibernation very early in the spring and make their way to vernal pools to breed. Their breeding season is brief - only a few weeks in which to mate, lay eggs and return to the woods. Wood frogs may not sport the brilliant colors of tropical frogs, but they are every bit as remarkable. The only North American amphibian able to live above the Arctic Circle, the wood frog has mastered cryogenics that is, it is able to withstand the freezing of up to 45% of its body during hibernation. During the winter each frog becomes, in effect, a frogcicle, lying quiescent, without respiration or heartbeat, until spring.

Anyone interested in learning more about these remarkable creatures and observing them in their breeding pools is invited to participate in a Frog Walk in the Town Forest sponsored by the Lee Conservation Commission. There will be three walks this year: an afternoon children's walk co-sponsored by the Lee Library, an early evening walk and an early morning walk. All will take place in the Town Forest. The dates depend upon when the wood frogs emerge, so check the Lee E-Crier for the day and time of each walk.



WANTED

HISTORIC PHOTOS OF LEE CLICK HERE for more information

READY RIDES offer free rides to medical appointment for residents 55+ and those who are disabled and unable to drive. They serve Lee, Barrington, Durham, Madbury, Newmarket, Northwood, Nottingham and Strafford. Drivers receive 25 cents per mile and can pick what rides they want to do. Drivers must be at least 25 years old, have a valid driver's license and a favorable driving record with a legally registered, inspected and insured vehicle. You will need to complete a volunteer application that includes a motor vehicle and criminal background check. Please call Meri Schmalz at 224-8719 or email info@readyrides.org for information about how to help your neighbor.

TOWN OF LEE NOW OFFERS ONLINE SERVICES









To access the new online services, please go to www.leenh.org. Credit/debit cards and ACH payments (bank-to-bank transfers) will be accepted for all online transactions. Credit/debit card and internet processing fees will apply.









The Town Clerk/Tax Collector's office now accepts MasterCard, Visa, American Express and Discover credit cards; debit cards that display these logos are also accepted. *Please note*: There is a fee associated with using a credit or debit card – 2.95% of the total transaction with \$1.50 minimum. This fee go directly to the Town of Lee's third party credit/debit card processor and is not retained by the Town of Lee. Convenience fees cannot be refunded. Cash and checks are still accepted forms of payment and do not require additional fees.



LEE PUBLIC LIBRARY

You like us at the library, now like us on Facebook!



LIBRARY REGULAR HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday: 12:00 – 8:00 pm Thursday, Friday: 10:00 am – 5:00 pm Saturday: 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

ENJOY DIGITAL MAGAZINES ON TABLET OR SMARTPHONE

Digital magazines are now available on the NH Downloadable Books site. Compatible devices include iPads, iPhones, iPod Touches, all Android tablets/phones, Nook HD/HD+/Tablet and Nook Color. If you want to borrow a magazine you will be required to do the following: Download a Nook app on your compatible device AND Register the app with a Barnes & Noble account (No credit card required). You can check out 3 magazines per week. They don't count against your eBook/audiobook checkout limits. They are automatically removed from your account after 7 days but stay active and attached to your B&N account until you delete them. If you need help or have questions, give us a call at 659-2626.



FLOWER BOUQUET DROP-IN CRAFT

Saturday, April 11TH

Welcome spring by making a pretty bouquet of flowers.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP



Monday, April 13TH 7:00 pm "The Round House" by Louise Erdrich

Likely to be dubbed the Native American *To Kill a Mockingbird*, Louise Erdrich's moving, complex...novel tells of a boy's coming of age in the wake of a brutal, racist attack on his mother. Drawn from real-life statistics about racially inspired attacks on our country's reservations, this tale is forceful but never preachy, thanks in large part to Erdrich's understated but glorious prose and her apparent belief in the redemptive power of storytelling. —Sara Nelson, Amazon.com



RIBBET, RIBBET FROG WALK

Thursday, April 16TH 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm Pre-school - Grade 4

Join us for a frog story, a frog walk to a local bog led by Catherine Fisher of the Lee Conservation Commission and a fun frog craft! Mast Way students may ride bus 23 directly to the library, accompanied by a note giving permission to do so. Please register. *This event will take place only if the snow melts and the frogs wake up. If not, it will be rescheduled for Thursday, April 23RD at 3:30 pm.



BRIAN HIKES

Tuesday, April 28TH 7:00 pm Public Safety Complex

Last year, Brian Fersch hiked the Appalachian Trail from Springer Mountain in Georgia to Mt. Katahdin in Maine, a 2185 mile journey. Join us for an evening of photos, stories and lessons learned as Brian takes us on his journey. According to Brian, hiking the Appalachian Trail is filled with physical and mental challenges at every turn. However, it is much more a lesson in discovering the natural world, friendship, acceptance and humanity.

ON - GOING PROGRAMS



Thursday & Friday at 10:30 am

These fun 30 – 40 minute programs include stories, songs, finger plays, flannel board and a craft. Registration is not required.



NO FOOLIN, JUST FUN – ADULT GAME DAY

Tuesdays at 9:30 am

Come join the fun, make new friends and learn some new games. All are welcome! Open to all adults 18 and older.



STORY TREKKERS

Tuesdays 3:30 - 4:30 pm Ages 6-10

Read a variety of authors and award-winning books. Snack, games and a craft included. Mast way students ride bus 23. Please register. This program is currently filled and has a waiting list.



KNITTING GET TOGETHER

Tuesdays, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Come and join other knitters for an evening of knitting and socializing. Bring that project you've been meaning to finish and make some new friends. Sorry, there are no instructors.



KNITTING FOR 50+ ALTERNATE WEDNESDAYS, NEXT APRIL 22nd 9AM

A drop-in group will meet at the library. Help is available from instructor, Donna Kay. All levels welcome. Offered by the Senior Advisory Committee in conjunction with the Lee Library.



ROCKIN' READERS BOOK CLUB 1st Thursday Every Month 3:00 – 4:00 pm 5th & 6th Graders

Read/discuss a different book per month. Take bus 21. Please register.



FRIENDS OF THE LEE LIBRARY

The Friends of Lee Library is a non-profit organization that supports Lee Library activities through memberships and fundraising. Activities include museum passes, children's vacation and summer programs, and adult educational programs. Thanks to your funding, the Friends of Lee Library will continue to support the wonderful activities! Not a member yet? It's easy – <u>CLICK HERE</u>!

LAMPREY HEALTH CARE SENIOR TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

Lamprey Health Care's Senior Transportation program provides rides to essential services for individuals over the age of 60 and/or with disabilities. Our handicap-accessible buses take seniors and adults with disabilities to the grocery store, pharmacy, doctor, or bank! For reservations or more information call 1-800-582-7214 or 659-2424 Monday through Friday, 8:00am - 4:00pm or go to lampreyhealth.org/index.php/patient-services/transportation-program



JOIN THE LEE FIRE RESCUE DEPT.

The Department is always looking for new members! Please stop by the Safety Complex Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm.



EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

The Town of Lee Police, Fire & Emergency Management utilizes the emergency notification system CODE RED. Visit <u>leenh.org</u> to sign up!



CHANNEL 13

Check your local TV channel 13 to view Selectmen's meetings aired daily at 7:00am; 2:00pm; 7:00pm. <u>CLICK HERE</u> for more details. <u>CLICK HERE</u> to view town meetings and videos online through the media site at leenh.org.



MEETING CALENDAR

To view the meeting calendar on leenh.org CLICK HERE



DISPOSAL OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

A drop-off box is available at the Public Safety Complex for unused and unwanted prescriptions.

STRAFFORD COUNTY CITIZEN CORPS HEALTH & SAFETY COUNCIL OF STRAFFORD COUNTY

Click on the "Sr" web page link for more information abou Influenza. dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/cdcs/influenza/index.htm



WILKINSON FOOD PANTRY Lee Church Congregational 17 Mast Rd

The food pantry is open to any family in the Town of Lee. The pantry is open the first and third Monday of each month from 6 - 7:00 pm. If there is an emergency please call the Church office at 659-2861. All visits to the pantry are strictly confidential.



Community Action Partnership Pregnant? New Baby? CAP Can Help!

If you are pregnant, know someone who is, or just had a baby, Community Action can help. We have a free Home Visiting program for teens and women age 25 and under. Call CAP's Home Visiting at 603-516-8108 to learn more or visit www.straffordcap.org.



FUEL & ELECTRICAL ASSISTANCE

CAP employees are now taking appointments for fuel and electrical assistance. Last year, we served nearly 3,900 households. Incomeligible households can get help paying their winter heating bills by applying for fuel assistance now through April 30, 2015. Electrical assistance is available year round. We have flexible hours and locations for appointments. Call today at 603-516-8126 or 603-516-8191. Visit www.straffordcap.org



DONATIONS NEEDED FOR FOOD PANTRIES

We are seeking donations of non-perishable food items, grocery store gift cards and financial donations to help stock our food pantries in Dover, Farmington and Milton. Supplies are critically low yet demand remains very high. To donate, visit www.straffordcap.org/donate today! Our food pantries serve individuals and families from all over Strafford County.

ATTENTION!

If you know someone who may want to see the e-crier but does not have the internet please either direct them to Town Hall for a printed copy or to the Library to view it there. If they cannot leave their home please have them call Denise Duval, the Town Secretary, at 603-659-5414 to have it mailed to them! Thank you!

To receive the E-CRIER via email EVERY WEEK go to <u>www.leenh.org</u>, click on Subscribe to E-Alerts and follow the directions to subscribe. It's that easy!