

TOWN OF LEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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September 21, 2018

Lee News & Upcoming
Events

LEE FAIR CAR SHOW 9-8-2018





GO TO <https://www.facebook.com/LeeFarmersMarket/> for UPDATES
CLICK HERE for the 2018 Lee Agriculture and Farm Brochure

SEPTEMBER SELECT BOARD MEETINGS

Monday, **September 24th** starting at 6:30 pm

Meetings can now be seen on **You Tube** at www.media.leenh.org

LEE HISTORICAL SOCIETY UPCOMING EVENTS – Free to all

www.leenhhistoricalsoc.org



NORTHEAST WOODLAND STORIES

By Anne Jennison

October 3rd 7:00pm

Lee Public Safety Complex

Lee resident and NH storyteller, Anne Jennison, will share stories and cultural traditions of the Northeast Woodlands. Interwoven with song, drumming, basket weaving, drama and humor. Anne is a dyed-in-the-wool New Englander with both European and Abenaki heritage. Her storytelling skills have been polished by 30 years of experience. She brings a wealth of cultural and historical knowledge to her storytelling. Abenaki basket craft will be on display, as well as other artifacts which reveal the rich history of these ancient people. Light refreshments will be served.



Photo by Candace Pratt

THE RAILROAD IN LEE

By Randy Stevens

November 7th 7:00pm

Lee Public Safety Complex

Lee resident and local historian, Randy Stevens, will present a program through photos and stories that tells the railroad's history and how it served Lee and the surrounding towns. Light refreshments will be served.



SWAP SHOP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The new swap shop still **NEEDS** more volunteers to assist with the day-to-day operations. **If volunteers are not found to work the hours needed then the swap shop hours of operation will be restricted.** If you wish to help, please call Shirley McKeon at 603-659-8163 or email her at smckeon123@aol.com.

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS VACANCY

A vacancy is available with the Trustees of Trust Funds. Any one with an interest in serving on this vital board should contact the Town of Lee Secretary, Denise Duval, to be considered for appointment by the Select Board. Please call 603-659-5414 or email dduval@leenh.org.

LEE TOWN COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION VACANCIES

Energy Committee, Lamprey River Advisory Committee and Conservation Commission have immediate openings to be filled. If you are interested contact the Town Secretary Denise Duval at 603-659-5414 or email dduval@leenh.org. [CLICK HERE](#) for Application.



[CLICK HERE](#) for TRANSFER STATION POP QUIZ



The Largest Eastern Hemlock in Lee?

By Paul and Annie Gasowski

Well, probably not. However, for the moment, we and our tree ('Songbird') can bask in the glory of being the only eastern hemlock that has been entered in the 'Lee's Trees Contest: Big Tree Category.' Since the contest was launched just last week, we thought readers of the E-Crier might want to explore the entry process through our submission. The actual entry form is available here: [Lee's Trees Flyer/Entry Form](#), on Facebook at LeeNHSustainabilityCommittee, at the library or at the town hall.

Our Entry:

Name: Paul and Annie Gasowski

Name of Tree: Songbird

Location: 46 Lamprey Lane, Lee

Deciduous or Conifer: Conifer

Species: Eastern Hemlock

Owner: Annie and Paul Gasowski

Big Tree Category: Height @67 feet, Circumference: 104"

Score: $67+104=171$

Notes: One of our favorite trees, the top of 'Songbird' is the preferred spot for the male scarlet tanager to sing its early evening melodies. Each year, the tanagers are a sign of the return of summer. Of course, the male goldfinches also make use of this same spot.

As for our height measurements, we used two methods: 1) a carpenter's square for the 45 degree angle and a measuring tape; 2) an 8 foot 2x4, a photograph and some line art in a word processing program, which we copied and pasted in two colors. Since the tree is down slope from our leaching field, we added a plastic drum/barrel to bring the 2x4 up to grade with the surface of the leaching field. The barrel's 2 1/2 feet of height were added to our final calculations. Both methods that we used corroborated quite well. Learn more at [Lee's Trees Flyer/Entry Form](#).





LEE HISTORICAL SOCIETY - A PAINLESS WAY TO DONATE

Would you like to support the Lee Historical Society but can't make one more financial donation? Do you shop at Amazon or Amazon Prime? By using **Amazon Smile**, and **registering the Lee (New Hampshire) Historical Society as your charity of choice**, you will be making a valuable donation to this organization without spending an extra cent. Amazon donates .05% of your purchase to the Lee Historical Society. Thank You for helping.

VISIT THE MUSEUM ON SATURDAY, September 15TH, October 20th or November 17th 10 am – 2pm



POLICE NOTICE

In follow up to our request and plea that residents properly number their homes, [CLICK HERE](#) for the Ordinance that applies. We will be canvassing the town to compile a list of homes that are not complying with this ordinance. We will make contact with the homeowners and hopefully get everyone into compliance to help make it easier for us to locate a residence in case of emergency.

DO NOT FORGET!

Please do not become a victim. WHEN IN DOUBT, DON'T GIVE IT OUT.

The scammers are still out there working hard to steal your money and your identity. Please do not release any information or agree to accept a check where you have to forward part of the funds either back to the caller or to a 3rd party.

Report Treasury (non-IRS scams) to OIGCounsel@oig.treas.gov.

Report IRS scams to phishing@irs.gov.



NEWS FROM THE LEE HERITAGE COMMISSION!

**NEW 2019 Historic Lee Wall
Calendar is Now on Sale!**

Listening to many requests from our fellow Lee community members, the Lee Heritage Commission was determined to get the calendar to press 2 months earlier than usual this year. Happily, and thanks to the diligence of Commission members Liz McCaffrey and Cord Blomquist, the new calendar is ready!

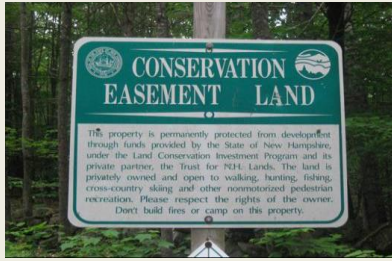
You may purchase the calendar at the Lee Town Hall or at the Lee Library. They are \$10 each.

**Stock up now for the upcoming
holidays!**



The farmhouse at Velvet Pastures Elk Ranch on Wednesday Hill Road is our 2019 calendar cover photo – and also the featured photo for March 2019. Look there for more details about the farm. Photo by Gerald Sedor.

NEWS!! A NEW LEE TOWN HISTORIAN HAS BEEN APPOINTED! We are delighted to announce that, upon his retirement after 38 years of service to the Town of Lee, the Lee Heritage Commission invited Randy Stevens to accept the position of honorary Lee Town Historian. Happily Randy has accepted our invitation and the Lee Select Board has approved the appointment! Throughout his years of service to the town, Randy has also had an avid interest in researching and writing about the history of Lee in his “spare” time. One of his books, *“The Railroad that Passed through Lee NH – 1874 – 1934”* by Randy Stevens is available at the Lee Town Hall and the Lee Library for \$12.00. We can hardly wait to see what his next project will be! Whenever you next see Randy - please give him a hearty *“Congratulations!”* on his appointment!



**COME WALK WITH THE
CONSERVATION COMMISSION TO SEE
CONSERVED LANDS IN LEE!
EVERY WEDNESDAY MORNING**

Some of these lands are owned by the Town, but most of them are privately owned and protected in perpetuity with a conservation easement. If you'd like to participate, call the Town Secretary, Denise Duval, at 659-5414. We meet in the Town Hall parking lot at 8:45 am, dressed for walking in the woods. Standard precautions for ticks & mosquitoes are advised. Walks take 1½-2 hrs.

A LEE FIRE AND PLANNING & ZONING DEPARTMENT REMINDER TO ALL HOMEOWNERS AND BUSINESSES IN THE TOWN OF LEE

A Building Permit is required for all tents that are 400 square feet and over per the International Building Code adopted by NH and the Town of Lee. An Assembly Permit is required for all tents being occupied by more than 50 people per RSA 155:17-39. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information or call Planning and Zoning at 603-659-6783 or the Fire Department at 603-659-5411.

ATTENTION REGARDING SIGNS

Please remember that advertisements of any kind need to be posted on "free standing" posts, not on telephone poles, street signs, markers, posts, etc. If you do put signs out for yards sales etc., please make sure that they do not block the view of traffic, are not on town property, and, if on private property that you have the land owner's permission and that you remove them once the event is over. Thank you!

CHAPTER 236 HIGHWAY REGULATION, PROTECTION AND CONTROL REGULATIONS Outdoor Advertising - Section 236:75

236:75 No Advertisements of Any Kind Upon Certain Objects. –Notwithstanding any provisions of the law to the contrary, it shall be unlawful to affix, attach or display any advertisement upon any object of nature, utility pole, telephone booth, or highway sign, directly in such a manner that the object of nature, utility pole, telephone booth, or highway sign, is utilized as an integral part of the sign's support as distinguished from being only incidentally a support to the sign, such as the earth or ground upon which a sign is affixed. This prohibition shall extend to all primary and secondary highways and roads of and within the state without exception for any type of advertising. The owner of an object upon which an advertisement is placed in violation of this section shall be entitled to remove and destroy the advertisement and the advertisement owner shall not be entitled to damages or compensation therefor. The object owner shall be entitled to collect the costs associated with the removal and destruction from the advertisement owner or the person who is responsible for placing the advertisement on the object in violation of this section.

WHEN SECONDS COUNT...

Can the Police, Fire, or Ambulance find your home when you need them for assistance with an emergency? Can they find it at night? Can they find it during a snowstorm?

Having your name and number on a mailbox is just not enough. Some mailboxes are clustered together. The numbers are small and the location may not mark the entrance to your driveway.

The Lee Firemen's Association, in a joint effort with the Lee Fire Department, has started a program to install reflective house number signs at driveway entrances to assist all emergency responders in locating your home in a time of need.

The cost for each sign with a post is \$30.00 and it will be installed by the Lee Firemen's Association.

Please take the time NOW to SAVE TIME in an EMERGENCY
[CLICK HERE](#) for Reflective House Number Sign Request form



**LEE FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT SEEKING
CALL FIREFIGHTERS AND EMTS**

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information

FIRE DEPARTMENT FEE SCHEDULE

Please **[CLICK HERE](#)** for the Fee Schedule

Please **[CLICK HERE](#)** for the Permitting Checklist and Reference Guide

BURN PERMIT

[CLICK HERE](#) for NH BURN PERMIT RULES AND REGULATIONS



LEE CEMETERY RULES
[CLICK HERE](#) for Rules

COMMITTEE, COMMISSION & BOARD MEETING CALENDAR

Go to www.leenh.org/Pages/LeeNH_MeetingsCal/?formid=158

LIBRARY CALENDAR

Go to http://leenh.org/pages/LeeNH_LibraryCal/?formid=158



READY RIDES offer free rides to medical appointments for residents 55+ and those who are disabled and unable to drive. They serve Lee, Barrington, Durham, Madbury, Newmarket, Northwood, Nottingham and Strafford. Please call Meri Schmalz at 224-8719 or email info@readyrides.org for more details about how to help your neighbor. **Volunteers from Lee are needed!**



FOOD PANTRY

WILKINSON FOOD PANTRY

Lee Church Congregational
17 Mast Rd

The food pantry is open to **any family** in the towns of Lee, Durham, Newmarket and Nottingham. The pantry is open the 1st & 3rd 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.

DISPOSAL OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

A drop-off is available at the Public Safety Complex to the left of the front entrance for unused and unwanted prescriptions.

Lee Public Library



Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday: 12:00 – 8:00 pm

Thursday, Friday: 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Hours 10am – 3pm



cc by 2.0 Justin Johnsen

Recent visitors to the library brought up the subjects of coydogs and Bobolinks. We did a little research and discovered that coydogs, sometimes called dogotes, are a cross between a coyote and a dog and are not often found in the wild. However, if you're lucky, you may spot some in Lee.



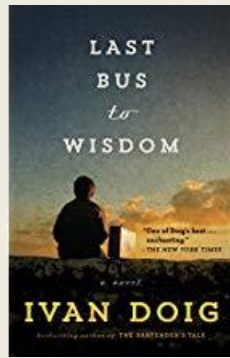
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The Bobolink is from the American Blackbird family which includes Orioles. It is a North American songbird whose name comes from its song although it takes some imagination to hear Bobolink. You can find them in hayfields, meadows and marshes. However, because of habitat loss, their numbers are significantly declining.



MARBLING WORKSHOP
Saturday, September 29th
10 am - 1 pm
Lee Public Safety Complex

Marbling paper, leather or textile involves floating paint on a thickened water bath. The water is thickened with carrageenan—a seaweed extract. Acrylic paint is applied using brushes to spatter the paint or by dropping paint onto the bath using a pipette. Once the desired color combinations are achieved, the paint is drawn and combed with specialized tools to produce a wide variety of one-of-a-kind prints. In this workshop participants will learn about the marbling process, the history, materials and patterns. Each participant will create at least five marbled papers of various designs—some traditional, some free form. **All materials will be provided. Workshop participants should wear old clothes. The process can be messy and wet. It is also helpful if students can bring a few old newspapers. Registration is required. Class is limited to 10.**



ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION
Monday, October 10, 2018
7:00 pm

"*Last Bus to Wisdom* is a treasure; one suspects that the beloved Ivan Doig--a red-haired boy who lived with his grandmother and grew up to tell stories--chuckled as he plotted to leave his readers a part of himself." -*Shelf Awareness* (starred). The book is now available at the library to pick up. All are welcome to participate.



ADULT GAMES
Tuesdays 9:30 am

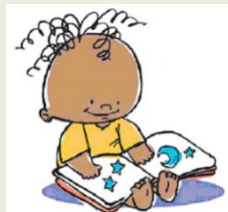


KNITTING GROUP
Tuesdays at 6:00 pm



STORY TIME
Thursdays @ 10 am
Fridays @ 11 am

Reading, crafts, puppets, music and more. Who knows where next week's adventures may take us? Large groups and families welcome.



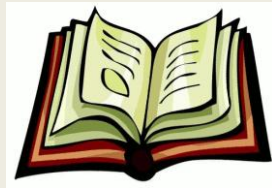
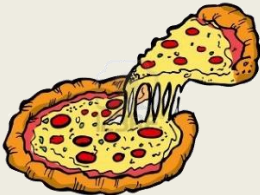
BABY LAPSIT
Fridays @ 10 am

Silliness, songs, scarves, rhymes and of course...reading. This baby story time is full of age-appropriate activities to facilitate learning and bonding. Give it a **GO**.



PAJAMA STORY TIME
Tuesday, September 25th
6:00 pm

Come enjoy some relaxing stories, songs and snuggles before bed! Designed for ages up to 5, older siblings welcome.



YOU CHEWS BOOK CLUB
2nd Thursday of each month starting
October 11th
3:30 – 4:30 pm

This monthly book club will talk about a new member-selected group read over pizza each time we meet. Books may alternate between regular books and graphic novels. It is facilitated by Inga, the Youth Services librarian but will be largely group led. Register [here](#) or call 659-2626.

[CLICK HERE](#) for ongoing events at the library

Regional & State News & Events



JOIN US FOR TRAILFEST – 5k Trail Run/Walk
September 22, 2018
Burley Farms in Epping, NH

REGISTER NOW

- Free 1K fun run for kids
- Free fun for the whole community
- Nature activities
- Live raptor and reptile presentations
- Guided walks and self-guided scavenger hunts
- Beer Tent, food for purchase and more!
- Option to fundraise for SELT with peer-to-peer fundraising tools



[CLICK HERE](#) for Your Estuaries Partnership News for September 2018

OP Ed: Oyster River Moves Toward a New Middle School

August 31, 2018

The Oyster River Cooperative School Board has voted unanimously to develop a plan for a new middle school, which we will put before voters in the district. Drawing on almost four years of study, we have concluded that the current middle school has such serious deficiencies that renovation or tinkering with the current building are not viable options.

The current facility is a sprawling set of older buildings and additions that cover the equivalent of three football fields. These additions often “join” up in half floors, requiring lifts, which make any handicapped navigation extremely difficult. Many of the classrooms were designed for elementary school students, and almost half are smaller than the recommended size, as are the music, art, and phys. ed space. Special Education space is mostly makeshift, frequently undersized, and lacking sunlight.

Some of these deficiencies have been glaringly evident during the recent heat wave. The lack of air-conditioning, combined with the westward orientation of many classrooms, can make the school a furnace on hot days.

The current building is poorly suited to the team concept of a middle school. There is also a lack of informal gathering spaces and smaller conference rooms. We have come a long way from school buildings that were simply classrooms, offices, cafeteria, and a gym. The current building also fails to support the robust music and performing arts programs at the middle school.

Simply maintaining the current building is not a cost-free option. A recent report by Siemens engineers identified almost \$6 million in needed upgrades to the heating, ventilation, and mechanical systems. The Siemens representative actually recommended against such expenditure in an aging and outdated building.

During the 2017-2018 school year, the Board established a Middle School Facilities Committee to evaluate the current building and make recommendations to the Board. The committee was composed of architects, citizens, builders, members of local government, and representatives from the administration and school board. This committee reviewed previous reports and evaluated 13 options, including renovation, shifting middle school students to the other schools (e.g. creating a 5-12 middle/high school), and building a new facility.

The Committee unanimously voted to recommend building a new middle school, with the majority favoring building on-site, though with some support for building off-site.

The Board is moving ahead to select a building site manager and an architect to help us develop a plan to put up for a vote by the community, we anticipate in March 2020. This decision date will roughly coincide with the retirement of the \$25 million bond for the high school renovation.

As a Board we appreciate the financial and emotional effects of this decision. The current building holds history and memories, and the district has worked hard to keep it functional. But as with an old car that has served you well, you reach a point where you decide the next repair is not really justified. We are at that point with the current building. Our district—and those around us—have also learned the hard lesson that delay usually means paying more for less in the future.

We look forward to extensive community discussions about what a new middle school can be. There are exciting possibilities for energy efficiencies, new learning environments, better performing space, and better use of the school site. It's time to move forward.

Thomas Newkirk, Chair, Oyster River Cooperative School Board
868-6243

CHECK OUT MAPGEO

A GIS Collaboration between the Strafford Regional Planning Commission and Lee bringing basic GIS (Geographic Information System) technology to your fingertips. GIS map data is now displayed on the MapGeo website. This website can be found by clicking [HERE](#). The site allows residents to search for tax map info, as well as view several different overlay layers.



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ATTENTION!

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