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**TRICK or TREAT
in LEE**
Sunday, October 30th
5:00 – 7:00 pm

LEE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM:

We will be open for visitors on Saturday October 15th and November 19th from 10:00-12:00. Sorry we will be closed for the winter.



ALL HALLOWS EVE IN 18TH CENTURY LEE

Place: Ye Old Parish Cemetery
Corner of Mast Rd & Garrity Rd
Date: Saturday, October 29th
Time: Dusk

There will be several men and women standing near grave markers. Don't be afraid; they are not ghosts. They will be having a conversation about themselves and what it was like in Lee in the 18th century.

TOWN OFFICES ARE CLOSED the FOLLOWING HOLIDAYS



Veteran's Day *Friday, November 11th*
Thanksgiving *Thursday, November 24th*
Friday, November 25th
Christmas *Monday, December 26th*
New Year's *Monday, January 2nd*

NEWS from the HERITAGE COMMISSION

The latest edition of the booklets sponsored by the Lee Heritage Commission concerning the History of Lee is now available at the Lee Town Office. *A History of Jeremiah Smith Grange*, written by Donna F. Eisenhard, is now on sale for \$20.00.

The booklet can be mailed to you for an additional \$6.00 to cover shipping and handling. Please make checks payable to the **Town of Lee**. Please call 659-5414 if interested. Prior booklets include *The Railroad That Passed Through Lee* by Randy Stevens for \$12.00 and *The Roads and Early Settlers of Lee* by Melvin Jenkins for \$15.00 are also available. Upcoming editions will feature The Mills and Lee's Public Schools.



Although our participant entries were low, the local businesses were extremely generous with their donations, which helped make this event a huge success!

We could not have done it without them! With their generous donations we will be able to help many children in need. We would like to thank them for their generosity and we hope that you too, will thank them by your patronage. John's Auto; Cameron's; Flag Hill Winery; Midway Oil; Versacon Construction; Kustra's Auto Body; Jamco Excavators, LLC; EZ Generator Switch; Wild T's Printworks; DeRocchi & Sons LLC; S & J Transportation; Alan's Diesel; 'Bill Anonymous'; Car Works; Chasco Auto Classics; Cozy Nails; DeMeritt Hill Farm; Durham Market Place; Eliminator; The Fischer's - Brian & Stephanie; Garvey & Company; Granite State Nursery; GTM Investments; Kempro Construction; The Keniston's - Bob & Mary; Lee Circle Grocery; Lee Custom Cycle; Lee Family Dentistry; Lee USA Speedway; Make A Difference Landscaping; Orion Tree Service; Pizza Spinners; Planet Fitness; Roland's Septic Service; The Rossi's - Bob & Anne and Sunny's Restaurant.

SEXUAL ASSAULT SUPPORT SERVICES

Sexual Assault Support Services (SASS) is dedicated to the prevention of child sexual abuse, sexual assault and stalking, while supporting victims, survivors and others impacted by sexual violence.

The mission is accomplished by providing the following services:

- A confidential 24-hour sexual assault crisis hotline
- 24-hour advocacy and support at police stations, hospital emergency rooms, child advocacy centers and the courts
- Support groups for rape survivors, sexual abuse survivors, parents, and others affected by sexual violence
- Professional training and consultation to police departments, hospitals, schools and others in the community
- Sexual abuse and sexual assault prevention education in the schools for children, teens and parents
- Sexual harassment prevention workshops for teachers and children in schools, and managers and employees in the workplace

Client Services: During the 2010-2011 fiscal year, SASS responded to 13 Lee residents, providing service through hotline calls, accompaniments at hospitals, police departments and Child Advocacy Centers and the provision of support groups.

Education Programs: SASS Educators were able to present its range of age-based programs to a total of 338 students, and 49 teachers in the Lee schools system.

LEE COMMUNITY GARDENERS

~ The Garden of Native NH Plants ~

Four years ago a few enthusiastic Lee gardeners agreed that our fancy new recycling center needed some panache. Locating a garden in the space next to the building (instead of using it for more piles of debris), seemed to us a dandy way to enhance the transfer station and create a learning experience as well. We decided to limit the garden to “native” plants as they are hardier and more likely to survive harsh conditions.

The garden you see today has been made possible by grants from the NH and Strafford County Master Garden Associations (not Town taxes). Many plant donations and dedicated volunteers attend to all the necessary upkeep. It is open to anyone during recycling hours and we urge you to stroll through it whenever the spirit moves you. We are grateful to The Coastal Maine Botanical Garden for creating the labels you see along the path which identify the plants and verify that all are, in fact, native varieties.

Each year we welcome the classes from the Mastway School who visit the garden as part of their educational program. You may notice there are plenty of blueberries which you are welcome to sample; but do leave plenty for others to enjoy, as they are not intended to be for just a few serious harvesters. Soon our rapidly growing grapes will be ready for sampling as well.

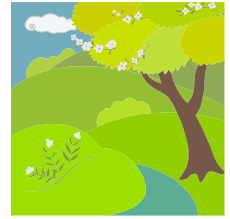
If gardening is “your thing”, please join us. We are always in need of more hands.

Your five stalwart volunteers:
Carolyn Bassage (659-3372),
Linda Seedner (659-5384),
Bob Hart, Carol Doering & Gael Grant



Special kudos to Roger Rice who is ever ready to lend a hand!

OYSTER RIVER and LAMPREY RIVER NEED YOUR HELP



Volunteers from Lee are needed to help develop management plans for the Oyster and Lamprey Rivers. Earlier this year, the Legislature designated segments of the Oyster River and the Lamprey and its major tributaries to the NH Rivers Management and Protection Program (RMPP). Designation results in better protection and management through a two-tiered approach: state protection of in-stream values, and local management of riparian lands.

The RMPP is administered by the NH Dept. of Environmental Services (DES), aided by a Local Advisory Committee (LAC) for each designated river. The LACs develop management plans that are integrated with community master plans and conservation programs. They also review and comment on any federal, state, or local government plans to approve, license, fund, or construct facilities that would alter the resource values for which the river was designated.

DES has invited the Lee Board of Selectmen to nominate individuals who would be interested in serving on either the Oyster or Lamprey River LAC. Ideally, they would prefer a broad range of backgrounds, for example, business, agriculture, conservation, government, education, etc. If you think this might interest you, please notify the Board of Selectmen, 7 Mast Road, Lee, NH 03861.



**from the
TRANSFER STATION**

Lee residents did it again!

Back in 2009 we were the first town in NH to get more money from recycling than we paid to get rid of the trash. From July 2010 through June 2011, we paid \$77,931 in tipping fees to get rid of our trash, and received \$82,451 from recycling income. It would be great if we could get the few who don't recycle to "pitch in" and get the rest of the recyclables out of the trash!

A BIG Thank You to residents who recycle!

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day - For a couple of decades it has been in September. This year the City of Dover will host the four town collection, on **October 15th**. They are located at 271 Mast Road in Dover. Please mark your calendars now for the Saturday after Columbus Day! They will take: oil based paints, (not latex) old cleaners, pesticides and all old unwanted chemicals. Lee pays a flat fee (by population) to participate, so let's get those chemicals where they belong!

Brush - We will be storing all brush in the old burn area. It is all hauled away for tub grinding and recycled as a fuel wood. You can bring all brush (logs max 6" diameter and 4' in length). Pallets are accepted at the Bulky Fee Building at no charge, but are not taken by our brush hauler.

Hurricane Irene - When we have excessive tree damage from storms, we are sometimes open for "For Brush Only". You can be alerted for special opening times by signing up for town E-Alerts on Lee's website leenh.org.

Box Tops for Education - Have you noticed an orange bucket on the wall between Mixed Paper and Corrugated Cardboard? It's for "Box Tops for Education". All General Mills products and some others, have a little coupon worth \$.10 each. Mike Bolduc had the idea to collect them from the Transfer Station, he services it, and gives the Box Tops to the Mastway School. So far they've raised over \$400, mostly from the orange bucket. Thanks to all of you that have been donating box tops!

A New Face - We have an additional attendant on some Saturdays. When one of the full time staff is away or sick, Frank Taylor comes in and helps keep the Transfer Station running smoothly. We welcome his help.

Thanks for Recycling, Chip, Colin, Gary, Frank, Roger and the Swap Shop volunteers: Georgia, Linda, Nancy, Shirley, Kat, Bucky, Bill and Paul.

REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE

**FAREWELL to (Library Director)
LISA MORIN**

On July 22nd the Library Trustees hosted an Open House to bid farewell to Library Director Lisa Morin.

She is pictured receiving a service recognition award from Chairman of the Select Board, John R. LaCourse.



From the WELFARE DIRECTOR

As school begins and we begin to think about the colder months ahead, I'd like to take this opportunity to remind all residents who are concerned about their upcoming heating bills this winter that



NOW is the time to think about applying for Fuel Assistance through Strafford County Community Action. The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, better known as Fuel Assistance, provides income-eligible households with help in paying energy bills during the winter heating months.

You may also apply for the Electrical Assistance Program (this gives you a monthly discount on your electric bill) and Weatherization (this program can help to make your home more fuel efficient) at the same time. You may be eligible even if your heat is included in your rent! In that case payment would go to your landlord in lieu of rent.

Here is the most exciting news of all: This year Strafford County Community Action and the Town of Lee have made arrangements for applications for the above programs to be accepted on one day, Tuesday, October 11th here in Lee at the Public Safety Building. You MUST call the Dover office of Strafford County Community Action at 516-8130 to make an appointment as soon as possible in order to get an appointment on that date. If you are unable to make an appointment for that date, make sure you call the number above to make an appointment for another day. Don't delay!!!

I'd also like to announce that the New Hampshire Department of Human Services is now accepting applications online! If you are in need of assistance, you may now apply for Cash Benefits, Food Stamps, Medicaid, Medicare premium, and Child Care assistance from the privacy of your own home! Just visit www.nheasy.nh.gov to apply today.



**LEE PUBLIC
LIBRARY
Fall 2011**

New Director—Lee Public Library

Lee Public Library welcomes Sharon Taylor as its new director. Sharon brings years of library experience to the town of Lee. Before coming here, she served as the Assistant Director at the Weeks Public Library in Greenland, NH. Her first day on the job, August 1st, was uneventful. However, on the second day, she dealt with a hailstorm and a library evacuation and in the process was able to affirm her hunch of an amazing library staff.

Three things about Sharon you might like to know:

- 1) She loves libraries and the vital role they play in a community.
- 2) She believes libraries are about more than books.
- 3) (This one will surprise you.) She is very fond of reading.

Stop by soon and introduce yourself. Sharon also likes to meet new people!

Fall Book Sales at the Library
Saturday, Oct 1st; November 5th
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

All books are 6 for \$1.00 or 20¢ each, unless otherwise marked. A small selection of audio books, videos/DVDs will be available for sale as well.

Craft Workshops

Make the most of this holiday season by joining us at the library for three fun and festive workshops. **All workshops are for ages 14 & up and registration is required.** Please call the library or drop by for more information and to pick up a tools list for each workshop.



Monday, October 3rd, 7-8 p.m.

Captivating Coasters

Create a set of coasters using tiles and decorative paper.

Monday, November 7th, 7-8 p.m.

Decorative Fall Star

Monday, December 5th, 7-8 p.m.

Ribbon Candy Ornament

Make a Cross-stitched ribbon candy ornament

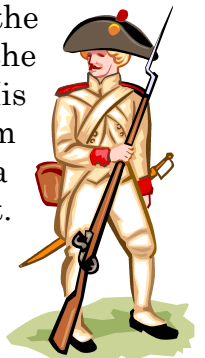
Soldier of the American Revolution
with Denis Hambucken and Bill Payson
Wednesday, October 5th, 7 p.m.

Public Safety Complex

Lee residents Denis Hambucken and Bill Payson will speak about the day-to-day life and the human experience of the average soldier at the onset of the American Revolution. In 1775, at the

beginning of the American War of Independence, the men who stood up to the British Regulars were men and boys, farmers, laborers and artisans. Most procured their own weapons and fought without pay against overwhelming odds. Denis and Bill will highlight the militia's response to the battles at Lexington and Bunker Hill and will have several weapons and items relating to the war on hand. A live firing demonstration will take place at the conclusion of the evening's program.

Denis and Bill are the authors of *Soldier of the American Revolution*, which offers modern readers a colorful glimpse into the day-to-day conditions of an average soldier through photographs of actual artifacts and exacting, historically accurate reproductions of soldiers' clothing, supplies and equipment. Denis is an advertising and design professional who combines his passions for design, photography and New England to write books about woodworking, crafts and history. Payson has been a historical re-enactor for 18 years, focusing on the American Revolution and the 100 years prior to it. His passion for history has led him to pursue his current path as a history consultant. [Countryman Press]



Copies of *Soldier of the American Revolution* will be available for sale at the conclusion of the program. **This free program is co-sponsored by the Lee Public Library and the Lee Historical Society.**

Sock Knitting Workshop

Wednesday, October 12th & 26th;

November 9th & 16th, 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Would you like to keep your feet toasty warm this winter with a pair of hand knit socks? If so, please join Cheryl Adams and Jeanne Link for sock knitting classes, using a single long circular needle, to be held two Wednesday evenings in October and November from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the Lee Library. The first class will be dedicated to casting on and getting started on the circular needle. Class size is limited to 6 knitters who are comfortable with the basics. Experienced knitters are welcome. **Registration is required.** Please contact the library at 659-2626 or drop by to sign up and get a materials list.

Backyard Farming Initiative

Sponsored by the Lee Public Library and the Lee Agricultural Commission
1790 Farm, 40 Steppingstones Road

Raising Chickens for Eggs

Thursday, October 13th, 6:30 p.m.

This workshop will provide information on how to raise a small flock of laying hens. It will cover breeds of layers, brooding day-old chicks, feeding, housing and general care of a backyard flock.



Hog Butchering

Saturday, November 5th, 11 a.m.

Cold Smoking Meat

Saturday, December 10th, 11 a.m.

Registration is required. Please call the library 659-2626 or drop by to sign up.

Book Discussion Group

Monday, October 17th, 7 p.m.

Burning Marguerite

By Elizabeth Inness-Brown

Join us for our October discussion and discover a book that reviewer Susan Biskeborn described as a “poetically written and haunting debut novel”.

One frigid morning, carpenter James Jack Wright finds ninety-four-year-old Marguerite Deo lying dead in the woods outside his cabin. As he confronts the mystery of her death--why would Marguerite, his "Tante" since his infancy, walk out into the cold winter night?--an unexpected tale unfolds.

It moves from the present back to James Jack's childhood, to New Orleans during the Depression and World War II, and finally to a windswept New England island at the turn of the century. Copies are available at the circulation desk for check out.

First Aid Training

Monday, October 24th, 6 – 8 p.m.

The McGregor Institute of EMS (an affiliate of the Durham Ambulance Corps) and the Library are sponsoring an American Heart Association First Aid Certification Course to be held at the library. The course teaches adult, child and infant first aid. Participants will receive a 2-year certification card upon successful completion of the course. The program is free, but there is a \$20 materials fee. **To register, call Nate at the Durham Ambulance Corps at 862-3674 or register by email: cprregistration@mcgregorems.org**

*Mary Todd Lincoln:
An Unconventional Woman*

A “Living History” presentation by
Sally Mummey –
NH Humanities Council
Wednesday, November 2nd, 7 p.m.
Public Safety Complex

As men marched off to fight in the Civil War, women sowed their own seeds of rebellion and independence. First Lady, Mary Todd Lincoln was no exception. Using more than her wits, she battled diplomats and generals to a standstill. How did she do it?

We will learn from Chautauqua scholar Sally Mummey who will appear in costume as Mary Todd Lincoln. Sally is a lifetime member of the Association of Lincoln Presenters. She will bring accurate historical interpretation and drama to our program.

This free program is co-hosted by the Lee Public Library and the Lee Historical Society.

Book Discussion Group

Monday, November 14th, 7 p.m.

The November and other winter titles will be chosen at the fall meeting. The list and copies of the books will be available at the Library well before the next meeting. Come pick up a copy today!



CPR Training

Tuesday, November 15th, 6-8 p.m.
The McGregor Institute of EMS (an affiliate of the Durham Ambulance Corps) and the Library are sponsoring an American Heart Association AED course to be held on Tuesday, November 15th from 6:00—8:00 p.m. at the Library. The course teaches adult, child and infant CPR and the use of an Automated External Defibrillator. The program is free, but there is a \$20 materials fee. **To register, call Nate at the Durham Ambulance Corps at 862-3674 or by email: cprregistration@mcgregorems.org**

**Everything You Always Wanted to
Know About E-Readers
but Were Afraid to Ask**

Monday, November 28th, 7 p.m.

Nooks are in every cranny lately, and many people are cuddling up with a Kindle or a Kobo. Just what is all the excitement about an e-reader? That is what we intend to find out Monday, November 28th at the Library.

Lee resident Danielle Fortin, a Teens and Technology Northwood librarian will be on hand to discuss her experiences with a Nook. Other residents who own e-readers are also invited to share knowledge of their devices. A resources sheet will be available with information on different devices for those attending.

You may also want to be placed on reserve for one of the library’s e-readers! Let us help you make an informed decision on whether or not to purchase and which device best meets your needs.

WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH A LIBRARY CARD?

Borrow books, DVDs, audio books, and other library materials. Search online databases from home, office or school. Download e-books, e-audios, from home, office or school. Check your library account online from home, office or school. Access the Internet, wireless also available. Renew library materials on the phone or online. Access unique collections: local and historic books and periodicals.

Call or email one of our friendly librarians for answers to your questions. And coming soon...check out a Nook or a Kindle and find out if you like E-readers! Get a library card today!

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

ONE WORLD, MANY STORIES

Children and their families traveled to Spain, Ireland, China, Australia and many other countries by reading good books and attending great programs. 90 children aged 2-12 participated, reading a grand total of 42,690 minutes! At program's end, juggler Henry Lappen entertained and then offered a mini juggling workshop! Afterwards, participants enjoyed refreshments and free books, thanks to the generosity of the Friends of the Lee Public Library.

STORY TIME

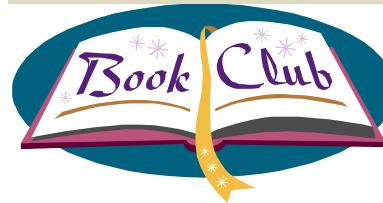
Preschool story time for ages 3-6 is held on Thursday mornings at 10:30 a.m. This is a 40 minute program. A 30 minute toddler story time for ages 2-3 meets Friday mornings at 10:30. Both programs include stories, songs, finger

plays, flannel board and a craft. Registration is not required. Story time resumed on Thursday, September 8th and Friday, September 9th.

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

The after school program for ages 6-10 is held on Tuesday afternoons from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Children will be introduced to a variety of authors and award-winning books. A snack, games and a craft will also be included. Mast Way students may ride **bus 22** directly to the library. If interested, please call 659-2626. **The program resumes on Tuesday, October 4 and registration is required.**

5TH AND 6TH GRADE BOOK CLUB



For 5th and 6th graders, this club meets the first Thursday of each month from 3-4 p.m. Participants will read and discuss a different book each month. And – pizza will be served, courtesy of Pizza Spinners! Students may take **bus 8** directly to the library after school. **Sign up** by calling 659-2626! **The first meeting this fall is on Thursday, October 6th.**

DOG DAYS AT THE LIBRARY

Children in **grades K-4** can read with a 4 footed friend! We are pleased to announce that three Lee residents will be participating this year in the Reading Education Assistance Dogs (R.E.A.D.)

Program which is dedicated to improving reading skills of children using registered Pet Partner teams as literacy mentors. Barb Brothwell and her pug Izzy will be here on the first Monday of each month at 3:30 p.m. beginning on **Monday, October 3rd**.



As of **Thursday, October 13th**, Carla Corey will be returning at 3:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month with her cocker spaniel, Joy. And kids can meet with Stacey Bender and her chocolate lab, Bailey, at 10:30 a.m. on the third Saturday of each month starting on **Saturday, October 15th**. If interested in having some reading fun, call 659-2626 and **sign up!**

MAKE IT AND TAKE IT CRAFTS

Drop by the library on **Saturday, October 15th; November 12th; December 10th** between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. and make the following fun crafts! For ages 3 and up.

Leaf Wreath – October 15th
Pine Cone Turkey - November 12th
Q Tip Snowflakes - December 10th

READ TO RIDE AT RYE AIRFIELD SKATEPARK

The library is participating in Rye Airfield's **READ TO RIDE** program. Readers have a chance to earn a **FREE** day pass to the park. All you need to do is read a book and do one of the following (depending on your age):

- Write a short (1-2 paragraph) essay/review on the book
- Sit down with a librarian to discuss the book
- Draw a picture about the book

Participants will receive a bookmark for each book reviewed – collect five bookmarks and redeem them at Rye Airfield for a free all day pass! Prior to starting the program, please speak with a librarian to determine which reporting method works best for you. Also, it is important to call ahead to make sure a librarian is available to meet with you to discuss/review your book.

LEE COUNTRY FAIR



With perfect weather, enthusiastic volunteers and a great crowd, this year's Lee Country Fair on September 10th celebrated 53 years of our very special community event. While this was the last year with the present Fair Board and the site of the Grange and Bannister properties, we are hopeful that a future Lee Country Fair will be led by a new Community Fair Board.

Several people at this year's fair expressed some interest in exploring new options to keep this tradition alive in Lee. If you are interested in joining others to come up with new ideas, you may leave your name, telephone number/e-mail by calling the Town Hall at 659-5414.

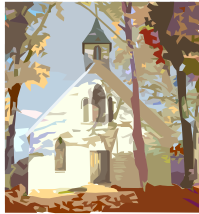
**Wilkinson FOOD PANTRY
at Lee Church Congregational**

One of the many missions of the Lee Church is their food pantry, which is open to **any family** in the town of Lee. The pantry stocks non-perishable food, paper, and cleaning items for those in need.

The pantry is open the first and third Monday of each month from 6:00-7:00 pm. If there is an emergency need please feel free to contact the Church office 659-2861. Anyone's visit to the pantry is strictly confidential.

We invite you to join us at
**LEE CHURCH
CONGREGATIONAL**
for **WORSHIP SERVICES**

Praise Service with contemporary Christian music and band at 8:30 am or Traditional Service with a variety of choirs, traditional music and organ at 10:30 am. **Sunday school and Nursery Care available at both services.**



Join with your neighbors in a **CROP** walk against hunger! Crop walk is scheduled for Saturday, October 15th from 9-11:00 am.

Help STOP hunger. Walk along scenic Lee Hill Road. Together we can raise awareness and funds for international relief and development, and fight hunger locally in Lee and surrounding communities. For more information, call 659-2861.

TAI CHI CLASSES

Gentle movements -
Yoga without the
difficult positions.
Suitable for everyone
(including seniors).



NEW! Beginner's class (or basics review) starting Monday, October 3rd, at 9:00 am.

Ongoing Wednesday morning class resumes on Wednesday, October 5th, at 9:30 am.

Classes are 1 hour, held at Lee Church in the Fellowship Hall.

Originally developed in China as a form of self-defense, this graceful form of exercise has existed for about 2,000 years. It's becoming increasingly popular around the world, both as a basic exercise program and as a complement to other health care methods. A series of gentle exercises designed to improve circulation, reduce stress, improve bone density, reduce arthritic symptoms, lower blood pressure and improve back problems — especially for older adults.

Come learn these simple flowing movements with Marsha Carr, a certified Tai Chi instructor. Along with the instruction in basic tai chi movements will also be a short meditation and internal energy focus. All levels are welcome. Please wear soft-soled shoes and comfortable loose clothing. Please contact the Church office for more info 659-2861.

LIBRARY TRUSTEES' CORNER

The Lee Public Library Board of Trustees is pleased to announce that Sharon Taylor has been hired as Library Director effective August 1, 2011. Ms. Taylor brings 17 years of library experience to the Town of Lee, most recently at the Weeks Public Library in Greenland, where she served as Assistant Director. The Lee Public Library has been a vital part of Lee since 1892; Ms. Taylor's experience and enthusiasm will help the library continue in its mission of serving as a center for community activity and a gathering place for sharing ideas and knowledge.

If you haven't done so already, be sure to stop by the library and welcome Sharon to our community.



You may have noticed the new plantings in front of the library. The trustees wish to thank Barbara McNamee for all her hard work in selecting and planting the new shrubs and perennials. A knowledgeable and avid gardener (as well as former library trustee), Barbara has helped maintain the gardens at the library for many years; several years ago she even opened up her own garden to tours for a library fundraiser. She is also one of the volunteers who help keep the triangle in the center of town looking so beautiful. If you've got a green thumb or a strong back and want to help with the library gardens or the triangle garden, Barbara is looking for helpers. Give her a call at 659-5648.

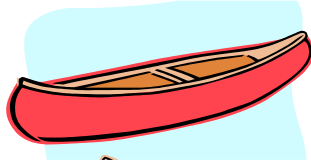


EXPANDED LAMPREY RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

On June 7th, Governor Lynch signed House Bill 149, adding the entire Lamprey River and five of its major tributaries to the NH Rivers Management and Protection Program. Although the river in Lee and Durham has been in the program for more than twenty years, the other towns along the river were slower in offering their unanimous support for inclusion of the full river. Now that they too, are on board, the Lamprey and its drainage area will be defined by its natural boundaries, not arbitrary political boundaries. Thank you to all the volunteers who made this happen.

The nomination to the program does not bring any funding to the river, but it does mean that representatives from the entire length will be engaged in creating a river management plan that will help guide decisions and activities that affect the river. The representatives will also have the opportunity to review and comment on all proposed projects that might impact the river, regardless of the town where the project is proposed. The new representatives will join seasoned members of the current LRAC beginning in September. Being able to view activities in the context of the full river should go a long way in protecting and managing the valuable resources of our Lamprey River.

NEW CANOE LAUNCH at WADLEIGH FALLS



The Lamprey River Advisory Committee is pleased to announce that Lee now has its first public canoe launch. New granite steps will more safely allow paddlers to traverse the rather steep embankment and should withstand the erosive force of spring floods. The parking lot will accommodate four to five vehicles.

The Committee has planned a grand opening celebration October 15th from 1-3 pm. Canoeists will enjoy a nice paddle upstream and let the river do the work of bringing them back.

Given the limited parking at the site, some additional parking will be available nearby. Participants are asked to sign up by contacting Sharon Meeker at 659-5441 or s-meeker@comcast.net. All canoeists will need to wear an approved PFD (personal floatation device) and supply their own paddles. Rain date is October 16th.

2011 SMALL GRANTS PROGRAM

While two grants are still in process, the grant awarded to Bambi Miller of the Strafford County Conservation District is winding down. Bambi created a pilot program that addresses one of the issues making water everywhere less clean: septic system malfunction. She led a public workshop to educate landowners about septic systems and then offered personalized site visits to review septic system care and advise

homeowners how to keep their systems functioning well. She found that people had many common problems that are easily addressed:

- Know where the septic system is located in your yard. Consult your town hall if necessary. Keep the area free of shrubs and trees.
- Pump out the septic tank regularly. A tank full of oily scum or heavy sludge does not work.
- Do not use the toilet or sink as a garbage can. Do not dispose of medications or personal hygiene products in the toilet. Dispose of cooking grease by putting it with regular trash or burying it in soil away from the septic system. Do not put cat litter down the toilet. Use easily biodegradable toilet paper and avoid brands that are quilted or treated with lotions.

Healthy septic systems are critical if we are to have a healthy river. For more information and a free brochure, visit www.straffordccd.org.

ROAD SALT, NOW?

Road salt has traditionally been used to fight ice on pavement, but salt is harsh on cars and can cause chronic water pollution. Freshwater fish and other aquatic life cannot tolerate salt. Further, salt is infiltrating groundwater supplies and some private wells in the area are showing increasing levels of sodium. For people with high blood pressure, this poses a direct health risk. Fall is the time to start thinking about winter salt.

In 2009, the LRAC partnered with several other environmental groups and sponsored a road salt workshop. Individuals from municipalities, NH DES, maintenance companies, and NH DOT shared their concerns and issues. The LRAC funded a videographer to record the workshop, entitled "The Road Less Salted". The DVD has been donated to all local libraries and most municipalities. If you would like to understand the issues and be part of the solution, please watch the DVD. The LRAC also has a limited number of copies available for lending. Contact Sharon Meeker s-meeker@comcast.net.



10th ANNUAL HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING!

Saturday, December 3, 2011,
at 6:00 pm

Last year's lighting of our holiday tree was great. We had many new neighbors attend. It was the first year that we united with the Library and added a special concert at the Grange. For those who missed it we will be doing it again this year!

For our neighbors who have never attended, please try to come and have some fun with us. The lighting of the tree is so exciting for the children, and even the adults.

Come and be a part of the celebration!
Hope to see you all there!

Submitted by, Elena Pascale

HOLIDAY COMMUNITY CONCERT Saturday, December 3, 2011, 6:30 pm at the Grange Hall

Again this year, the "FRIENDS OF THE LEE PUBLIC LIBRARY" invite you to attend a free community concert immediately following the tree lighting on the triangle green at 6:00 p.m.

When you hear the voices sing from the Grange doorway you will know it is time to stroll from the tree lighting to the Grange where Alan Eaton and Mudhook will perform!

Mudhook will provide a combination of the maritime music they are known for, plus a number of traditional jigs, reels, possibly hornpipes or slip jigs and sprinkled through will be seasonal offerings for the holidays.

Check out their website at www.mudhook.net. Mudhook will also have their CD "First Home" available for sale at the concert for \$15.00. Light Refreshments will be served and any monetary donation you would like to make will go directly to providing Library programs and services.

Parking at the library, the grange, and both sides of the side road leading to the Safety Complex and in front of the Safety Complex will be available.

We are planning on another wonderful gathering this year so don't miss it!!
Mark your calendars now!



HOLIDAY FESTIVAL
Saturday, November 19th
Lee Church Congregational
17 Mast Road
9 am – 2 pm



Start the day with Breakfast with Santa at the Lee Safety Complex (20 George Bennett Road) beginning at 7:30 am.

The fair will offer: one of a kind crafts, knit shop, great baked goods, kids korner, beautiful holiday centerpieces/greenery, book nook, a white elephant table, and lunch will be available.

LIVING NATIVITY
Sunday, December 11th
1:30 pm

We invite everyone to come and join in a tradition, which started over 40 years ago in the Town of Lee! We use live animals during the nativity while children from the church and community re-enact the nativity.

Visit with the nativity animals, and join in a Community gathering for hot cocoa and cookies in Fellowship Hall sponsored by the Lee Church Beautification Committee.

If your child would like to participate, call 659-2861.

Snow date will be Sunday, December 18th.



**** Note time change for this year's Living Nativity****

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP
Lee Church Congregational
Service Times
December 24th
4:30 pm Children's Service (all welcome)
6:30 pm
8:00 pm

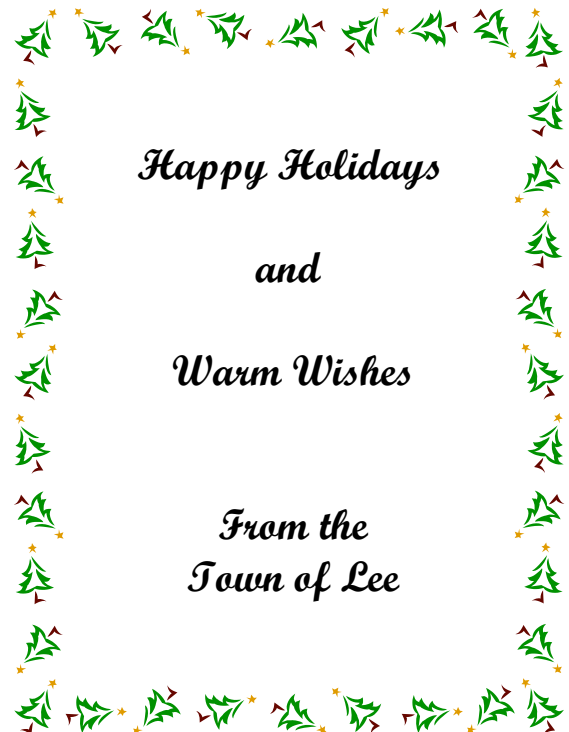
GIVE the GIFT of LIFE this HOLIDAY SEASON

The need is constant. The gratification is instant. Give Blood:™



Red Cross Blood Drive at
Lee Church 17 Mast Road
Friday, December 9th from 1-6 pm

Please donate if you are able.
Watch sign for more information or call 659-2861.



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