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# Lee Town Crier

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#### 53rd ANNUAL LEE COUNTRY FAIR



It is time to start working on the 53<sup>rd</sup> annual Lee Country Fair. The fair is scheduled for September 10, 2011 (the Saturday after Labor Day). We need many hands to gather all the details to put on a fun day for the community.

Monthly meetings are on the first Wednesday of each month. Meetings are held at 7:00 pm at the Lee Church. Bring your ideas - Come as you are - No Experience necessary.

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# SENIOR TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

Senior Lamprev Health Care's Transportation Program offers daily shopping/errand trips and monthly day trips for senior citizens and disabled adults in Atkinson, Auburn, Barrington, Brentwood, Candia, Danville, Deerfield, Durham, East Kingston, Epping, Exeter. Fremont, Greenland. Hampstead, Hampton, Hampton Falls, Kingston, Lee, Newfields, Newmarket, Newton, North Hampton, Northwood, Nottingham, Plaistow, Raymond, Rye, Sandown, Seabrook and Stratham. Call 659-2424 or (800) 582-7214.

# LEE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION

The Association meets the third Tuesday of each month, at 7 pm, at the Lee Safety Complex, 20 George Bennett Rd., Lee, NH. The meeting is open to interested members of the community with very low dues if you wish to join us.

Annual sponsorship bv  $_{
m the}$ Lee Firemen's Association includes: August - Ice Cream Smorgasbord, September Lee Country Fair. October Fire Safety Week, Firefighter of the Year and community recognition dinner, contributions to food baskets, help with Breakfast with Santa and help with ice rescue training.

Questions: <a href="mailto:barbging@comcast.net">barbging@comcast.net</a>, or 659-3919 Submitted by Barb Gingras, secretary for the Lee Firemen's Association.

### **MEMORIAL DAY**

Monday, May 30, 2011



TOWN OFFICES
ARE
CLOSED

### 2011 LEE COMMUNITY GARDENERS – THE GARDEN OF NATIVE NH PLANTS



Have you visited the Town of Lee garden yet? If not, on your next trip to our recycling center, look for the arbor on your right. The garden awaits you. How many "dumps" do you know that have such an embellishment?

Anyone is welcome to wander the paths and see the variety of native NH plants. Look for the markers to help you identify them (don't miss the Concord grape vines growing on the lower fence). The daffodils should be in bloom soon, if they have not already begun to show off.

Each year we add new flowers and trees, as space permits. This year the Strafford County Conservation District has obtained low bush blueberries for us and we hope to tuck in some native grasses.

All gardens take work to maintain. Would-be and seasoned gardeners are welcomed with enthusiasm. We have a loyal crew and many "drop in" helpers...we want you, too.

So if you have a yen to do your part for the Town, meet some nifty people, and learn about natives, human and botanical, grab your tools and join us.

Linda Seedner (Queen of the works), Bob Hart (ever ready), Carolyn Bassage (call to action), Carol Doering (newest recruit) and yours truly, Gael Grant.

PS. If, any reader is (or knows someone) with woodworking talent and a creative urge, we are in real need of a weather resistant kiosk to house a map of the plants and garden brochures.

Please volunteer your services. Call Linda Seedner (659-1723) or Carolyn Bassage (659-3372)

### TOWN ELECTION RESULTS



Selectman (for 3 years)

John R. LaCourse

Moderator

Janice Neill

Trustee of the Trust Funds **Scott Bugbee** 

Cemetery Trustee Marianne E. Banks

Advisory Budget Committee
Alice MacKinnon
William Henze

Library Trustee Margaret Dolan Bruce Larson

Article II

Questions 1 - 5 Passed

Article III

to Adopt SB2 Passed
(Please see the sample ballot on our website for details on these articles.)

# OYSTER RIVER COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT RESULTS

Moderator Richard Laughton

School Board
Megan Turnbull
Ann Lane
James Kach











### LEE FARMER'S MARKET

Spring is not as far away as it seems and the folks at the Lee Farmer's Market are making plans for another successful year at the market. The market will continue to be held at the old fire station in Lee. The hours are 3-6 pm on Thursdays. We're planning on a good variety of local fresh products, ranging from produce and fruits, meats, wool, baked goods, honey, syrup (both birch and maple) and wine. You can plan a complete gourmet meal from local products at the market. If you've been to the market in the past you'll remember the fine products and the sense of community. If you haven't yet experienced the market, give it a try this year. Begin looking for the signs around Memorial Day.

We vendors want to thank all of you folks for the strong support you given us over the last few years. We will do our best in providing the best quality products for you. If you would like to see products at the market that we don't presently have, let me know and we'll see what we can do.

This year we plan to present some entertainment and educational demonstrations during the markets.

If you are interested in participating as a vendor at the market, give me a call or pick up an application form at the Town Office.

Dick Babcock, Market Master 659-9329 The need is constant. The gratification is instant. Give Blood:<sup>TM</sup>



Red Cross Blood Drive at Lee Church May  $27^{th}$  1-6 pm Please donate if you are able. Watch for signs, for more information. 659-2861

### MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

Held the 4th Sunday of the month from 7-8 am at Lee Church Congregational - 17 Mast Road.

Offering food, fellowship and programs of interest to the men of the church and the community. This time of fellowship is open to folks from the church and wider community, and women are certainly welcome to attend, as well as men. Come and check us out. All are welcome!

### LEE CHURCH CONGREGATIONAL

Easter Week Worship Services



PALM SUNDAY - April 17<sup>th</sup> Services: 8:30 am & 10:30 am

# 

Tenebrae Service: 7:30 pm

# EASTER SUNDAY – April 24<sup>th</sup>

Sunrise Service: 6:20 am Rt. 155 "Bradbury Pasture" Easter Services: 9:00 am & 10:30 am Followed by Easter Breakfast at Lee Church.

Music Sunday  $\sim$  June  $5^{\rm th}$  8:30 & 10:30 AM Worship Service Christian Education & Confirmation Sunday  $\sim$  June  $12^{\rm th}$  Summer Schedule starting June  $19^{\rm th}$  One Service at 9:30 am.

### CHURCH SUPPER

Lee Church Congregational 17 Mast Road Saturday, April 16–5-7 pm Friday, May 13--5-7 pm Saturday, June 18--5-7 pm (Menu not known at printing, watch for signs) Church Suppers – 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month, except May.



### LEE CHURCH PLANT SALE

Friday May 13<sup>th</sup> 4-7pm Beef Stew Supper 5-7pm Friday Saturday May 14<sup>th</sup> 9 am - noon Breakfast available at 9 am hosted by the Women's Guild

Plants of all varieties; shrubs, small trees, perennials, herbs & vegetables – Selected to be perfectly happy to grow where we live! Strafford County Master Gardeners on hand for conversation.

Come early for best selection! Fresh stock available Saturday morning – come both days! Cut your carbon footprint & buy local - most selections have been locally grown.

Lee Church Congregational
17 Mast Rd 659-2861 Questions: email
Marianne Banks, chair:
meblee@comcast.net







### 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.

#### TAI CHI CLASSES

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

Wednesday mornings - 9:30 am New beginner's class - 10:45 am 1 hour class held at Lee Church Congregational, 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. 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.



### **Bridges**

High Rd. Bridge- As of this writing, the town's engineering firm Quantum Construction Consultants is hoping to advertise for bids in the next few weeks, for the replacement of the High Rd Bridge. The expectation is for work to begin mid to late June. However, we have seen many delays in this project and expect there will be more. Look for updates on the town's website and the E-Crier.

Old Mill Bridge- The State DOT finished the rehabilitation of Old Mill Bridge in the late fall. Hopefully, the town will be able to get 20 more years out of this bridge before having to major work or replacement. This seems to be a pretty good deal for the town as the State DOT does the work and the Town reimburses the State 20% of their cost.

#### **Paving**

As gas prices increase so do paving cost. We expect higher paving prices this year, unless fuel and asphalt prices go down. Bids for paving will go out around the first of April. Once we know what to expect for pricing, we will post a list of roads to be paved on the town's website and E-Crier.

#### Winter

As of this writing, the Highway Department has plowed/treated during 22 separate events. We measured 71 inches of snow for the season so far at the Highway Garage. It was very busy in January and February. November and December were fairly quiet, so

overall the budget is still looks pretty good. Generally speaking things went well for the Highway Department this winter.

I would like to thank full timers: Peter Hoyt and Warren Hatch, part time plow drivers: Jeff and Cheryl Geddis, and Rick Stevens for their loyalty and hard work this winter. I would also like to thank Bill Stevens for taking time off from his janitorial duties and plowing the Public Safety Complex with the town's front end loader.

We will try to keep a current list of upcoming roadwork on both the town's website and the E-Crier.

# LEE HISTORICAL SOCIETY Museum:

We will be open for visitors Saturday April 16, May 21, and June 18 from 10:00 am - 12:00 noon. We plan to open the third Saturday of the month, April through November in 2011.

### Spring Programs:

Please come to our April and May public programs, which are co-sponsored with the Lee Library.

# LEE HISTORICAL SOCIETY with the LEE PUBLIC LIBRARY

### Spring Programming

Lizzie Borden Took an Axe, Or Did She?

# Wednesday, April 6 at 7:00 pm Public Safety Complex

In 1892, Lizzie Borden, a 32 year old single woman, was officially charged with the murder of her father and stepmother in Fall River,

The events that Massachusetts. followed the murder would stir the curiosity of people across a nation. four official criminal Lizzie proceedings, Borden was acquitted of the murder. The case is a mystery that has inspired documentaries. television movies. plays, musicals, poems, a scholarly journal, and law school case studies.

This presentation is designed to review the facts and explore evidence that some suggest point to Lizzie's guilt and others say exonerate her.

Presenter Annette M. Holba is an assistant professor in the Department of Communication and Media Studies at Plymouth State University. A former police detective, she is the author of *Lizzie Borden Took an Axe, or Did She?* She has also published widely on communications and the Lizzie Borden case.

Professor Holba's program is made possible by a grant through the NH Humanities Council.

Film Screening: The Tell-Tale Heart by Edgar Allen Poe Wednesday, May 4 at 7:00 pm Public Safety Complex

Within the moldering chambers of a desolate solitary house. a manservant tends to his invalid master. Tormented by constant silence and the banality of his duties, the Servant's E.A. Poe gradually turn fears to violent obsession.

With tangibly detailed period design and hauntingly lifelike puppetry, director/designer Robert Eggers unearths the decaying dream world of Poe. Eggers, a Lee native, directed this short film adaptation of Poe's classic at the Burley-Demeritt Homestead in Lee. More than half the cast and crew, including producers Michael Neal and Maura Anderson, have ties to the Greater Seacoast area. More info about this film can be found at: <a href="https://www.telltaleheartfilm.com">www.telltaleheartfilm.com</a>



# LEE PUBLIC LIBRARY Spring 2011

### Ancestry Library Now Available

Want to dig into your family history? The Library recently subscribed to *Ancestry Library*, an online genealogy database containing census, birth, marriage, death, immigration and travel records.

Ancestry Library also features newspaper articles, historical stories, photos, maps and more. Ancestry Library includes records from the United States, Canada, the U.K. and other countries. This database is available for in-library use only.

A volunteer is available by appointment to assist patrons who would like help getting started on *Ancestry Library* or who may have a specific genealogy question. Please call the library to schedule an appointment.

# Spring Artists/Artisans of the Month

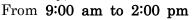
The following area artists/artisans will have their work on display at the library this spring:

April – Ray Brisson, Photography May – Jackie Mike, Painting June – Joyce Heath, Handmade Stationery and Greeting Cards

If you would like to have your art or handiwork featured as the Library's Artist of the Month, stop by the Library and speak with Lisa.

### Spring Book Sales

The library will hold its spring book sales on:
Saturday, April 2
Saturday, May 7
Saturday, June 4



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.

## Daytime Knitting Group First and Third Monday afternoons of the month at 1:00 pm

Join us at the library on the first and third Monday afternoon of each month at 1 p.m. for open knitting. All skill levels are welcome. No need to register. Just show up and bring a project to work on. Please call the library and speak with Cheryl if you have any questions.

#### Adult Book Discussion Group

### The Thousand Autumns of Jacob de Zoet by David Mitchell Monday, April 11 at 7pm

Set in atmospheric coastal Japan, this epic story centers on an earnest young

clerk, Jacob de Zoet, who arrives in the summer of 1799 to make his fortune and return to Holland to wed his fiancée. But Jacob's plans are shaken when he meets the daughter of a Samurai.

# Lyndon Johnson and the American Dream by Doris Kearns Goodwin Monday, May 9 at 7:00 pm



Doris Kearns Goodwin's classic life of Lyndon Johnson, who presided over the Great Society, the Vietnam War, and other defining moments of the tumultuous 1960s, is a monument in political biography. From the moment the author, then a young woman from Harvard, first encountered President Johnson at a White House dance in the spring of 1967, she became fascinated by the man—his character, his enormous energy and drive, and his manner of wielding these gifts in an endless pursuit of power. As a member of his White House staff, she soon became his personal confidante, and in the years before his death he revealed himself to her as he did to no other. Widely praised and enormously popular, Lyndon Johnson and the American Dream is a work biography like few others. uncanny insight and a richly engrossing style, the author renders LBJ in all his vibrant, conflicted humanity. ~ from the publisher

## The Talented Mr. Ripley by Patricia Highsmith Monday, June 13 at 7:00 pm

In a chilling literary hall of mirrors, Patricia Highsmith introduces Tom Ripley. Like a hero in a latter-day Henry James novel, Ripley is sent to Italy with a commission to coax a prodigal young American back to his wealthy father. But Ripley finds himself very fond of Dickie Greenleaf. He wants to be like him-exactly like Suave, agreeable, and utterly amoral, Ripley stops at nothing-certainly not only one murder-to accomplish his goal. Turning the mystery form inside out. Highsmith shows the terrifying abilities afforded to a man unhindered by the concept of evil. ~ from the publisher

Please note that book discussion titles are subject to change based on availability. Copies of each title are available for loan at the checkout desk one month prior to the discussion date.

### CPR and AED Certification Wednesday, April 20 6:00-8:00 pm

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 Wednesday, April 20 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm 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 862-3674 or email: cprregistration@mcgregorems.org

# Family Outings in NH Monday, May 16 at 7:00 pm

Do you live, work and play in NH? If yes, then you will want to join us Monday, May 16th at 7pm for an informative presentation given by ofTraci Bisson The MomEntrepreneur about all of the great places for families to visit in NH that you may not have known about. Learn about resources that exist to ensure your family will never be bored exploring all that our great state has

to offer for free or at a reduced cost. Traci will also share photographs and anecdotes about the adventures her family has had and chronicled at www.KidsinNHblog.com

### New Childrens Reading Corner

Check out our new children's reading corner! Settle into a comfy chair with a stack of great books and enjoy some peaceful, quality time with your children. Kids will have fun with the puzzles and globe, too! Many thanks go to the Oyster River Parents of Preschoolers and the Friends of the Lee Library who so generously purchased the new rug, chair, magazine rack and table.

### Story Time Program

Preschool story times for ages 3-6 are held at the library on Thursday mornings at 10:30 am. This is a 30-40 minute program. A 20-30 minute toddler story time for ages 2-3 meets on Friday mornings at 10:30 am. Both programs include stories, songs, finger plays, flannel board and a craft. Registration is not required.

### Dog Days at the Library

Read with a 4 footed friend! The Lee Public Library is participating again in the Reading Education Assistance Dogs (R.E.A.D) Program. Dedicated to improving reading skills of children using registered Pet Partner teams as literacy mentors, this program is held the second Thursday of each month from 3:30-4:30 pm. Children in grades

> K-4 can read with Lee resident, Carla Corey and her cocker spaniel, Joy. If interested in having some reading fun. talk to a librarian!

### 5th And 6th Grade Book Club

For 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students, this club meets the first Thursday of each month from 3-4 pm. Students will read and discuss a different book each month and will help to choose the

books they read. And pizza will be served, courtesy of Pizza Spinners! Students may make arrangements with the transportation office to take bus 84 directly to the library after school. To sign up call 659-2626.



#### **April Vacation Week Event**

Liven up vacation week by joining us interactive and an multicultural music program with musician Roger Tincknell. Sing and dance to songs performed on guitar, mandolin. harmonica banio. drums! This event will take place on Thursday, April 21 at 10:30 a.m.in the River High Oyster School multipurpose room. It will be suitable for children ages 3 and up and is cosponsored by the Durham, Madbury and Lee public libraries. Call 659-2626 for more details.

### Saturday Make It and Take It Craft

Welcome spring by dropping by the library on **Saturday**, **April** 16 between 10 am and 2 pm. Come and make a Flock of Birds Centerpiece for the kitchen or dining room table!

# 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. Please speak with Scottie or Lisa if you have any questions.

### Summer Reading Program – One World, Many Stories

This year's summer reading program theme is all about celebrating the world's rich and varied cultures! Kids can look forward to reading some great books, participating in fun activities and attending cool programs. More detailed information will be available during June.

### FRIENDS OF THE LEE LIBRARY

The Friends of the Lee Library are always looking for new members. Through your generosity, the Friends can continue to provide programs and museum passes for our families and

provide assistance to Lisa Morin, our devoted librarian, Wish List. Many things are accomplished "behind the scene" to improve the enjoyment we all feel when going to our local library. If you have not joined yet please consider doing so, the application is at the library. See you at the library!

# CONSERVATION COMMISSION Camp Scholarship

The Lee Conservation Commission will provide a scholarship to Barry Conservation 4-H Camp for a Lee student. Barry Conservation Camp is in Berlin, NH, located in the White Mountain National Forest and is operated by UNH 4-H in conjunction with the NH Fish & Game Dept.

Barry Camp hosts only 35 campers per week. They range in age from 10 to 16 years. The six sessions run from June 26th through August 5th and usually fill up fast. Campers will learn about conservation principles, environmental awareness and an appreciation for the beauty of NH.

For info about the camp, visit www.extension.unh.edu; for info about the scholarship, Laura Gund, 659-2044 or walgrove@comcast.net.

### LEE ENERGY FAIR

Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> Mast Way School, Lee 12:00 – 4:00 pm



This event is completely <u>FREE</u>. All are welcome, so bring your friends and neighbors!

Learn Tips and Techniques that will <u>SAVE YOU MONEY!!</u>

Vendors and Speakers will provide information and assistance all afternoon! There will be informal sessions throughout the afternoon on <a href="ENERGY TOPICS">ENERGY TOPICS</a> important to homeowners.

PREPARE NOW, TO SAVE FOR NEXT WINTER!

The Fair will showcase LOCAL area vendors, include LOCAL presenters and provide LOCAL examples of energy savings.

# WIN A FREE ENERGY AUDIT and other valuable DOOR PRIZES! We look forward to seeing you there!

\*Brought to you by the Lee Energy Committee through the funds provided by the New Hampshire Office of Energy and Planning and the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant.

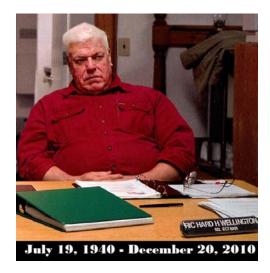
### LEE VFW POST 10676 HAPPENINGS

The Lee VFW Post will again coordinate the Memorial Day parade and service for the town of Lee. This year the parade will step off at 1PM on the 30<sup>th</sup> of May from the town hall parking lot. We will be providing our own color guard again this year and will be assisted by the Newmarket Militia. The parade will march to the town park where a ceremony honoring our fallen comrades will be held.

We are looking for new members who may have recently returned from Iraq or Afghanistan. Stop by our meeting on the first Monday of the month at 1930hrs at the Flag Hill Winery on North River Road in Lee.

The Post is again collecting old, unserviceable flags to be disposed of. We will have a proper flag burning ceremony in the fall to properly retire them. They may be dropped off at Flag Hill Winery during their hours of operation.

Dale V. Hardy, Commander



### The MAN in RED

Dick Wellington was a well-known character who stood tall amongst us. Dick was a life-long resident, with stories to tell of the history of Lee. His passing came way too quickly. His distinct style gone, yet he will be remembered by many who were fortunate enough to spend time with Dick. Time is one of the greatest gifts a person can give to another. What is the value of time a person gives to their town and its people? After all, a town is nothing more than a collection of people who come together for the betterment of the community. Dick loved Lee, its people, its land and its critters. He always took the time to tell a story, make us laugh and left us pondering a statement or two from the depth of his wisdom.

He was the owner of the Lee Village Store and Wellington Campground, a Selectman, the Town Historian, a plow truck driver, a Volunteer and more.

When Dick retired as a Selectman in March 2007 after serving 15 years, he said "it was time to leave Lee to another generation to lead Lee into the 21st Century". We soon learned that moving forward at rocket speed

was too fast for many of Lee's residents. We do our best work when we consider the past and embrace Lee's history. Dick has passed, but his legacy is with us. Those of us who remain, need never forget the many lives that have long since passed that stood on these grounds. One of Dick favorite statements was "across the street from the Town Hall is a whole group of indispensible people". We as people are indispensible, as is the lifestyle created in Lee's since its incorporation in 1766.

Dick was elected Moderator of the town on March 10, 2010. This would have been his first Town Meeting. It would have been interesting and entertaining to see Dick in a red shirt and suit as Moderator at Lee's last traditional Town Meeting. Please look to next year's Town Report which will be in Dick's memory.

Written & Submitted by Diane l. Guimond, Town Administrator.



The newest of Lee's Fire Department Fleet, a 2009 Ford F550 Utility Truck, dedicated to Lieutenant Dick Wellington. Lee Town Crier Town of Lee, NH 7 Mast Road Lee, NH 03861 Prsrt Std U.S. Postage PAID Permit No. 149 Rochester, NH