

**TOWN OF LEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**249 Calef Highway**  
**Lee, New Hampshire 03861**  
**(603) 659-5414**

**Lee News & Upcoming  
Events  
April 29, 2022**

**HAPPY ARBOR DAY!**



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### **LEE HISTORICAL SOCIETY POTLUCK SUPPER & ANNUAL MEETING**

**FRIDAY, APRIL 29<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm**  
**Jeremiah Grange Hall, Lee, NH**

The Grange is located in the heart of Lee at the Junction of Route 155 and Lee Hook Road. The meeting is open to the public. There will be a potluck supper at 6:00pm followed by a short business meeting and presentation at 7:00pm. It is not required, but please consider bringing a dish to share. Phyllis E White, President of the Society, will discuss her recently published book "Students Should Not Miss a Day". The book chronicles the proud history of education in Lee from the 1600's through the present. Phyllis spent years researching and writing this valuable addition to the historical record of Lee. Phyllis will use slides as part of her presentation and describe the process she used to achieve her goal of publication.

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### **DOG LICENSES DUE APRIL 30<sup>th</sup>**



Per RSA 466:13, the State of New Hampshire requires that all dogs over 4 months of age be licensed annually by **April 30<sup>th</sup>**. There is a \$25 fine for failure to license your dog by this date. If you have new dog or have just moved to town with a dog, you must present a copy of your dog's current Rabies vaccination certificate and proof that your dog has been spayed or neutered to the Town Clerk when you apply for your dog license. Renewals may be completed in person, online or by mail.

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## NEW LEE TOWN OFFICES HOURS STARTING MAY 2<sup>ND</sup>

Town Administrator's Office

**Monday 8am – 6pm**

**Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 8am – 4:30pm**

**Friday 8am – 12:30pm**

Town Clerk's Office

**Monday 8am – 6pm / Wednesday 8am – 4pm / Friday 8am – 4pm**

The decision was recently made to adjust the hours back to pre-Covid hours to provide the public with access to these offices after 4pm.

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### SELECT BOARD MEETINGS

May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> Select Board Meeting 6:00pm

Public Safety Complex, 20 George Bennett Road

Subject to change, please check the website meeting calendar

Meetings can be seen on  at [CLICK HERE](#)

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LEE CEMETERY GATES OPEN

[CLICK HERE](#) for CEMETERY RULES

[CLICK HERE](#) for CEMETERY FEES

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### RITA LANE IS NOW OPEN

**NEWS ON WHEN THE PUBLIC DOCK AT DURGIN PRESERVE WILL BE OPEN COMING SOON**

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### LEE TOWN BOARD, COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION VACANCIES

Below is a list of the current openings that need filling! If you are interested, contact the Assistant Town Administrator Denise Duval at 603-659-5414 x301 or email [dduval@leenh.org](mailto:dduval@leenh.org). [CLICK HERE](#) for Application.

Planning and Zoning Boards

Ag Commission, Conservation Commission, Heritage Commission and Recreation Commission

Energy Committee, Fair Committee and Sustainability Committee

The **NEW** Lee Municipal Technology Advisory Committee, Housing Committee and Lee Greeters Committee

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### E-CRIER PUBLISHING ANNOUNCEMENT

If you have a community event that you would like to publish in the E-Crier, please email Assistant Town Administrator Denise Duval at [dduval@leenh.org](mailto:dduval@leenh.org) by noon on Thursday to get published in that Friday edition.

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**TIME TO REGISTER**  
**FOR THE 28<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL LEE TOWN FISHING DERBY & FISH FRY**  
**STEVENS FARM (28 TUTTLE ROAD)**  
**SATURDAY, MAY 7<sup>TH</sup> 9:00am – 12:00pm**  
**FISH FRY TO FOLLOW AT STEVENS FIELD (next to Public Safety Complex) UNTIL 2pm**  
**Sponsored by the Lee Recreation Commission**

- No Experience Necessary
- Lots of prizes and awards
- Event open to all children and grandchildren of Lee residents
- Children must be accompanied by an adult
- Anglers do not need a fishing license, but must be under the age of 16
- Hooks hit the water at 9 AM sharp rain or shine
- Anglers may come and go throughout the morning
- Fish Fry open to all Lee Residents regardless of age

Those of you who have attended previous Derbies know that the Stevens' farm on the banks of the Little River is the perfect site for a sunny (or even rainy—the fish really bite in the rain) spring morning of dancing lines and leaping trout. This is a working farm so please remind your children to be respectful of fences and equipment. Trash is carry-in, carry-out.

There will be an award for the first catch of the day. Trophies will also be awarded for biggest and smallest single fish as well as largest weight and length combined. New Hampshire Fish and Game rules apply - your limit is five fish.

You must register for the Derby by calling Denise at the Town Offices at 603-659-5414 x301 or Cynthia at 603-659-2046. Registration automatically enters your child in a drawing for the fishing pole, tackle box and other prizes. You must be present at the Fish Fry to claim your raffle prize. Donations for the raffle may be brought to the Derby.

At noon bring your trout to the Stevens Field next to the Safety Complex where firefighters will grill it for you. There will be free hot dogs for anyone whose fish got away. You do not need to participate in the derby to come to the Fish Fry, but please RSVP for the Fish Fry. Bring your Frisbee, guitar, baseball glove, or wiffle ball and enjoy the day.

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**MADE IN LEE**  
**ARTISAN FAIR**  
**Saturday, May 7, 2022 11:00am – 3:00pm**  
**Mast Way School**  
*Forge Work, Stained Glass, Jewelry, Quilting, Beeswax Candles,*  
*Fishing Rods, Glass, Vinyl & Nature Art, Greenery, Musical Instruments*  
*and so much more!*

**Beauty is reflected in the art of our community.**  
**There will be no admission fee for this wonderful opportunity to support local artisans and crafters right here in Lee!**

**Donations gratefully accepted at the door for the Wilkinson Food Pantry**

**Sponsored by the Lee Sustainability Committee**  
**Co-Sponsored by the Lee Public Library**

## SWAP SHOP NEWS

**Hours:** The Swap Shop is open on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays 8:00 am – 5:00 pm.

The Swap Shop is open, if the garage door is open. **Please do not drop off anything if the Swap Shop garage door is closed.** The Swap Shop will close due to high winds, rain or if a volunteer is not available.

**Bulky Items:** The Swap Shop will be accepting large items towards the end of April.

*We look forward to greeting our visitors at the Swap Shop. Seeing the free exchange of items between the folks in town brings a lot of satisfaction to the volunteers at the Swap Shop. If you would like to join in and volunteer, please let us know. Contact Forms are available at the Swap Shop or email us at [swapshopleenh@gmail.com](mailto:swapshopleenh@gmail.com). You must be a residence of Lee and at least 18 years of age. Thank you!*

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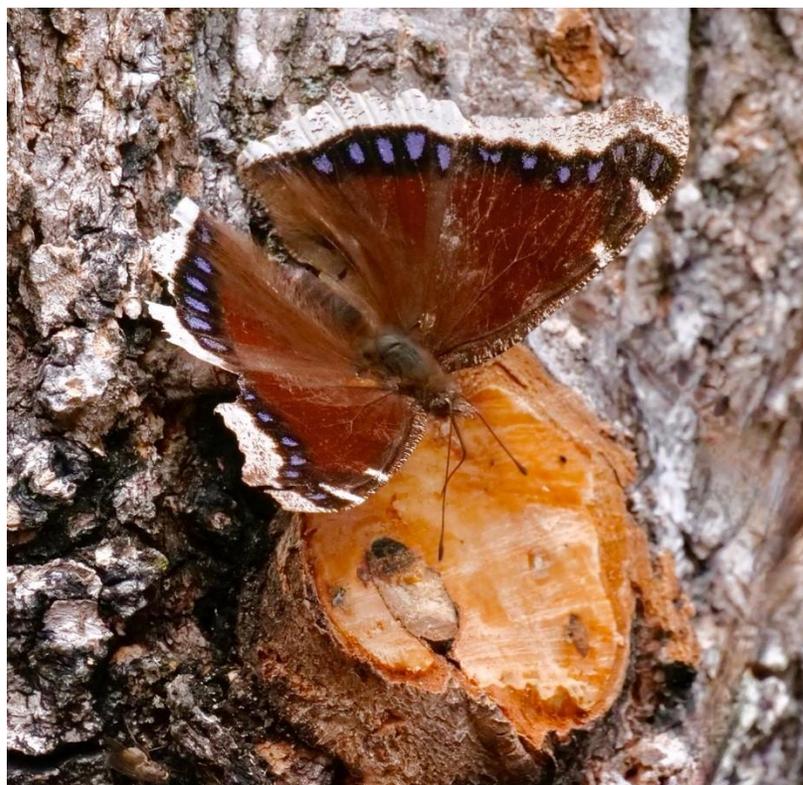
### MOURNING CLOAKS: SPRING'S VENERABLE BUTTERFLIES

By Catherine Fisher, Lee Conservation Commission

Photograph by Andrea LeBlanc

Spring is the season when firsts are kept track of - first peeper calling, first hepatica opening, first bumblebee, first warbler, and first butterfly. For me, the latter is always a mourning cloak, and it's always when I'm in the woods that I see my first. This species' arresting flap-glide flight will stop me dead in my tracks to watch it floating through the forest understory, riding barely perceptible air currents.

Though I've yet to see my year's first mourning cloak, my friend Andrea spotted this one a few days ago. With a life span of 10-12 months, the mourning cloak is among the world's longest-lived butterflies. After spending spring in caterpillar form, the mourning



cloak metamorphoses into its adult form sometime around the summer solstice. It will feed briefly on sap, aphid honeydew and animal scat (a good source of salts), and then seeks out a safe place in which to aestivate - going dormant in order to ride out the heat and predators of summer.

In early fall the mourning cloak emerges from its dormant state and begins to tank up for winter - using the mild weeks of early autumn to forage on tree sap, fermenting fruits, muddy areas, and scat. As the temperatures begin to drop, it seeks out a place to winter over - under a loose piece of tree bark, a brush pile, a crevice in a stonewall, under a roof shingle or in an unheated building. Here, safe from predators and desiccating winter winds, the mourning cloak will spend the freezing months in a form of hibernation known as cryopreservation. By producing an antifreeze of glycerols in its blood, the mourning cloak is able to survive the winter in a largely frozen state.

When the temperatures rise sometime in late March or mid-April, the mourning cloak thaws out and emerges from its hibernaculum. Though early spring temperatures are often cooler than most insects can tolerate, the mourning cloak has adaptations that help keep it warm. Its furry body and dark, chocolate-colored wings are wonderful solar collectors, and quickly and efficiently absorb the sunlight's heat. It can also raise its body temperature by exercising its flight muscles. These adaptations enable the mourning cloak to begin foraging much earlier than other butterfly species.

There aren't a lot of native flowers blooming at this time of year, and for a largish butterfly that has come out of winter's long fasting and who must find a mate and produce the next generation before its time on earth is over, the energy provided by plant sugars is crucial. Tree sap is the original energy drink, a nutritious mix of water, sucrose and electrolytes - ions of essential minerals such as phosphorus, potassium, sodium, calcium, and magnesium. Soon after emergence and once warmed by the sun, the mourning cloak flies off in search of trees with sap drips.

By now, it is a rather elderly butterfly, and time and the vicissitudes of wind, cold weather, and close encounters of the predatory kind, often have taken their toll. The mourning cloak in Andrea's photograph is tattered and torn, and the lovely creamy yellow edging of its wings is now pale white through loss of scales. Against great odds, this delicate being has made it through a great winnowing process and lived to see another spring. It has found an oak whose pruned-off branch has provided it with the perfect fuel to power it through its few remaining tasks. After lapping up its fill, this mourning cloak, if it is a male, will fly to the canopy, find a good perch, and there display the remnants of his gorgeous wings in hopes of catching the attention of a passing female. If this butterfly is a female, she'll be off to the canopy looking for a likely suitor, and after mating, will lay her eggs in a cluster around the twig of a food plant such as a willow or birch tree. Shortly afterwards, its long life will end.

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**DON'T FORGET, LEE DOES FOOD WASTE COMPOSTING!**

**BE PART OF THE PROGRESS AND HELP THE TOWN SAVE MONEY ON MSW!**

Interested residents should e-mail the Public Works Director Steve Bullek at [sbullek@leenh.org](mailto:sbullek@leenh.org), call him at 603-659-6515 or sign up at the Transfer Station. The Town provides special compostable bags to bring your food waste in to the Transfer Station.

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**COMMITTEE, COMMISSION & BOARD [MEETING CALENDAR](#)  
[NEW LIBRARY WEBSITE](#)**

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**LEE HERITAGE COMMISSION 2022 CALENDARS ARE STILL AVAILABLE!**

Caleendars may be purchased in person at the Lee Library. They are \$10 each, payable by cash or check made out to the Town of Lee. If you would like to order copies online and have them shipped go to <https://www.ebay.com/itm/133965658009>.

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**RECENT COVID-RELATED INFORMATION**

**[NH COVID-19 WEBSITE](#)**

**NH Department of Health and Human Services**

**[UPDATES \(including Tickborne Diseases\)](#)**

## WILKINSON FOOD PANTRY - Lee Church Congregational, 17 Mast Rd

The food pantry is open to any household in Lee, Durham, Madbury, Newmarket, and Nottingham. Delivery is through a walk-up window service to minimize contact during this time. The pantry is open the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month from **5:30pm - 7:00pm**. If you have an emergency need for food outside of the normal hours, please call the Church office at 659-2861 or email at [leechurchucc@comcast.net](mailto:leechurchucc@comcast.net). All visits to the pantry are strictly confidential.

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## READY RIDES

Ready Rides provides transportation at no charge for the elderly & disabled residents living in: **Barrington, Durham, Lee, Madury, Newfields, Newmarket, Northwood, Nottingham and Strafford** NH. Rides are provided by volunteer drivers using their own vehicles. **Accessible rides available.** To request information about registering as a rider or becoming a volunteer driver, please email [info@readyrides.org](mailto:info@readyrides.org) or call (603) 244-8719. You can find an [Application](#) for riders and a [Volunteer Application](#) on this website. Email or mail it to Ready Rides P.O. Box 272 Northwood, NH 03261. For other transportation options available in the region, please visit ACT's [Community Transportation Directory](#).

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## WHEN SECONDS COUNT... **Please take the time NOW to SAVE TIME in an EMERGENCY.**



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. The Lee Firemen's Association, in a joint effort with the Lee Fire Department, has 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 \$50.00 and it will be installed by the Lee Firemen's Association. [CLICK HERE for Reflective House Number Sign Request Form](#)

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## Lee Public Library

### LIBRARY HOURS

Monday – Wednesday 11:00 am – 7:00 pm  
Thursday & Friday 10:00 am – 5:00 pm  
Saturday 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

### FOR THE ADULTS

#### [Knitters Meet Here](#)

Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am – Knitters: Meet on the 1<sup>ST</sup> AND 3<sup>RD</sup> Wednesday morning of the month. Bring along your knitting and enjoy some friendly company. All skill levels invited, and there is instruction!



### Crafty Creations, Monthly Adult Crafting Group – Monday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> 6:00 pm

Join us on the **4<sup>th</sup> Monday of every month** (via zoom or in person) as we create wonderful decorations for your home or garden. Pick up your supply program kit from the library and tune in to zoom or come in to the library and create in person! Please call or email to sign up.



### Wednesday May 25<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm – 7:30pm - The Backyard Farming Initiative is Back!

Join us every 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday until August for Backyard Farming Fun! Refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the Lee Public Library and the Lee Ag Commission. Call or email the Library for further details, program location and to sign up!



### Tuesday May 3, 5:30pm – 6:30pm – Friends Meeting

### Wednesday May 4, 7:00pm – 8:00pm – Virtual Presentation by Jeremy D’Etremont “New England Lighthouses and the People Who Kept Them”



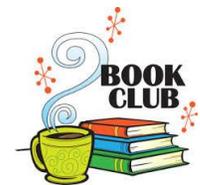
A monthly series of programs from the New Hampshire Humanities Council held on the first Wednesday of the month at 7pm through May 4, 2022. Sponsored by the Lee Public Library, the Lee Historical Society and the New Hampshire Humanities. Please call or email the library for your zoom link!

### Thursday May 5, 6:00pm – 6:30pm – Health Road Show

Join us via Zoom as we take a closer look at the health effects of climate change. Bob Dewey, a retired cardiologist from CMC in Manchester, and Co-Chair of the Speakers' Bureau at NH Healthcare Workers for Climate Action is invested in a mission to educate other healthcare workers and the public about the very serious health effects of climate change, hoping that as people learn about this they will be more willing to advocate for climate solutions. Call or email for zoom link and to sign up!

### Adult Book Group- Meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the Month

**May 9, 2022 6:00pm** – *There There* by Tommy Orange. Stop by for your copy!



### May 1<sup>st</sup> – May 31<sup>st</sup> – Community Art Show

Let’s get creative and show off our artistic talents to celebrate 130 years of the Lee Public Library! Here’s how to join in... pick up your kit from the library, use all resources that are provided (but feel free to embellish and add your own too), bring back your finished piece by May 31<sup>st</sup> and be sure to have a name or title for your creation, art pieces must be collected at the end of August. All ages are welcome to create a masterpiece for the art show. “*Paint what you feel, paint what you see, paint what is real to you*” Robert Henri. **We look forward to displaying your works of art in the Library for the summer... Happy Painting!**

**LIBRARY CLOSURE MAY 30:** We will be closed May 30<sup>th</sup> in honor of Memorial Day



## FOR THE CHILDREN

### Grab and Go crafts

Make sure to like the **Lee Public Library (NH)** Facebook page to see our weekly updates, and watch for info on this month’s grab and go crafts. **The next kit will go out on May 3<sup>rd</sup> & May 17<sup>th</sup>.**

### Preschool Story-Times

Thursdays from 10:30am – 11:30am. Stop by for our traditional story time. We will read, sing, wiggle and craft.

### Sensory/Station Story time

Fridays from 10:30am – 11:30am. This is our activity based program. We will listen to a story or two, get out our rhythm sticks/maracas/boomwhackers or scarves and then have fun with assorted stations including sensory, fine/gross motor, puzzles...

### Afterschool Offerings – Tuesday & Thursday – Session 5 – May-June Please Note: NO PROGRAMS MAY 17<sup>TH</sup> & 19<sup>TH</sup>!

Call the library at 603-659-2626 for information on registering for our next 6-week sessions.

After School Story Time - Tuesdays from bus drop off (3:45) until 4:45.

After School Lego Club - Thursdays from bus drop off (3:45) until 4:45.

### Middle School Crafters

This fun group will only meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday in May as there is no programming on May 20<sup>th</sup>. Call the library at 659-2626 for more information.

### Tuesday May 10, 17 & 24, 5:30—6:30pm – Middle School Chess Group



Are you a middle schooler who has always wanted to learn chess, or do you just love to play chess? This is the program for you! Learn how to play the game, strategy, moves, how to outplay your opponent and more! Registration may be placed by phone 659-2626 or email at [leelibrary@Comcast.net](mailto:leelibrary@Comcast.net) or, or just come along and play!

### Tuesday May 31, 6:00pm – Middle School Book Club

Our middle school book club will be meeting in person in May to enjoy pizza and discuss 5 Children and It. Contact the library at 659-2626 if you are in grades 5-8 and would like to join us. We have a supply of the books available at the Library.



**PLEASE NOTE: There are no children's story times or after school clubs from May 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>!**

## Regional & State News & Events

### **GOVERNOR & EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING**

**Wednesday, April 20, 2022**

[CLICK HERE](#) for the 4/20/2022 Minutes

Next Governor & Executive Council Meeting

**Wednesday, May 4, 2022 10:00 am in Concord, NH**



[CLICK HERE](#) for the Spring Lamprey River Wild & Scenic Newsletter

## Herring Aid Is Back!



alewife *Alosa pseudoharengus*

**Date: Saturday, May 7, 10-noon**

**Location: Macallen Dam, Newmarket, NH**

After two years without our annual river herring celebration due to Covid concerns, Herring Aid will return this spring when the river herring head back from the ocean to their birth places upstream to spawn the next generation.

As usual, visitors can witness first-hand the great annual migration of the river herring, ask the biologists all those fishy questions, handle the fish, and maybe, just maybe, be daring enough to hold a sea lamprey.

While enjoying a nice day beside the river, visitors can see recently-completed engineered improvements at Macallen Dam, such as the new flood gate, reinforced sidewalls on the south bank, and a spruced-up yard at the NH Fish and Game staging area.

**This event is free and will occur rain or shine.**

Free parking is available along Route 108 and behind the Newmarket Public Library. Follow the fish signs to the top of the fish ladder.



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### WOULD YOU LIKE A MEMENTO FROM THE OLD OYSTER RIVER MIDDLE SCHOOL (1935-2022)?

With the demolition and removal of the building, ORMS will be saving a few hundred bricks from the original 1935 structure. If you would like a brick as a memento, ORMS will be accepting donations to benefit our after-school clubs. Bricks will be available in the ORMS front office shortly after the removal of the building in early May. If you would like us to reserve you a brick, feel free to contact the ORMS office at 603-868-2820. We will add you to our list!

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## MOHARIMET SCHOOL IS LOOKING FOR COMMUNITY HELP

The Moharimet community is looking for people to lead or co-lead small groups during our **Day of the Artist** celebration on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. They hope to offer a wide range of artistic experiences for the students to enjoy through small-group sessions throughout the day. The goal is for children to feel what it's like to create art or express themselves artistically. The emphasis will be on fun and learning and not on the perfection of the finished product.

Past celebrations have included sessions on: coil clay pots, watercolor painting, whittling, soap carving, potato stamp making, origami, and drumming. High-level experience from group leaders is not necessary, but a desire to help children in your community learn is a definite plus. If you've ever wanted to share your love of art, here is your chance.

Interested in participating? Please contact the Moharimet front office (603)742-2900 and be prepared to give: your name, contact information, a description of the art you would like to share, grade levels most likely to benefit from your program, size of group you would be able to accommodate AND your hours of availability during the Day of the Artist.

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### 2022 Avian Influenza in the United States - What you need to know!

To date, USDA's National Veterinary Services Laboratories has confirmed the presence of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) in commercial and backyard flocks in several states including New Hampshire. Avian influenza viruses are classified as either "low pathogenic (LPAI)" or "highly pathogenic (HPAI)" based on their genetic features and the severity of the disease they cause in poultry. Caused by an influenza type A virus, HPAI can infect poultry (such as chickens, turkeys, pheasants, quail, domestic ducks, geese, and guinea fowl) and wild birds (especially waterfowl).



The clinical signs of birds affected with all forms of Avian Influenza may show one or more of the following:

- Sudden death without clinical signs
- Decreased water consumption up to 72 hours before other clinical signs
- Lack of energy and appetite
- Decreased egg production
- Soft-shelled or misshapen eggs
- Swelling of the head, eyelids, comb, wattles, and hocks
- Purple discoloration of the wattles, combs, and legs
- Nasal discharge
- Coughing, sneezing
- Lack of coordination
- Diarrhea

In addition to the disease infecting domestic birds, it is important to know that wild birds can also be infected and show no signs of illness. They can carry the disease to new areas when migrating, potentially exposing domestic poultry to the virus. The [APHIS' wild bird surveillance program](#) provides an early warning system for the introduction and distribution of avian influenza viruses of concern in the US, allowing APHIS and the poultry industry to take timely and rapid action.

With the recent detections of avian influenza in wild birds and domestic poultry in the US, bird owners should review their biosecurity practices and stay vigilant to protect poultry and pet birds from transmission of this disease. The following bio-safety guidelines are effective methods for safeguarding commercial operations and smaller flocks:

- Backyard flock owners should practice strict biosecurity, including preventing birds from exposure and/or co-mingling with wild birds and other types of poultry.
- Shower, change clothes, and clean and disinfect footwear before entering your poultry housing areas.
- Respiratory protection such as a medical facemask would also be important and remember to always wear clean clothes when encountering healthy domestic birds.
- Carefully follow safe entry and exit procedures into your flock's clean area.
- Reduce the attractiveness for wild birds to stop at your place by cleaning up litter and spilled feed around poultry housing areas.
- If you have free range guinea fowl and waterfowl, consider bringing them into coops or flight pens under nets to prevent interaction of domesticated poultry with wild birds and their droppings.
- It is best to restrict visitors from interacting with your birds currently.
- Do not touch sick or dead wildlife and keep them away from domestic poultry
- Try not to handle sick or deceased domestic birds (if you must, use proper personal protective equipment to minimize direct contact and cautiously disinfect anything that comes into contact with the deceased and or sick bird).

As part of the existing USDA Avian Influenza response plans, Federal and State partners as well as industry are responding quickly and decisively to these outbreaks by following these five basic steps:

- **Quarantine** – restricting movement of poultry and poultry-moving equipment into and out of the control area;
- **Eradicate** – depopulate the affected flock(s);
- **Monitor region** – testing wild and domestic birds in a broad area around the quarantine area;
- **Disinfect** – kills the virus in the affected flock locations; and
- **Test** – confirming that the poultry farm is AI virus-free.

Sick or deceased domestic birds should be reported to your local veterinarian. Positive domestic cases are handled by APHIS and its partners. States that have confirmed cases of Avian Influenza should work closely with USDA-APHIS on surveillance, reporting and control efforts. Disposal methods will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis depending on a variety of factors, including the size of the flock, space requirements, associated costs, local conditions, and applicable laws/regulations.

The United States has the strongest Avian Influenza surveillance program in the world, where we actively look for the disease and provide fair market value compensation to affected producers to encourage reporting.

If you do not raise domestic birds or have a poultry operation but you encounter sick or dead wild birds, please use bio-safety measures, and report your findings through USDA's toll-free number at 1-866-536-7593.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, this strain of Avian Influenza is a low risk to the public. While the transmission rate from animals to humans is low, it is a zoonotic disease, meaning it can be shared between species. To learn more about Avian Influenza and to remain up to date on the latest related news and information, you can visit the [USDA APHIS webpage](#).

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## SCHOOL BOARD NEWS – APRIL 20, 2022

The school board will consider school day start times for fall 2022 at the May 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. The preliminarily proposed start times are 9:00am for K-4<sup>th</sup> grades and 8:15am for grades 5-12. Under this proposal, elementary students would ride separate busses from middle/high school students, and the “late bus” option for after-school activities would return for both ORMS and ORHS (currently only available to ORHS students based on activity schedules).

The summer REACH program still has limited space available in various programs. Camp information and registration uses the Durham Parks & Recreation registration system. Go to <https://durhamrec.recdesk.com/Community/Program> and select “Camps” as the category filter. REACH camps run the weeks of July 5<sup>th</sup> - August 4<sup>th</sup> and will be held at Mast Way School. Details for MTSS and Credit Recovery summer programs are still being finalized and will be announced in May. Senator Maggie Hassan and Representative Chris Pappas visited the new Oyster River Middle School building on April 20<sup>th</sup> for a ribbon cutting of the solar array at ORMS. The event featured excellent tours of the new building’s sustainability features delivered by 5<sup>th</sup> grade Glacier Team students. Thanks to teachers Sara O’Brien and Kyra Dulmage and all Glacier students!

96 ORHS students are enrolled in Career & Technical Education (CTE) classes in Dover, Somersworth, and Rochester for fall 2022. This is a significant increase in the number of students taking advantage of these course offerings.

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### BEWARE OF SMISHING CAMPAIGN

Please [CLICK HERE](#) for the New Hampshire Information & Analysis Center (NHIAC) bulletin regarding a COVID-19 themed smishing campaign being distributed to NH citizens. Smishing is the fraudulent practice of sending text messages purporting to be from a reputable company in order to induce individuals to reveal personal information. If you receive a text message like this one, please delete it immediately. If you click on the link, you will be redirected to a fraudulent website that collects personal information



#### **The Seacoast Village Project (a nonprofit)**

*Helping seniors age in their homes and community!*

Educational Programs, Social Activities, Home Services, Resources, Friendships

Membership Information

<https://www.seacoastvillageproject.org/>

(603)-373-8429

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**If you are a Lee Resident in need of assistance with a Veteran's issue the Lee Memorial VFW Post 10676 may be able to help.**

This post serves the communities of Lee, Durham, Madbury and Newmarket and has Service Officers who can help folks with just about any Veteran's related issue. At the State level they have a seat on the SVAC (State Veterans Advisory Committee) and are linked with tens of other non-profit Veterans organizations that provide a host of services. Please contact **Scott Moreau**, Commander, VFW Post 10676, at [vfwpost10676@yahoo.com](mailto:vfwpost10676@yahoo.com) for assistance.

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**ATTENTION!**

**To receive the E-CRIER via email every week go to [www.leenh.org](http://www.leenh.org), click on the Subscribe button under the Town Resource Center section & follow the directions to subscribe.**

If you do not have the internet please come to the Town Offices for a printed copy or go to the Library to view it there. If you cannot leave your home please call the Assistant Town Administrator Denise Duval at 659-5414 x301 to have it mailed!