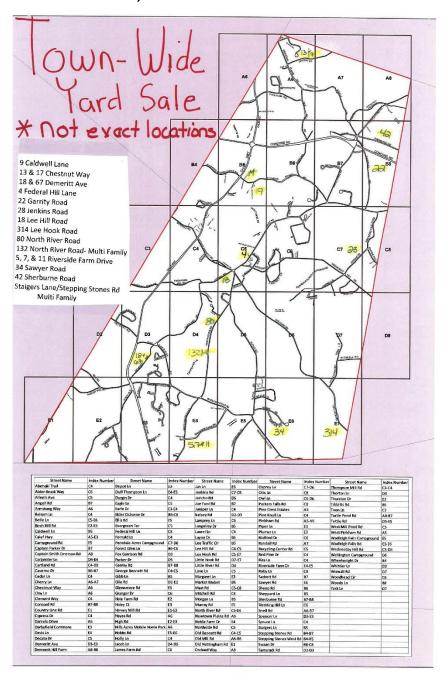
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Lee News & Upcoming Events May 13, 2022

LEE TOWN-WIDE YARDSALE SATURDAY, MAY 14TH ALL SPOTS OPEN AT 8:00am



HERE'S ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL FISHING DERBY AT THE STEVENS FARM!



Thanks to the generosity of the Stevens family, fun was the word of the day for Lee kids on Saturday, May 7th.

It took Tasheena Durant little more than two minutes to land the first fish of the day -- a 9 ¼ inch, 4-ounce trout – at the 28th Annual Lee Fishing Derby. While many of the trout stocked in the Little River got away, about 100 fish met a different fate.

Kids ranging from 18 months to 15 years old enjoyed an exciting morning of casting, jigging and landing massive trout and a shiner or two. Declan Hardy caught the biggest fish during the contest – a 15 inch, 21 ½ ounce rainbow – though one 4 year old contested that, claiming his own trout was three feet long and weighed four pounds.

For some parents it was Deja vu all over as they untangled lines and told their kids about their own adventures at past derbies, and grandparents snapped photos from every angle. It was all in for the Lee police, firefighters and ambulance crews, too, who shared in the fun. Corporal Cole deputized Lee youth, awarding them badges to proudly show off; EMTs stood ready as kids explored every nook and cranny of the ambulance; firefighters grilled hot dogs and trout for the hungry anglers.

Lloyd Stevens Sportsmanship Award – Lilly Dionne

First Catch of the Day – Tasheena Durant

First Tagged Fish – Jack Tucker

Second Tagged Fish – Kolby Ricker

Smallest Fish (6 years old and younger) – Avery Ferguson

Biggest Fish and Largest Combined Total (6 years old and younger) - Kolby Ricker

Smallest Fish (7 – 11 years old) – Eloise Brinkman

Biggest Fish and Largest Combined Total (7 – 11 years old) – Declan Hardy

Smallest Fish (12 – 15 years old) – Cameron Wheeler

Largest Fish and Largest Combined Total (12 – 15 years old) – Oliver Lehman

Each child attending the derby and fish fry received a free raffle prize ranging from lures to a fully stocked tackle box.







TRAILS COMMITTEE AND VOLUNTEERS AT WORK AGAIN!

The Trails Committee had a great workday last Saturday at Little River Park and Maud Jones Memorial Forest: freshly painted blazes, new trail signs, QR codes up and working, and a good time had by all! Thank you to all the volunteers who helped out!







Join us Saturday, May 14, 10am-1pm, trail work in the Town Forest - blazing, trimming, opening up a new trail - lots to do! We need your help!

The Trails Committee is putting together a Bridge Brigade! Are you interested in learning how to build hiking footbridges? Do you have skills and want to help out?

Little River Trail Bridges (2)

Saturday, June 4th, 9am - 12pm, help move wood to bridge location on Little River Trail
June 6th-8th, help build 2 bridges on the Little River Trail (TBD)

Town Forest Bridge #4 Completion

Saturday, June 25th, 9am - 12pm, help move wood to bridge location June 27th-29th, help build the 24' bridge (TBD)

Interested or want more information? Email Deb Sugerman at debsugerman@gmail.com.

NEW LEE TOWN OFFICES HOURS STARTING MAY 2ND

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.

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST WORK SESSION

Friday, May 20, 2022 9:00 am

Lee Town Offices

To approve changes to the official Lee checklist

State Primary Election Day is September 13, 2022. **The last day for registered voters to change or declare a party affiliation is May 31, 2022.** Please check to make sure you are registered in your party of choice or undeclared by following this link: https://app.sos.nh.gov/voterinformation

Undeclared voters are required to choose a Democratic or Republican ballot when they go to vote at the primary. You then become a registered member of that party unless you sign a list to return to undeclared status with the supervisors of the checklist before leaving the polling place.

You may change your party affiliation with the Lee Town Clerk, or at any scheduled meeting of the supervisors of the checklist except for during the period of time between the first day of the filing period for the primary election (June 1) and the date of the primary election itself (September 13). The Lee Town Clerk's Office is open Monday, 8am - 6pm and Wednesday and Friday 8am - 4pm. The Supervisors of the Checklist will be holding a session on Tuesday, May 31, 2022 from 7:00pm to 7:30pm in the lobby of the Lee Town Offices, 249 Calef Highway. New applicants for voter registration after May 31 may declare a party when they register.

As always, applicants for voter registration who possess proof of identity, age (18 years of age), citizenship, and domicile in Lee should bring that proof when they come to register. Driver's license and passport or birth certificate are helpful. Qualified applicants who do not possess proof or who do not bring proof with them may still register if they sign an affidavit attesting to their qualifications for identity, age, citizenship, and/or domicile.

Come join the Lee Police Department and the Lee Recreation Department on Thursday June 16th from 5:00pm-8:00pm at Little River Park for:

LEE FAMILY NIGHT AT THE PARK

We will have a child bike course set up

Philbrick's Bike shop will be there for bike and helmet inspections

We will have a raffle for bike helmets

There will be coloring pages and more!

We will even have child seat inspections!



CHRISTMAS FERN: NEW FRONDS IN THE ARMS OF THE OLD

By Catherine Fisher, Conservation Commission

Christmas fern, *Polystichum acrostichoides*, is one of five regional fern species that remain green year-round. As is the case with other forest floor evergreens, whenever temperatures are mild, no matter what the season, this fern's leaflets are busy photosynthesizing. Unlike other forest floor evergreens, Christmas fern's leaves live for just one year. When its fiddleheads emerge and uncoil in the spring, last year's leaves will turn brown and die.

A Christmas fern typically produces about twenty pinnate leaves, or fronds, which are broadest at their midpoint. Each dark green, leathery frond will have 20-40 lance-shaped leaflets, called pinnas, which are paired on either side of the frond's stem (rachis). Leaflets are shiny and, on the underside, somewhat hairy, giving their margins a spiny appearance, as can be seen in photographs of both newly uncoiled pinnas and the (faintly) in the closeup of last year's pinnas.







It has been suggested that the species' common name stems, in part, from the fact that it is a large-leaved plant that remains green in winter, a characteristic that led to it once being used as decorative greenery during the Yuletide season. Others suggest the name derives from the leaflets' resemblance to Christmas stockings, or Santa's sleigh, or mittens (albeit, mittens made for someone with very short thumbs and very long fingers...). However, the name originated, it is indeed the largest-leaved non-coniferous winter evergreen on the forest floor and a welcome sight during a walk in the woods, whatever the season.

Christmas fern is a handsome plant throughout the year, with graceful, arching fronds that seem to glow from the shadowy forest floor. Well-drained, forested slopes are favored by this species, and when conditions are favorable, Christmas fern will often form dense colonies, whose upright fronds resemble lush, green fountains. The fronds remain erect throughout the growing season and well into the fall - past the time when their forest's deciduous trees shed their leaves. Only after the first hard frost, do the fern's rachis relax and lay their fronds atop the year's newly fallen leaves. This not only prevents the still-photosynthesizing fronds from being buried beneath countless fallen leaves, but it enables the fern to trap the fallen leaves beneath its prostrate fronds, providing an insulating layer that will slowly break down and add to the humus layer surrounding the plant.

Throughout the winter, resting upon their mattress of fallen leaves, throughout the winter, the fronds are well situated to continue their work of providing for their fern. Here on the forest floor, where temperatures are warmest and desiccating winds less severe, the fern is able to continue photosynthesizing whenever temperatures are above freezing. With their light undercoating of furry scales providing additional protection, and with no canopy intercepting the sunlight reaching them, the fern's leaflets are able to chug along, happily capturing winter's plentiful sunlight to manufacture sugars that will be stored in the roots.



Those sugars will be put to good use in the spring, when the fern's fiddleheads emerge. Furred with silvery scales, they rise from the protective nest created by last year's leaves. Those leaves, still green, continue working until the very end, providing the tender fiddleheads with the energy they need to rise and uncoil.

This uncoiling may take a week or more. In every direction, like acrobats or dancers, the fiddleheads stretch, bend and unwind. Spread beneath them, like the lacy panels of a deep green gown, are the fronds that made this dance possible, and when the dance is

done, so are they. As the new fronds race towards the light, the chlorophyll in last year's leaves degrades. Nitrogen, the main component of chlorophyll, is recycled to be used by the new fronds. What remains of the old fronds' wonderful photosynthesizing machinery breaks down, leaving the fronds brittle and brown. Within a few weeks, they are dead. For part of the new growing season, they will continue to hold last fall's nest of leaves around the plant, helping to keep the surrounding soil moist. By summer's end, they will have disappeared entirely, their organic matter added to the umus built up by the generations of fronds that preceded them, providing nutrients for the generations to come.





RITA LANE IS NOW OPEN

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

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. 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 and Lee Greeters Committee

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 by noon on Thursday to get published in that Friday edition.

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 <u>close</u> 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. You must be a residence of Lee and at least 18 years of age. Thank you!

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, 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.

COMMITTEE, COMMISSION & BOARD MEETING CALENDAR
NEW LIBRARY WEBSITE

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 1st & 3rd 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. All visits to the pantry are strictly confidential.

READY RIDES

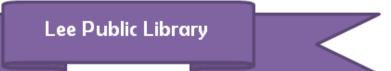
Ready Rides provides transportation at no charge for the elderly & disabled residents living in: Barrington, Durham, Lee, Madury, Newfields, Newmarket, Northwood, Nottingham and Strafford NH. Rides are provided by volunteer drivers using their own vehicles. Accessible rides available. To request information about registering as a rider or becoming a volunteer driver, please email info@readyrides.org 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.

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



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

May 1st – May 31st – 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 31st 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!

Knitters Meet Here

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



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

Join us on the **4th 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 25th, 6:00pm – 7:30pm - The Backyard Farming Initiative is Back!

Join us every 4th Wednesday until August for Backyard Farming Fun! This month we will visit Lee resident, Matt Rowell. Matt's main focus centers on how chickens are used in the backyard. With an emphasis on a pastured poultry model, Matt's chickens are field raised and include meat chickens and also egg production! 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!



Wednesday May 25, 2:00pm – 4:00pm - Open Adult Game Time

Do you love to play games? Want some adult company? If the answer is YES, join us for board games, card games, chess, or bring a game of your choosing! No sign up necessary, just come on over to the library and have some fun! Is there is a better time for this group? Let us know your thoughts!

LIBRARY CLOSURE MAY 30: We will be closed May 30th in honor of Memorial Day



Adult Book Group- Meets on the 2nd Monday of the Month

June 13, 2022 6:00pm – The Sympathizer by Viet Thanh Nguyen. Stop by for your copy!



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 kits this month are the Community Art Show Kits!



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 17TH & 19TH!

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 1st Friday in May as there is no programming on May 20th. Call the library at 659-2626 for more information.

Tuesday May 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 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 16th - 20th!



STRAFFORD COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS ASSOCIATION CLICK HERE for more information



Durham, NH – Marina's Miles 5K Run/Walk will start at 9:00 am on Saturday, June 18, 2022 at Oyster River High School in Durham. Registration is \$25 and includes a free t-shirt if your



registration is received by May 22nd (\$30 on day-of-race). Registration forms are available at www.marinasmiles.org. Registrants will automatically be entered in the door prize raffle. A virtual option is available; visit www.marinasmiles.org/covid for Covid precautions.

Help remember an enthusiastically loving person and barefoot championship runner, Marina Slavin, who died in 2013 of a heart

infection at the age of 20. Proceeds go to a college-bound student at Oyster River High School (Marina's alma mater).

Donations for the scholarship are accepted via Paypal at www.MarinasMiles.org/donate or a check made out to *Marina's Miles*, 10 Burnham Ave, Durham, NH 03824. We are a 501c3 charitable organization, so your donation is tax deductible as allowed by law.

A safe, fun, family-friendly, community event! Remember a treasured member of our community, support education for our youth, and have fun! Trueworthy and Associates is our major sponsor.

GOVERNOR & EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING Wednesday, May 4, 2022

CLICK HERE for the 5/4/2022 Minutes
Next Governor & Executive Council Meeting
Wednesday, May 18, 2022 10:00 am State House in Concord, NH



CLICK HERE for the Spring Lamprey River Wild & Scenic Newsletter

SCHOOL BOARD NEWS – MAY 4, 2022

This week is Teacher Appreciation Week! Thank you to all who teach our students in Oyster River! And thanks to the PTO leaders and volunteers who went the extra mile to show appreciation this week!

The School Board and Superintendent commended the work of Oyster River school nurses throughout the pandemic. While all school staff have gone above and beyond, school nurses worked tirelessly to ensure they stayed current on (often conflicting) state and federal guidance and worked to apply best practices when working with each student, family, and staff member. This outstanding group of dedicated professionals continues to provide excellent service to the Oyster River school community.

School Start and End times for the 2022-2023 school year were approved by the School Board and will be slightly different from this year. For 2022-2023, the elementary academic day will be 9:15-3:25. The middle and high school academic day will be 8:15-3:00.

There is no school for students in Oyster River on May 27th and May 30th due to a teacher workshop and Memorial Day.

ORCSD School Board meeting materials are posted online at https://www.orcsd.org/school_board/agendas_and_minutes with links to videos when available. The best way to directly contact the entire school board is to email orcsdsb@orcsd.org or individual school board members.

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^{nd} . 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.



What is the Plant A Row Program?

During the pandemic and beyond, more Granite staters are facing food insecurity. Most significantly, access to fresh and healthy, local produce. Plant A Row is a neighbors-helping-neighbors initiative, organized through 4-H and UNH Cooperative Extension in Strafford and Rockingham County.

The idea behind this effort is simple: Planting an extra row in your garden or an extra container and donating the produce from it to a participating

food pantry or a neighbor in need will directly benefit local food pantries and their patrons to get access to fresh and local produce, and overall healthier choices.

When people sign up to plant an extra row, they will be provided with a garden kit (fabric garden, row marker, sticker and colorful tote bag), growing tips, activities, recipes, and other resources. Participation is open to all ages, and participants don't need to be 4-H members to sign up. Participation in this program is free.

More information about the program and how to register can be found here:

https://extension.unh.edu/resource/plant-row-strafford-county-4-hhttps://www.facebook.com/UNHExtSC

Register for *Plant A Row* today and be a Food Access Champion!

UNH Extension Strafford County Facebook

Strafford County 4-H Facebook

UNH Extension Food & Agriculture Strafford County Facebook

BEWARE OF SMISHING CAMPAIGN

Please <u>CLICK HERE</u> 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

<u>Membership Information</u>

https://www.seacoastvillageproject.org/ (603)-373-8429

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 wfwpost10676@yahoo.com for assistance.

ATTENTION!

To receive the E-CRIER via email every week go to <u>www.leenh.org</u>, click on the <u>Subscribe</u> 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 <u>printed copy</u> 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!