

TOWN OF LEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
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**Lee News & Upcoming
Events
June 17, 2022**



LEE CHURCH CONGREGATIONAL CHICKEN BBQ

SATURDAY, JUNE 18th 3:00pm until Sold Out

\$8 for ½ chicken OR \$12 for a Dinner

Dinner includes ½ chicken, coleslaw, baked beans, brownie and utensils

TOWN OFFICES & LEE LIBRARY CLOSED MONDAY, JUNE 20TH
IN OBSERVANCE OF THE JUNETEENTH FEDERAL HOLIDAY



TRAILS COMMITTEE NOTICE

Town Forest Bridge #4 Completion

Join us Saturday, June 25th, 9am - 12pm, to help move wood to bridge location

June 27th-29th, 9am – 1pm, to help build the 24' bridge

Are you interested in helping out with the next bridge project? For more information, email Deb Sugerman at debsugerman@gmail.com.

THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF MOTHS AT NIGHT

SATURDAY, JUNE 25th 8:00 – 11:00 pm

Little River Park, 34 North River Rd, Lee, NH

Moths are an incredibly diverse group of insects with more than 3,000 species occurring in NH. They are important pollinators and food for a wide variety of birds, mammals and even fungi. Many moth species are nocturnal – when we are turning in for the night, they are heading out. However, with the right tools and a willingness to stay out past our bedtime we can peek into the wonderful world of moths at night. UNH Extension and the Town of Lee Conservation Commission are thrilled to host the Caterpillar Lab for a night of “moth lighting” and an opportunity to observe the mysterious world of nocturnal insects. The Caterpillar Lab will set up sheets with special moth-attracting lights and will help us identify the hundreds of species of insects (not just moths!) we expect to attract. You will be surprised by the diversity, size, and beauty of New England’s nocturnal insects. Be prepared to see and learn new things!

We will begin the evening under the Pavilion with a live caterpillar display, caterpillar-inspired crafts, and stories and photos from local “moth-ers”. Then, we’ll move into the field to monitor insect visitors at the light station.

What to Bring: The event will be held entirely outdoors, so please dress for the weather. Be prepared for mosquitoes and ticks; if you choose to use insect spray, you will be asked to wash your hands after application and prior to touching any caterpillars or other insects. Bring a flashlight for each participant, a snack, and plenty of water. **Registration:** This event will be limited to 30 attendees. **Click here to register.** **Cost:** In order to ensure this program is accessible for all, there are multiple registration fee options - \$0, \$5, \$15, or \$25. Please pay what you can.



PHOTO BY LARRY KINDBERG

8TH ANNUAL MODEL ROCKET DAY 2022
Hosted by the Lee Recreation Commission
Another successful Rocket Day in the books!

Thank you to all who made this day great!



PHOTO BY TOM DRONSFIELD

CINNAMON FERN AS MICRO HABITAT PART 1: HYBOTID DANCE FLY, A SIT-AND-WAIT PREDATOR

By Catherine Fisher, Conservation Commission

While taking photos for last week's article about cinnamon fern's reproductive structures, I very soon discovered that a number of invertebrate species were using our three dooryard ferns as a home base. The odd little fly, captured as it perched upon the tallest fertile frond, was the catalyst for what has since become an engrossing pastime: becoming acquainted with cinnamon fern fauna - animals for whom these plants are a vast habitat. Though I'd planned to write a single article briefly describing some of the animals encountered on my daily fern safaris, each creature is interesting enough to warrant its own article. So, today's post will be the first in a series of occasional articles featuring critters inhabiting our trio of cinnamon ferns.

The tiny fly pictured is one of the more than 2,000 species belonging to the family Hybotidae. Commonly known as dance flies, so named for the mating displays in which swarms of males appear to dance in the air, Hybotidae species are found throughout the planet. At 1-10 mm (0.039-0.39 inches), these yellow or black flies are quite small, and most species prey upon small insects.



Though this was my first encounter with a Hybotid fly, its behavior provided clues indicating its predatory nature, which were very helpful in making an identification. For one thing, this was no shy and retiring insect. The cinnamon fern's fertile frond tip is typical of the type of perch that many sit-and-wait insect predators select for hunting, providing a panoramic view of the surrounding habitat. Sit-and-wait predation, also known as ambush predation, is an energy saving strategy employed throughout the animal kingdom. Many predatory insects, including dragonflies, antlions, praying mantids, and numerous fly genera are ambush hunters. Rather than expending energy in foraging flights, this Hybotid fly waits for insect prey to come near its perch, then ambushes it with a rapid attack flight.

The fly's anatomy, too, provided clues that helped identify it as a predatory species. Those handsome red eyes take up almost all of this little fly's headspace! These are the eyes of a hunter, one with superb vision. Then there's that oversized thorax - robber flies, another predatory fly genus, have a similarly thick thorax, and I thought, at first, that this might be a diminutive member of the genus. The thorax of robber flies, however, isn't as pronounced as it is with this fly, whose thorax looms over its head like an American buffalo's hump. The reasons for this structure are the same for both the fly and the buffalo - both house a big stack of muscles; in the case of the buffalo, those muscles support the animal's massive head; for the fly, they are the muscles that power its long wings, and enable them to dart from its perch like a tiny jet fighter.

Just a few decades ago, these observations would have led to a limited identification - no more informed than “tiny black predatory fly with big eyes and a strangely humped thorax.” In the digital age, I only needed to enter the above description into a search engine, select for images, and voilà - there it was, or at least a close relative. Subsequently, it was relatively easy to discover that my fly was a dance fly and a member of the superfamily Empidoidea. The fact that this fly has one pair of extra long legs, in this case the third pair, placed it with the Hybotidae family. There were numerous members of the group that resemble my specimen, and narrowing down its identification required far more expertise than I own. Nonetheless, it was satisfying to be able to learn about this group of flies, and I was grateful to this little insect for introducing me to its family.

This little fly had one more surprise, albeit a grim one. While searching bugguide.net to try to determine what family my fly belonged to, I learned that flies in the family Empididae often have veins 4+5 of their wing veins forked, but Hybotidae never do. To get a clearer view of my fly's wing venation, I enlarged my best photograph. Though I discovered that my fly did appear to be a Hybotid, I also discovered that it was carrying a tiny parasite of some kind. It's seen in the enlarged photograph as a small jelly-like oval just beneath where the wing attaches to the thorax. Perhaps an egg of a parasitic mite or wasp. This elegant little predator would, perhaps, soon be host to a devouring larva.



SELECT BOARD MEETINGS

June 27th Select Board Meetings 6:00pm

Public Safety Complex, 20 George Bennett Road

Subject to change, please check the website meeting calendar

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

NEW LEE TOWN OFFICES HOURS

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 made to adjust the hours to pre-Covid hours
to provide the public with access to these offices after 4pm.**

LEE TOWN BOARD, COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION VACANCIES

See below for current openings! 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.

The NEW Lee Municipal Technology Advisory Committee

The NEW CIP Committee

Planning and Zoning Boards

Ag Commission, Conservation Commission, Heritage Commission and Recreation Commission

Energy Committee, Fair Committee and Sustainability Committee

NH DRA's ANNUAL LOW & MODERATE HOMEOWNERS PROPERTY TAX RELIEF PROGRAM

The Low and Moderate Income Homeowners Property Tax Relief provisions are designed to lessen the economic burden of the State Education Property Tax on certain taxpayers. NH residents who own a homestead subject to the State Education Property Tax, resided in the homestead as of April 1st of the year for which the claim for relief is being made, and have a total household income of \$20,000 or less if a single person (or \$40,000 or less if married or head of household) may apply for property tax relief during the filing period - **after May 1, 2022, but no later than June 30, 2022.**

Find out more information by going to the Department of Revenue Administration's [website](#).

Form DP-8, Low and Moderate Income Homeowners Property Tax Relief:

<https://www.revenue.nh.gov/forms/low-moderate.htm>

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 close due to high winds, rain or if a volunteer is not available.

Bulky Items: The Swap Shop accepts large items.

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

[CLICK HERE](#) for New DHHS Website!

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](#)

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

CELEBRATE WITH US! Saturday June 18th 9am – 1pm - 130 Year Library Celebrations! We're having a big bake sale, book sale, author visit with Phyllis White, adult crafts, and open mic time! No sign up necessary, just come on over and have some fun with us! Adult day June 18th (kids also welcome!) Kids' day June 25th.

Crafty Creations, Monthly Adult Crafting Group – Monday, June 27th 6:00 pm

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 June 29th, 6:00pm – 7:30pm - The Backyard Farming Initiative!

Join us every 4th Wednesday until August for Backyard Farming Fun! This month we will visit Lee resident, George Estes. George has been said to 'Plant seeds and Harvest Fellowship"! He is very proud of the committed group of keen gardeners and friends that work together to develop and grow a wonderful selection of flowers, including snapdragons and marigolds, and vegetables. Refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the Lee Public Library and the Lee Agricultural Society. Call or email Lee Public Library for further details, program location and to sign up! Thank you to all that came for Tom Lee's & Bambi Miller's events, they were so much fun!



Monday June 20th - Adult Summer Reading Program: Stop by and sign up for our adult summer reading program! We'll be hosting weekly raffles, programs and events, movies and much more!

Wednesday June 22nd, 6:30pm: Join us for our first family movie night of summer 2022! This month we will watch 'Uncharted' (2022), with Tom Holland. This is a PG 13 rated movie, so please be advised to bring children who are approved to watch this title. Space is limited so please call or email the library to sign up!



Saturday July 9th, 9am – 1pm - First Aid Training – This is available to the public. Book your space now, they fill up fast! Visit our website to register www.leelibrarynh.org



FOR THE CHILDREN

Monday June 20th – Kid's Summer Reading Program: Stop by and sign up for our summer reading program! We'll have prizes, programs and events, movies and much more! Our Calendar of events will be ready soon, so come on over in June and grab one! ***Our Summer Reading Programs runs from June 27th – August 6th!***

Tuesday June 28, 1:00pm – 2:00pm – Grab & Go/Stay & Create Summer Reading Kick Off: Join us as we create your summer reading bag! This fun craft can be enjoyed here at the library, or you can take it home. No sign up necessary, just come on over!

Wednesday June 29, 11:30am – 12:30pm – Sandwich and a Story: Bring your lunch along to Little River Park and sit with us for stories, songs and games with Miss Judy.

Wednesday June 29, 3:00pm – 4:30pm – Kids Summer Movie: Join us for an ocean themed movie. Popcorn and drinks provided, bring your own blanky or bean bag!

Thursday June 30, 10:30am – 11:30am – Music with Steve Blunt: Join us **at the Durham Library** to listen to the wonderful music of Steve Blunt! This is a show that your children will love, so come and sing and dance along with us. This is a joint program with Lee Durham & Madbury Libraries.

There are no children's programs, story times or after school clubs from June 20th – 25th... We are preparing for our Summer Reading Program!



GOVERNOR & EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, June 15, 2022

[CLICK HERE](#) for the 6/15/2022 Minutes

Next Governor & Executive Council Meeting

Wednesday, June 29, 2022 10:00 am State House in Concord, NH



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.



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

SCHOOL BOARD NEWS – JUNE 1, 2022

June 17th is the last day of school in Oyster River Schools for this year.

The School Board approved the Superintendent's nomination of Rachael Blansett to be ORCSD's first DEIJ Coordinator. Ms. Blansett's role with the school district is expected to begin August 1st.

ORCSD practices following a positive COVID-19 Test are being updated based on CDC guidance. If a vaccinated person continues to test positive 5 days after initial diagnosis, they can test daily and return to school once a negative test is received and they have no COVID-19 symptoms. Previously, anybody who tested positive 5 days after initial diagnosis was asked to remain out of school for an additional 5 days. Individuals who return to school after a positive COVID-19 diagnosis are asked to wear masks until at least 10 days after initial diagnosis. School nurses continue to help families and staff navigate COVID-19 protocols.



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-h>

<https://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 [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.

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 for assistance.

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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