



## **Sullivan Community Newsletter**

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### **Monadnock Music Concert July 24 Sullivan Congregational Church**

One of Monadnock Music's Free Village Concerts will be held at the Sullivan Church on Thursday, July 24 at 7:30 PM. The program will be Early Music – see the Monadnock Music website for more details. These concerts, funded by donations, give the opportunity to enjoy music of the highest quality in venues noted for their beauty and acoustics.

The concert is free, no tickets or reservations required. Families are welcome. Donations accepted at the concert or at <http://www.monadnockmusic.org/>.

A reception will be held in the church hall after the concert – there will be light refreshments and an opportunity to meet the musicians. For more info, call Sarah Burke at 847-9013

### **GENEALOGY WORKSHOP**

Another genealogy workshop is scheduled for Monday, July 28<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm at the Sullivan Library. See library news for more information.

### **NELSON SCHOOL MOCK DRIVE-IN MOVIE NIGHT Friday, August 15<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM**

Join us at the Nelson School for the PTO Mock Drive In Movie Night! (G rated movie for the whole family!) Fun, Surprises, Food! Donations for the Movie welcomed!

### **SUPERVISORS OF CHECKLIST IN SESSION**

Supervisors of the Checklist will be in session at the Sullivan Town Hall on Tues., Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup> between 7 and 7:30 pm. This is the last time additions and corrections may be made to the checklist before the September 9<sup>th</sup> Primary. Bring proof of residency and age.

### **Historical Hike in East Sullivan Coming in September**

A combination historical and conservation walk will take place in September. Chris Pratt and conservation members will discuss the proposed changes to Route 9 and how it could alter the face of East Sullivan. See the next newsletter for the date and details.

**Passes available for Fort at No. 4 – see library news.**

## “LIBRARY FOOTNOTES”

Summer at the library is one of my favorite seasons of work. There are lots of things planned for summer fun; the weather is nice; the flower beds are in bloom; the energy is just different.

**This summer’s reading program theme is Science.** There are programs for all ages: “Fizz, Boom, Read” for children right through elementary school, “Spark a Reaction” for Teens and “Literary Elements” for adults. Twinkle Town is sponsoring our program again this year with ice cream certificates for program participants. Ask for a reading log when you come in. Children through grade 6 can earn a certificate after 5 hours of reading, middle school readers earn theirs after 7 hours of reading and high school through adults earn theirs with 10 hours of reading.

**Mondays** there will be a drop in activity or craft. **Thursday mornings** at 10 there will be a story program – as long as there are children available to read to. If no one comes, there will not be a story program. On **Saturdays** the drawings for our Prized Readers and the Guess How Many Treats in the Jar winners will be selected.

We will have our **annual contest with Gilsum this summer.** This is a town wide contest open to readers of all ages. We begin weighing library materials June 30 and end at noon August 9. What counts for weighing? Any library materials that are read and returned between the contest dates, any reading material donations that will be added to the collection, items returned in the book drop are weighed, unless you leave a note saying not to weigh something – this is supposed to be a fun contest, not a chore. Audio and eBooks checked out through the NH Downloadable Books will count as the weight of those items in print format. The Coveted Ice Cream Cup has spent the last year in Gilsum; will we win it back this year?

The **Friends of the Library** do not meet in July. The next meeting is August 5 at 7:15 p.m. New members are always welcome. Have you noticed the flower beds and window boxes? They look so nice because of the Friends. The **Third Thursday Book** Group will discuss *The Scalpel and the Silver Bear: The First Navajo Woman Surgeon Combines Western Medicine and Traditional Healing* by Lori Arviso Alvord in July. Copies of the book are available at the library. This adult book group is open to the public. If the book interests you, but you are unable to come to the discussion, you can still ask for a copy to read while we have them. This title is only available in print format. The Third Thursday Book Group meets the third Thursday of the month at 7 p.m.

The next **Genealogy Workshop** is scheduled for July 28, 2-4 p.m. This group is led by Peter and Jeanne Jeffries of the Walpole Historical Society. They have 35 years of experience with genealogy research and are able to help those just beginning their research as well as those who have hit that brick wall in their research efforts. Jeanne says, “People should do this for their grandchildren.” Just starting? Bring what you know. Write down your name & date of birth, your parents and what information you know, their parents, etc. You will learn how to fill out traditional genealogy charts, the difference between primary and secondary sources of information, how to organize what you learn and so much more. **The library offers two genealogy databases:** Ancestry.com Library Edition, and HeritageQuest. While Ancestry must be used in the library, our agreement with HeritageQuest allows our members to use this database from home. Stop by the library to get your passwords.

The library received a **gift of passes to the Fort at No. 4.** A pass will admit 2 adults and accompanying minor children. It is not good for special events or fundraisers. Please make good use of these passes to explore a bit of history right in our own back yards.

We had an **unusual visitor** to the library on June 2. You can see pictures on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.10152414029449020.1073741828.77424404019&type=3>

The library is **thankful for the support** we receive from our community members: from sharing talents and skills for a one time or an ongoing volunteer gig, to donations of books and magazines, to monetary gifts. We couldn’t do it all without your support. This month I’d especially like to thank: Katy Brosseau, Robin Christopherson for our window box beauty, Becky Cummings, Cliff Dempster, Virginia Howard, Peter & Jean Jeffries, Deb Monnat-White, Chris and Gaynelle Pratt, Rachael Richardson, Frank and Donna Philbrick, Dott Miles, Mary Parker, Joy Finucane, Ginny Yawarski and the Friends of the Library.

Denise McFarland  
Librarian

## From the Archives

by Chris Pratt

In this year's annual "look back" at previous town meetings, I found a note in the minutes of the 1964 town meeting. After calling the meeting to order at 7:30 PM on March 10, Moderator Edward Jewett welcomed members of the "national media" to our town meeting. There were representatives from the three networks (NBC, ABC and CBS) and CBS was recording portions of the meeting. This aroused my curiosity and I began wondering why our meeting was being covered. Then I saw the note that Moderator Jewett announced that the polls would be open until the business portion of the meeting was concluded as was the custom in those days. In addition to voting for our town officers, residents were voting in the 1964 New Hampshire Presidential Primary. At that point I realized that this was one of those times when our town was touched by a major news story.

1964 was one of those years when there was a major contest for New Hampshire's Republican voters. After controlling the White House for 8 years under Dwight Eisenhower, Richard Nixon narrowly lost to John F. Kennedy in 1960. The conservative and liberal factions of the party began struggling for control as each felt they had the best candidate to win in 1964. The conservatives were led by Arizona Senator Barry Goldwater and the liberals were led by New York Governor Nelson Rockefeller.

As the New Hampshire Primary approached, Goldwater was seen as too conservative to win the northeast and Rockefeller was seen as too much like the Democrats to win in the west and mid-west. Moreover, he had divorced his first wife to marry another woman and that was seen a major detriment in the conservative heartland. New Hampshire Republicans split as well with Senator Norris Cotton leading the Goldwater supporters and former Governor Hugh Gregg leading the Rockefeller group. The primary seemed to be headed toward an indecisive split. However, the New Hampshire Primary lived up to its reputation for upsets.

A relatively small group—many involved in politics for the first time—began looking for an alternative. The candidate that emerged was Henry Cabot Lodge of Massachusetts. He had been a U.S. Senator, managed Eisenhower's 1952 campaign, served as U.N. Ambassador in the Eisenhower years and was Richard Nixon's choice for vice president. In 1963, President Kennedy had appointed him ambassador to South Viet Nam just as the U.S. presence there was beginning to build. With just a few weeks to go before the New Hampshire Primary, the reluctant Lodge became a contender.

March 10, 1964 brought 6 inches of wet snow, but that did not slow down most New Hampshire voters. The storm was pretty much over by the time Ed Jewett gavelled the Sullivan Town Meeting to order. When the meeting was concluded, the votes were counted. Lodge received 22 votes, Goldwater 19 and Rockefeller 10. For the national reporters at our meeting, the story was that Sullivan Republicans reflected the state-wide vote almost exactly. Lodge won with 31,670 votes to 21,582 for Goldwater, and 19,106 for Rockefeller. However, Lodge astounded the politicians by winning all 14 delegates to the Republican National Convention. Goldwater's "inevitability" was called into question and Rockefeller's campaign was all but over.

The next day, the *Keene Sentinel* devoted several pages to Lodge's stunning victory. They also published a long article about Sullivan's meeting. However the story was mostly about the selectmen's race between Harvey Swett and Walfred Wiklund and discussions about the town budget. No mention was made of the national reporters—which leads to more questions. We don't know exactly why they were here as we do not have their reports. In fact the only mention of their presence was Ed Jewett's gracious welcome at the beginning of the meeting. Apparently, the reporters folded up their equipment and went on to the next primary state. The people of Sullivan, having cast their votes in an historic New Hampshire Primary, trudged home in the snow and went on their lives. History touched us and then went on.

### FOOTNOTE.

Henry Cabot Lodge refused to leave his post in Viet Nam. As a result his candidacy faded even after winning two more primaries. He continued to serve as ambassador until 1967 and later was the U.S. envoy to West Germany. Barry Goldwater's stumble in New Hampshire proved to be only a "bump in the road." He went on to win primaries in California and Texas and the Republican Presidential Nomination. The nation, however, was not ready for a conservative president and he lost by a landslide to Lyndon Johnson. However, Goldwater was able to carry South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana, as well as his native state of Arizona. This presaged a dramatic shift in American politics as the Democratic Party could no longer count on the South as part of its base.

## Public Notice.

The Sullivan Public Library Board of Trustees will hold their monthly meetings on July 10, August 14 and September 11, 2014 at 7 PM at the library. The purpose of the meetings will be to formally receive any donations, hear reports and conduct any business related to the administration of the library. As always, the public is welcome.

## PLEASE JOIN THE SULLIVAN PLANNING BOARD New Members Needed!

The Sullivan Planning Board needs additional members. We are working on an update of the Master Plan for the Town and would like more input from community members.

Below is a draft statement of a vision for the Town, based on the responses of townspeople to a questionnaire distributed town wide in 2012. If you have suggestions for the vision statement, please send an email to Secretary Ann Sweet: [rogerandannsweet@gmail.com](mailto:rogerandannsweet@gmail.com)

Join us. We meet the first Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. in the town hall.

### VISION STATEMENT

In every planning survey of the town, the residents of Sullivan have affirmed their commitment to the rural character of this small town of fewer than 700 people. Its scenic roads, its open fields, its pleasant woodlands give the town its **rural atmosphere**. Over the years since 1993 when the first large tract of land was preserved forever by the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests, several individual families and another conservation organization have protected large portions of their own lands never to be developed. In an effort to **protect backlands from development**, the Community Planning Ordinance requires 200 feet of frontage for a building permit and the backlands have been largely left to wildlife, hikers and hunters. The Winch Town Forest and other protected properties offer trails for townspeople to enjoy. The town is mindful of the importance of Sullivan, a hill town, to the **water resources** of the surrounding area, particularly Keene. And it has begun an effort to conserve energy by upgrading lighting, installing an energy saving boiler for the highway department and assessing other opportunities for **energy conservation**. At the same time, the town has supported **the library** and its opportunities for all to explore books opening the world to readers. Concerned for **safety and ease of travel**, the town has always supported the careful planning for needed upgrades to the roads and culverts. **Community groups and volunteer events** like the annual roadside cleanup bring neighbors together. The town's **commitment to the education of our children** was most emphatically demonstrated in the deliberations in 2012 devoted to solving the problem of the closing of the Sullivan School. **Small businesses** dot the town. All of these elements reaching back to the past comprise **the town's vision for the future**: a community committed to the peacefulness of undeveloped lands for human enjoyment and wild animal sustenance, the mind-expanding opportunities of schools and libraries, the encouragement of the entrepreneurial spirit, the collaboration among residents for the town good and participation in the music and arts of the Monadnock Region.

## HOW TO TURN A DILAPIDATED MID 19<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY HOUSE INTO AN ENERGY EFFICIENT 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY HOME.

At a joint meeting of the Conservation Commission and the Energy Committee on June 10, CC Chairman Eric White took interested attendees step by step through his year-long process of tearing down rotten walls and sills and heavily insulating this old house, after being sure he had sealed all apertures where exterior water could seep into the house via roof, walls or cellar.

Insulation is the first step in saving energy: keeping the cold out of your house. Check this website for information on having a very inexpensive (maybe free) home audit to see where you might insulate your home to save energy: <http://www.psnh.com/homerenovations/>

Sullivan Energy Committee

**Trash Totals from Sullivan's Roadside Clean-up Day**  
860 pounds of trash, 1 TV and 13 tires were collected

## **Household Hazardous Waste Collection!**

*A great opportunity to clean toxic wastes from your basement, workbench, garage, and cupboards.*

### **Summer 2014**

Sat. July 19 Wed. July 23 Sat. July 26  
Sat. Aug. 9 Wed. Aug. 13 Sat. Aug. 23

### **All collections run 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

Keene Recycling Center, 55 Old Summit Road, Keene

#### **What to Bring**

Products marked toxic, poison, corrosive, irritant, hazardous, flammable, danger. If you think it's hazardous, bring it up.

**What Not to Bring:** empty containers (can be recycled), latex paint, ammunition, fireworks, radioactive materials, make-up & toiletries

**Other Information:** Containers must be labeled as to their contents. No containers larger than 10 gallons will be accepted.

*Collection takes approximately 10 minutes from time of arrival.*

#### **DO NOT MIX PRODUCTS!!!**

**QUESTIONS:** Please call 352-5739

#### **WHAT ARE HAZARDOUS HOUSEHOLD MATERIALS?**

Look in any storage cabinet in your home. Do you see products such as paint thinner, spot remover, oven cleaner, furniture polish, drain opener, pool chemicals and hair spray? These products are hazardous because they contain chemicals that are corrosive, explosive, reactive, flammable or toxic.

When you look at these products you might not immediately recognize hazardous products by their name. When you see words like pesticide, acid, fungicide, caustic, herbicide, or solvent, you know they are hazardous. But, sometimes the name may not tell you anything about the product. Read the label, especially the instructions, carefully.

Unfortunately, the absence of these words does not guarantee the product is without hazards. For example, methyl alcohol (found in some glass cleaners) can cause blindness if ingested, but may not require a warning if it makes up less than 4% of a product. Additionally, health effects from long-term exposure may not even be considered in the labeling requirements.

#### **WHAT ARE MERCURY CONTAINING PRODUCTS?**

As of January 1, 2008, the disposal of mercury containing products at landfills, transfer stations and incinerators is prohibited. This means these items may not be disposed of as a solid waste with the "normal" garbage. The ban covers products including: thermometers, compact fluorescent light bulbs, fluorescent lamps, thermostats, mercury button cell batteries and switches & relays.

Homeowners and businesses alike are subject to this ban. However, the ban does not include the recycling of these items at our facility and we encourage consumers to bring them for recycling along with their other recyclables.

Legal disposal options include:

- Collection and Recycling at Municipal Facilities
- Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events

## **SULLIVAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS**

The past 2 months have been relatively uneventful for Sullivan School District. We are most pleased to celebrate the graduations of the first Sullivan School District high school students from Monadnock and Keene High! Also we have some students who have graduated from the 6<sup>th</sup> grade in Nelson Elementary and Gilsum Elementary who will be attending the 7<sup>th</sup> grade at Keene Middle School next year. Our first year at Keene Middle School was a great one as well and we'd like to recognize every single Sullivan School District student for adapting to changes that took place as a result of our withdrawal from Monadnock School District. We are pleased to be free from the current issues being faced by MRSD towns and happy to continue to report that the changes have been overwhelmingly positive on many levels.

Thank you all, again, for supporting education!

### **Sullivan School Building:**

Routine building inspections continue to take place by various school board members and the property continues to be shown by listing broker, George Foskett. While there has been interest, the right buyer is not yet presenting him/herself. Anyone interested may obtain further information from BHG The Masiello Group, George Foskett, Commercial Realtor 603-352-5433.

**Thank you to those who helped identify deficiencies in our playground. At this time, for safety and liability reasons, children are not permitted on the playground.**

### **Enrollments:**

School enrollments for 2014-2015 always begin in early spring. For high school, it is best to register by May 1<sup>st</sup> or as soon as possible thereafter to ensure first pick of the classes desired. New residents, remember to bring proof of residency to the Nelson School, Keene Middle and Keene High School as you register.

If you have a shared guardianship agreement/custody agreement, you will need to provide a copy to Mary Hull at the town hall in Sullivan, or mail directly to Sullivan School District, PO Box 111, Sullivan, NH 03445 as you register for school.

**Moving OUT of town?** If your children are attending the public school, you must notify the Sullivan school board chair, Stephanie Kleine at 603-209-4151 or Mary Hull, district clerk, of the move so that the appropriate town can be fiscally aware of where that child resides.

**Homeschooling families-** Even if your children are homeschooled, it is required that you send a letter to the Sullivan School District Superintendent, Ken Dassau, to inform the District that your children are being homeschooled. If you have never done this and are homeschooling in Sullivan, please mail your letter to Ken Dassau at PO Box 111, Sullivan, NH 03445.

### **KMS students-**

#### **Middle School registration:**

Dottie Frazier, school principal is your contact for all questions regarding registration, transitioning, visitation and orientation for your middle school student. More information will be communicated as we have it.

### **KHS students-**

#### **High School registration:**

All high school students who will be attending Keene High School are encouraged by KHS to register before May 1<sup>st</sup> to ensure best selection of classes. You are invited to contact the school principal to discuss registration and any questions about orientation, transitioning and class selection.

## **Student Success Stories!**

Please forward more comments about your Sullivan School District student for the next newsletter!  
[stephaniejacques@masiello.com](mailto:stephaniejacques@masiello.com) (Include: name/school/grade/success stories)

## **FIVE SULLIVAN 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS GRADUATE!**

Congratulations to Cole Masterson, Madison Wilson, Walker Birch, Clayton Arlen and Cayleigh Arlen on their completion of 6th grade at the Nelson School.

The 5 students from Sullivan plus Corinne from Nelson were honored by the school community and parents on their special day, June 13th. The beautiful ceremony was attended by all the Nelson School students and teachers, Reuben Duncan from the SAU#29 Administration, Kelly French (Nelson School Board) and Risa Keene (Sullivan School Board). The students of the school performed several opening songs together. How wonderful to hear kindergarten through 6th grade students performing together! Each 6th grade student then paid a tribute to those people who helped make their time at Nelson School successful, including their parents and their incredible teacher Emilia Whippie Prior! Mrs. Jennifer Kiernan was asked by the students to reflect on what this ceremony meant. Finally, Mrs. Whippie Prior spoke eloquently about each of the 6th grade students; noting their unique strengths as well as how they helped to make the year a meaningful one.

Now it's on to Keene Middle School for our 5 students! We all wish you the best of luck!

## **CONGRATULATIONS ROSE MCFARLAND!**

Rose McFarland recently graduated from Monadnock Regional High School and was named co-salutatorian of her class. Rose lives in Gilsum and is the daughter of our librarian, **Denise McFarland**.

## **SULLIVAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**

### **Visiting pastors for July & August**

July 6 Rev. Paul Gibbons

July 13 Rev. Nancy Wood

July 20 Rev. Donna Leslie

July 27 TBA

Aug. 3 Rev. Emily Preston

Aug. 10 Rev.'s Virginia & Edwin Brooks

Aug. 17 Rev. Steve Toegel & Friend

Aug. 24 Rev. Don Hashem

Aug. 31 Rev. Deborah Hill

Sunday Services at 9:30 am

All are welcome!

## **Apple Hill Concerts**

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## COMING EVENTS IN THE AREA

### **Nelson All Town Yard Sale**

Saturday, July 19<sup>th</sup>

Where: All Over the Town of Nelson

How to be included?

\$10 Reserves a spot on the town map at your address and YOUR sale items mentioned in advertising!

\$15 Reserves your spot on the NCC lawn, with a table (includes map and sales items)

Crafters and nonprofit organizations welcome and encouraged!!

More information call or email Joy Birdsey 847-9533, [pjbirdsmith@gmail.com](mailto:pjbirdsmith@gmail.com)

Deadline: July 3<sup>rd</sup>!

### **Save the Date for the 81st Annual League of NH Craftsmen's Fair! August 2-10, 2014**

**Mount Sunapee Resort, Newbury, NH**

**10:00 am – 5:00 pm daily (rain or shine!)**

Starting the first Saturday in August and running for nine days, the Fair showcases the work of some of the finest craftspeople in the country. **Late Night Thursday:** On August 7, the Fair will stay open until 8:00 pm to give you more time to shop and enjoy the activities.

**Please NO PETS allowed on the fairgrounds or left in vehicles.**

### **2014 Agricultural Fair Dates:**

- Stratham Fair, Stratham, July 17 - 20, 2014
- North Haverhill Fair, North Haverhill, July 23 - 27, 2014
- Cheshire Fair, Swanzey, July 30 - August 3, 2014
- Belknap County 4-H Fair, Belmont, August 9 - 10, 2014
  - Cornish Fair, Cornish, August 15 - 17, 2014
- Lancaster Fair, Lancaster, August 27 - September 1, 2014
- Hopkinton State Fair, Contoocook, August 29- September 1, 2014
- Hillsborough County Agricultural Fair, New Boston, September 5 - 7, 2014
  - Rochester Fair, Rochester, September 12 - 21, 2014
  - Deerfield Fair, Deerfield, September 25 - 28, 2014
  - Sandwich Fair, Sandwich, October 11 - 13, 2014

The Big E, Springfield, MA September 12-28 2014

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