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GENERAL ELECTION DAY

Nov. 8

Voting will take place at the Sullivan Town Hall from 8 am to 7 pm on Nov. 8. Sample ballots can be found at the post office, the town hall, library and on the town website <http://ci.sullivan.nh.us/>. **Remember to bring your photo ID!** If you are not registered, you may register at the polls – bring proof of residency, age and citizenship and photo ID.

Absentee ballots are available from Town Clerk, Mary Hull. Stop by the Town Hall during regular office hours or call 847-3316.

The Town Clerk's office will be closed on Election Day.

HOLIDAY EVENTS IN SULLIVAN

COUNTRY CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR – SATURDAY, Nov. 12

The Friends of the Sullivan Library are hosting their annual **Country Christmas Craft Fair** at the Sullivan Congregational Church on Nov. 12 between 9 am and 2 pm. Featured items will include: crafts, knit and quilted items, berry bowls, jewelry, decoratively painted tables & chairs, houseplants and more! There will also be a raffle for a handmade quilt. A luncheon of homemade soups, sandwiches, beverages and desserts will be served between 11 am and 1 pm. The following week, check out the Sullivan table at the Marlow Christmas on the Pond Craft Fair, Nov. 19.

SANTA DAY IN SULLIVAN – Saturday, Dec. 3*

Santa is visiting Sullivan on Saturday, December 3*, 2016 from 1 to 3 pm in the Sullivan Town Hall. Visit with Sullivan's own Santa Claus, here on a special trip just to see you! Have your picture taken with Santa - free. Do your holiday shopping – gifts only 25¢ each! There will be lots of gift items for you to choose from for family and friends. Select gifts and have the elves wrap them, or wrap your own at the gift wrap table. Come and join the holiday fun! Sponsored by the Friends of the Sullivan Library. *Snow date is December 10, same time and place.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SING! – Saturday, Dec. 10

Singing? Hot Chocolate? No Electronics? Beautiful Luminaries? Friends? Looking for all this? Then join us at the 2nd Annual Sullivan Carol Sing. It will be happening on December 10th (Saturday) at 6:00 PM in the town hall parking lot. The evening will be led by Matt Burke. Not only does he sing and know the history of our favorite carols, he plays the accompaniment! Song sheets will be provided. Please join us for this evening of old fashioned fun. Mulled apple cider and hot chocolate will be provided afterward in the church Friendship Hall.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS POTLUCK DINNER – Sunday, Dec. 18

The Sullivan Recreation Committee will be hosting their annual Christmas Dinner on Sunday, December 18th at the town hall. Dinner will be from 6 pm-7 pm, followed by a visit from Santa from 7 pm to 8 pm. All Sullivan residents are invited to attend. Each family is asked to bring food items to the potluck. All children that will be attending must be registered by December 1st! Late registrations cannot be accepted due to Santa's visit. The registration forms follow in this newsletter. If you have any questions please call Peggy at 313-4929 or Barbara at 355-6667.

CONCERT AT SULLIVAN CHURCH – Tuesday, DEC. 13

The St. Petersburg Men's Ensemble, from St. Petersburg, Russia, an independent group founded in 2003 returns for another concert here in Sullivan on Tuesday, Dec. 13 at 7:30 pm. Their amazing voices and the wonderful acoustics in the church guarantee to please. See more information on another page. Free admission; free will offering will be taken at intermission.

“LIBRARY FOOTNOTES”

It's hard to believe that November is already here. We will soon be caught up in all the activities and related stress that the Holiday Season brings. Remember that there is no better way to escape all of those stressful demands than to get lost in a good book or two. We have been adding to our collection and just received a new shipment of books. Come on in and “check them out.”

The 1st Tuesday of September kicked off our new **Cookbook Group**. The cookbook we “took for a taste-drive” was *The Pioneer Woman Cooks: Food from My Frontier* by Ree Drummond (host of the popular Food Network series). Everyone chose a different recipe to try - with great results. The October Meet-and-Eat meeting left us all quite full with such goodies as: Orange Sweet Rolls, Cauliflower Soup, Summer Stir-Fry (with chicken), Chicken Parmesan with Pasta and Chocolate Pudding Cake. Our group recommends this easy to follow cookbook (pictures of each step are given) as a great Christmas gift. Our November 1st meeting (11:30am – 12:30pm) will feature Asian cooking (*Simple Asian Meals* by Nina Simons and *The Complete Asian Cookbook* by Charmaine Solomon). The December 6th meeting will focus on cookies – just in time for holiday baking and cookie swaps. Come in and pick up a copy of the cookbook-of-the-month and join us for some tasty reviews. **Due to holiday cooking overload, the group will meet the 2nd Tuesday, January 10th. Please make note of the day change.** Make our cookbook group a New Year's resolution. All levels of experience welcome.

Another date change to note, the second Saturday Book Group will meet November 5th (the first Saturday of the month) due to member involvement in the Library's Craft Fair on November 12th held at the Sullivan Congregational Church. Our current book, written by New Hampshire native Jessie Crockett, is titled *Drizzled with Death* – the first book of the Sugar Grove Mystery series. This is the second Jessie Crockett book read by the group. The first one was part of the Granite State Mystery series titled *Live Free or Die*. The quiet, rural New Hampshire setting of *Drizzled* was quite a contrast to our last book *Murder at the National Cathedral* written by Margaret Truman (yes, the daughter of President Truman) which took place in the high-powered, “life in the fast lane”, setting of our nation's capital. Her descriptions of Washington's famous buildings make you feel like you have visited in person and know your way around them.

The **Third Thursday Book Group** just finished reading *A Covert Affair* by Jennet Conant. The story is about Julia and Paul Child's days spent in the OSS (Office of Strategic Services) in the Far East during World War II and the years when they were caught up in the McCarthy Red spy hunt in the 1950s. The group is currently reading *The Sandcastle Girls* by Chris Bohjalian. This tale travels between Aleppo, Syria (1915) and Bronxville, New York (2012). It is an historical love story about a Mount Holyoke College nursing graduate who goes to Syria with a limited knowledge of the language as World War I is spreading across Europe and a young Armenian engineer who joins the British Army in Egypt. They begin to correspond and fall in love. Flash forward to the present and meet Laura, who through a chance telephone call from an old friend, sets off on a journey through her family's history.

Our **Gentle Yoga** program is going strong. The group meets Tuesdays 4:30 – 5:45 pm. Come join Aggie and the group and spend a few peaceful moments before tackling the demands of the season.

A big thank you goes out to our patrons who continue to give their support to our town library. Their generous donations of time and materials are greatly appreciated. Thank you to the following people: Jane Anderson (Chesterfield Public Library), Becky Cummings, Cliff Dempster, Angela Smith-Froias, Brenda Haenchen (Symonds School), Virginia Howard, Lynn Noonan, Gaynelle Pratt, Rachael Richardson, Ann & Roger Sweet, Kathy & Chip Woodbury and Ginny Yawarski..

DATES TO REMEMBER:

November 5th – Saturday Book Group meeting – **day change**

November 24th - Thanksgiving Day – library closed

December 24th – Christmas Eve Day – library closed/no coffee & conversation time

December 31st - New Year's Eve Day – library closed/no coffee & conversation time

January 10th – Cookbook Group meeting – **day change**

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you at our library!
Dott Miles & Paulette Tuttle

From the Archives by Chris Pratt

There are many things we take for granted. One of the most seemingly simple things occurs on a daily basis here in Sullivan. We start our vehicle, move down the driveway, turn onto one of our roads, and make our way to a destination. The service is reliable except when a crew is working to improve or repair the highway. Granted one has to drive around the rocks of Centre Street during frost heave season, negotiate the gravel roads during mud season, or hope that there hasn't been too much snow since the last time the plow went by. Most of the time, we get to where we want to go. Thus, it is easy to assume that the roads have always been there and that they always went in the same direction they do today. However, one has only to look at Samuel Wadsworth's 1905 map of Sullivan to see that our road system gradually evolved and that there was much trial and error as to the location of our roads.

Roads serve two purposes. One is to connect towns and cities to each other. The second purpose is to connect individual households to the community at large. The first system is as old as humans. As a species we felt a need to communicate with each other in order to trade, exchange ideas, find suitable mates, and migrate to better land. In New Hampshire, the Abenaki people developed an extensive network of such communication trails. Indeed, most of our major highways follow those ancient routes.

The second category of roads requires a more complex system and is dependent upon how land is developed. The conclusion of the French and Indian War in 1763 and the subsequent banishment of the Abenaki opened up land in our region for settlement. Proprietors purchased large pieces of territory and then subdivided the land into "ranges" and "lots." Second and third sons of families in Massachusetts and Connecticut eagerly moved here seeking relatively cheap land and the chance to have their own farms. The problem was that lots were often sold with little regard to connection with the main settlement. So, a settler could draw a lot that was far removed from the center as well as the meetinghouse.

The solution lay in English common law. It was the notion that a person could not be denied the use of their land simply because it was surrounded by other people's land. The township could lay out a right of way across the adjacent properties to connect the lot to the "outside world." So, those willing to settle a remote lot were entitled to a right of way to cross the adjacent lots.

This "right to cross" was not a road as we understand it. However, as time went on the original pathway might become a bridle trail and eventually evolve into a surfaced road curving through the right of way. As fields were cleared of stones, the stones would often be piled up to create walls that defined the right of way. The width could vary, but the usual standard was 16 rods or about 50 feet.

In 1761-63, a group of proprietors purchased the rights to an unfulfilled charter for a town called Boyle. The major stakeholders were members of the Gilbert and Sumner families and they decided to name the new town Gil-Sum. Settlement quickly followed in the Hammond Hollow, Vessel Rock, and Bear Den areas. The lots in the south-east corner of town remained unsettled until around 1768 when Stephen Griswold, Jr. and Benjamin Olcott purchased lot 4 of the eighth and ninth ranges respectively.

The Town of Gilsum laid out a meandering right of way probably in the hope that other settlers would follow Griswold and Olcott. It was called the Gulf Road because it originated in a part of town called the Gulf (basically the area south of the Bear Dens along modern Route 10). It crossed into what is now Sullivan at the fourth lot of the sixth range. Then it turned to the north and followed what is now Jenkins Lane, straight into the driveway of 697 Centre Street and onto the roadbed of what is now Centre Street. However, it followed Centre Street on as far as 641 where it turned almost due south and up Hubbard Hill. While this may seem odd, the turn was made to give access to lots three and two of the seventh range. Then the road turned again to go eastward coming out between 557 and 571 Centre Street. Then it followed Centre Street as far as the Fire Station where it turned up Winch Hill to connect with the Olcott lot.

Thanks to the odd course of the Gulf Road, Stephen Griswold was able to build his farm roughly where Church Street and Gilsum Road intersect and Benjamin Olcott built his place on the side of Winch Hill. The year was about 1770 and marked the first settlement in what would become Sullivan. Without the concept of a right of way, settlement of our town would probably have taken much longer.

Public Notice

The Sullivan Public Library Board of Trustees will hold their monthly meetings on November 10, December 8, 2016 and January 12, 2017 at 2 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.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST AT NELSON SCHOOL!

Nov. 5 from 8 am to 11 am - \$5 per person

IT'S ALMOST TAX TIME!

Questions about your property tax assessment? How to get the answers. How to file for an abatement.

Stop by the selectmen's office and ask to see a copy of your property record card. Check the description of your property. Is it correct? Are the measurements correct? You can ask for a copy of the card and take it home to double check the information.

Compare your home's value with others in your neighborhood. When comparing, make sure the other homes are of a similar size, age, location and have similar amenities. If you find discrepancies that you feel might lower your property taxes, you may file for an abatement.

If you think the assessed value of your property exceeds fair market value or an error in data has been made, then you have the right to apply for an abatement. Tax abatement forms are available at the selectmen's office following the issuance of the final tax bills. Taxpayers can apply for an abatement up until March 1, 2017.

When an abatement is filed, it must be accompanied by hard evidence – other house valuations, measurements, photographs and the like.

The town administrative assistant and tax collector are there to help you, Tuesday through Thursday from 10 am to 2 pm and the tax collector is also open from 6 pm to 8 pm on Thursdays. You may also call the selectmen's/town clerk offices at 847-3316.

Idea for this article submitted by Ginny Yawarski.

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT NEEDS HELP!

The Sullivan ZBA has a vacancy. The Board does not meet on a regular basis but as needed to hear appeals from any order, requirement, decision or determination made by an administrative official and administers special provisions in the ordinance dealing with variances and special exceptions. This would be a good learning experience for anyone interested in town affairs. Individuals must be detail oriented. For more information call Mary Hull at 847-3316 or 847-9718.

HCS Offers Walk-in Hours at Keene Office

Home Healthcare, Hospice and Community Services (HCS) welcomes residents of Sullivan to "Walk-in Wednesdays." The first Wednesday of every month, HCS staff members who specialize in home care and advance care planning will be on hand to talk with you individually about your specific concerns. Drop by for completely free, off-the-record, no-commitment advice. Welcome to Walk-in Wednesdays, where worries lighten as you learn about ways HCS can help.

Walk-in Wednesdays will be held on the first Wednesday of each month from 3pm-5pm at the HCS office in Keene, located at 312 Marlboro Street. The next Walk-in Wednesdays are **November 2** and **December 7**. Those who are not able to stop by are encouraged to call 352-2253 for information anytime.

HCS is a Monadnock United Way agency serving southwest New Hampshire communities for over 30 years.

CONGRATULATIONS OLIVIA & VICTORIA!

The first annual New Hampshire Livestock Show and Sale took place on September 11th at the Hillsboro County Fair in New Boston. Thirteen lambs were exhibited; Grand Champion was awarded to Victoria Briggs and Highly Commended Lamb was awarded to Olivia Briggs. Victoria's lamb was purchased for \$5.00 per pound by Lemay's Processing Plant of Goffstown. Olivia's lamb was purchased by M.A. Bean Associates LLC of Sanbornton for \$3.75 per pound. Three feeder steers were shown, Grand Champion was awarded to Olivia Briggs and Highly Commended was awarded to Victoria Briggs of Sullivan.

The 165th Fryeburg Fair took place on October 2-9th. 23 market lambs took to the ring where they were judged by Jeff Jordan of Chichester. Olivia Briggs' lamb was chosen as Grand Champion; her lamb was sold to Hannaford's Supermarket of North Conway for \$5.00 per pound. Victoria Briggs' lamb placed 2nd in the medium weight class and was also purchased by Hannaford's. 52 market steers took to the ring and were judged by Clink Rusk of Stillwater, OK. Olivia's steer was chosen as Reserve Grand Champion and was sold to Green Thumb Farm of Fryeburg, Maine for \$3.75 per pound. Victoria Briggs steer was 6th place in the heavy weight class; her steer was sold to Paige Builders of Alstead.

COUNTRY CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

November 12, 2016 from 9 am – 2 pm
Sullivan Church, Centre Street, Sullivan
Just 10 minutes from Keene!!



Quality crafts: jewelry, decoratively painted tables and chairs, knit and crochet items, berry bowls, quilts, houseplants, and much more!

Book and bake sale & Quilt raffle

Lunch – soups, sandwiches, desserts, and beverages

Sponsored by the Friends of the Sullivan Library

**TOWN OF SULLIVAN
POT LUCK CHRISTMAS DINNER**

Date: 12/18/16

Time: 6:00pm-7:00pm Dinner

Santa: 7:00pm-8:00pm

Place: Sullivan Town Hall

Family Name: _____

Number of Family Attending: _____

Children (ages 0-18)

First Name: _____

Age/M or F: _____

First Name: _____

Age/M or F: _____

First Name: _____

Age/M or F: _____

MUST RSVP

Return by 12/1/16 to Recreation Committee at Town Hall

OR

Contact us @ Sullivanrec@gmail.com

Questions? Call: Peggy: 357-2129(Home) 313-4929(Cell)
or Barbara : 355-6667(Home)

POT LUCK

Hot Dish: _____

Cold Dish: _____

Dessert: _____

GREETINGS FROM FRIENDS IN LESOTHO AFRICA PART 2

*Risa and Doug Keene are residents of Sullivan
who are spending two years in Lesotho Africa (a country within the borders of South Africa).*

19th of October, 2016

Dear Friends,

Oh, there are so many things I want to talk about! Where to begin?

Here we are in the lowlands of western Lesotho, in the city of Leribe, which is the second largest city of Lesotho. You can find grocery stores, phone stores, clothing stores and restaurants. Now I'm sure you're thinking, "Oh Hannaford's, Verizon and JC Penny's" but that is not what we have here. There is one grocery store that looks a little like our grocery stores but it is MUCH smaller, and with a limited amount of options. Some of the other grocery stores are in very small cement buildings and they sell a variety of items including clothing, fabric, fresh produce (depending on the time of year), "globes" (light bulbs), meat and white rain boots. There are also stalls made of corrugated aluminum (smaller than your bedroom) selling basic items (fruits, cigarettes, airtime for the cell phones and snacks). As one walks up the road from our house to town there are aluminum stalls that sell my favorite food, makoonya. They are also called "fat cakes," balls of fried dough and they are DELICIOUS! I have allotted myself 2 of them a week because I could easily eat several of them every day!

Last weekend Doug and I went to visit Semonkong, a village south east of Hlotse where we live. It is very rural; in fact in many of these rural villages, the only way to get to some of the houses is by horse, donkey or foot. The people have the food they grow, but if anything else is needed they must travel about 1 ½ hours into town to the nearest store (which is even smaller than the store in the town we are living in). Semokong is beautiful, with rugged mountains, some trees, and very inviting houses. They are rondavals or "mokhorro" in Sesotho; usually 1 room round houses with neither heat nor electricity. People cook outside on fires when the weather is good but, when not, people build fires inside. There is no ventilation so cooking inside is not very healthy. These houses are made with dirt, clay and some saplings, and capped with a thatched roof. This countryside is incredible!

Anyway we went to visit the waterfalls in Semokong. One can walk to them or take a horse. We opted for the latter. Our 3 hour horse ride was guided by "Peke," a 19 year old young man who is in Form E (12th grade). He hopes to attend college next school year and study education. He was quite informative, well versed in Basotho history, and very kind. He'll make a great teacher; I hope he is able to complete his studies. The waterfalls, I believe, are the longest waterfalls in southern Africa. They were absolutely beautiful and surrounded by a deep gorge, reminding me of the Grand Canyon. While in Semokong (where the waterfalls are located) we met the prince of Lesotho! Yes, Ntate Seeiso ("Ntate" means "father" in Sesotho)! He was friendly, humorous and down to earth. He started a nonprofit organization along with Prince Harry from the UK. Both of their mothers, who have since died, were very involved in work with AIDS patients. These two men developed Sentebale, an organization that is working to eradicate AIDS in Lesotho. He's only the second prince I've met, Doug being the first!

Doug and I are learning Sesotho, the language of Lesotho, with a woman I met while in town during our first week here. I was standing on a long line to use the ATM and she turned around to talk with me. She asked me where I was from, how long I was going to be living here and explained some things to me about the language. Her English was very good and her explanations were clear. She then asked me if I needed someone to wash my laundry, as she needed to make extra money. I told her I didn't, but it would be very helpful for me to have a Sesotho teacher. She said she would think about it. Two weeks later I got a call from Mme Mabokang ("Mme" means mother in Sesotho). She said that she had never taught Sesotho before but she would be willing to try. We agreed on a price and set up two, two-hour sessions per week. I continue to attend lessons at her house and have had the wonderful opportunity to meet her children and some of her siblings, share meals and enjoy many conversations with her. Mme Mabokang is a bright woman who has completed high school. Her husband died about 10 years ago and she is the sole breadwinner of her family.

"Tsamaea Hantle Bakhotsi" (Be well my friends),

Risa

SEWING, QUILTING, CRAFTING, KNITTING GROUP

Monday afternoons, from 1 pm to 2:30 pm in the Sullivan Church lower meeting hall, are busy with all sorts of handiwork being done. Quilts are being made for new babies in town; sweaters knitted; clothing mended; cross-stitchers are stitching; crafters are crafting, and those who just come to visit are thoroughly enjoying the afternoon. If you're new in town, it's a great place to meet other people and if you've been here a while, join the group to find out what's happening in Sullivan and the area. For more information, contact Mary Hull at the town hall, at 847-3316 or 847-9718.

Holiday hours – The group will not meet the Mondays before
Election Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's.

Getting to know you...

By Marsha Cook

What a wonderful fall! After our summer drought, the fall color was supposed to be poor. Well, whoever thought that one up was wrong! The color is spectacular! The reds are the best I have seen in years. Yellow are wonderful. Everything looks so beautiful. I know it will not last long, probably gone by the time you read this newsletter.

Sullivan has some of the nicest scenery around. The trees surrounding our fields, and at the side of our roads. Our trees are making canopies over the roadways. I cannot stop taking photos all over town.

And hay fields! Have you ever smelled anything better than the second cutting? Maybe even stopping by the side of the road and watching the tractor and hay rack do their magic. Three days later watching the bales being made and picked up.

I went to Massachusetts last week. Now this is my old stomping ground, spent most of my life there. The foliage was pretty but there was no place to view it. Simply trees by the road, No fields like here, no views of the hills with the mix of colors, nothing like going down Route 9 to Keene. Take some time, look around you. Appreciate our small town.

No need for electronics, no ear buds, turn off the radio, just notice what is going on around you. Sullivan at its best.

Now for a few reminders of things happening around town. The church collects nonperishable food and maintains a food pantry for anyone in town who might need a little help. As winter sets in, I can imagine this being needed more. Gardens used in the summer will be finishing up and some of that good comfort food will be needed. If you would like to make a contribution, you can drop off donations at the library. It will be greatly appreciated.

The library features movies on the first Friday of the month. The show starts at 7:00. Come on down and join us. The evening is free and usually includes popcorn. Bring your own drink.

I know there will be more about these in other places but the Sullivan Craft Fair will be on November 12 at the church. And Santa Day will be December 3 at the town hall. The town wide carol sing will be December 10 at 6:00 in the town hall parking lot.

For a tiny town, there is a lot going on. You don't have to go to Keene, just come out and meet the rest of us at a local event.

RECIPE CORNER with Ginni McByrne

With apple season upon us now, this is a great recipe to try. There are different variations you can use; pumpkin, zucchini, cranberry work well too. Please email your recipes and a brief story and/or helpful hint to sullivanrecipecorner@gmail.com.

Raw Apple Bread

2 cups flour	1 tsp. baking soda
½ tsp. salt	1 cup shortening
2 eggs	1 ½ tbsp. milk
½ tsp. vanilla	1 cup chopped walnut nuts
2 cups raw apples (chopped, corded, NOT peeled)	

Topping for Bread

3 tbsp softened butter	1 tsp. cinnamon
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Combine all ingredients, put in loaf pan. Sprinkle topping over apples. Bake 350 degrees for 60 mins. ENJOY!

HELPFUL HINT

**Fall and late autumn are a great time (once again) to CLEAN and MULCH. If you struggled with finding time during the summer and let the weeds get out of control, now is the time to rid your beds of them. You are best to do it before they set seed and flourish next spring and summer. This is also a great time to re-mulch your beds and protect your tender perennials. Most importantly though is to enjoy the amazing colors of fall. **

Yesterday's the past, tomorrow's the future, but today is a gift. That's why it's called the present."
~Bil Keane

St. Petersburg Men's Ensemble Returns to Sullivan! An evening of delightful music...

On Tuesday, December 13th the St. Petersburg (Russia) Men's Ensemble (founded in 2003) will perform a cappella at the Sullivan Congregational Church at 7:30 pm. Venture into the wonderful music history of Russia. You will be treated to an evening of delightful music of various epochs and styles – from ancient Russian chants and chorales of Western and Eastern Europe to modern music. Their repertoire of Russian traditional music is as engaging and varied as their sincere, warm, humorous and talented personalities. Meet Andre Volikov, Vadim Smantser, Kirill Sokolov, and Sergey Shapinskiy. Experience fine Russian compositions. The St. Petersburg Men's Ensemble's accomplishments include the Glinka Choir School, the St. Petersburg Conservatory, the State Academic Capella and the Choir of Smolny Cathedral. A free-will offering will be received to support their U.S. Tour.

SULLIVAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Bible History Sessions. Rev. Debbie Hill and Dott Miles have been coordinating a series of Sunday gatherings on Bible history. The first three sessions were an introduction to the Old Testament; the next few meetings will focus on the New Testament. If you are interested in attending, the sessions take place at 11 am on Sunday mornings at the church.

Another renovation has taken place at the Sullivan Church and just in time for Christmas events and services! John and Jean Hoffman recently had new carpeting installed in the sanctuary to replace the old, worn and very faded carpet that was there before. Thank you for your gracious generosity!

Sunday service is at 9:30 am at the church.

The holiday season is a busy one at the church – please join us for these events:

Nov. 12 - Library Sponsored **Craft Fair** at Church

Nov. 19 – **Marlow Craft Fair**; look for the Sullivan Church table!

Nov. 20 – **Community Thanksgiving Service** The church is extending a special invitation to all community officials and volunteers to join them that day in appreciation of their service to the town. The service begins at 9:30 am with light refreshments to follow. A special invitation is extended to all.

Nov. 27 – **First Sunday in Advent**

Dec. 10 – **Carol Sing** at 6 pm sponsored by Friends of the Library and the Sullivan Church

Dec. 13 - **St. Petersburg Men's Ensemble** will perform a cappella at 7:30 pm.

Dec. 24- **Traditional Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** at 7 pm with luminaries lighting the way

**Note: There will be no church services on Christmas Day or
New Year's Day.**

Welcoming New Volunteer Drivers!

If you have some time now and then to give someone a ride, please let us know.

CVTC's (Community Volunteer Transportation Company) Volunteer Drivers provide "no fee" transportation for people who do not have access to transportation because of age, ability, economic situation or other limiting circumstances. Our trip purposes include non-emergency medical and social service appointments as well as trips to the grocery store and pharmacy.

In addition to the 13 towns of the eastern Monadnock region that CTVC has served since 2008 we have added, since July 1, 2016, the 20 towns of the western Monadnock region which were formerly served by the American Red Cross for a total of 33 towns.

CVTC is always enrolling new Volunteer Drivers to get people where they need to go. Drivers may choose trips for individuals in their own town but many also help out with those in neighboring towns. Our new western Monadnock region has many people in need of transportation.

CVTC drivers are all volunteers and use their own vehicles. They receive an optional reimbursement of \$.41 per mile on the trips they provide. Trips needing a driver are listed on our website, drivers can use their computers to determine which trips would fit in with their plans, <http://www.cvtc-nh.org>. For those drivers who do not use a computer, CVTC staff will help select trips that match time availability and complete a monthly mileage log.

CVTC looks forward to sharing more details about the Volunteer Driver Program when you call 1-877-428-2882, ext. 5. CVTC is a Monadnock United Way Partner Agency.

Do you know a student who would like to ski/snowboard **OR** learn to ski/snowboard?

I know it seems early....but it really IS that time again. I am coordinating a five week Learn to Ski/Ride program at Pat's Peak in Henniker, NH. This program is open to **ANY** student between the ages of 6-18. **IT DOES NOT MATTER** where the student lives or where they go to school. All skill levels are welcome...even those who have never been on skis/snowboards before. Lessons are available but not mandatory. Transportation is the responsibility of the student/parent.

The program starts Friday, February 17, 2017 and wraps up Friday, March 24th. We ski/ride on Friday nights from 4:30 to 8:00 pm. Adults who wish to ski with the group will be able to purchase a discounted ticket. There are no lessons during school vacation week.

Lift/Lesson	\$160.00
Lift/Lesson/Rental	\$205.00
Lift Only (Level 5+)	\$105.00
Lift Only/Rental (Level 5+)	\$160.00
Season Pass Holder Lesson	\$110.00
Practice Makes Perfect Season Pass/Lesson	\$419.00

Payments to Pat's Peak can be made by: check, credit card or a payment plan

Bonus Days: This program includes three free "BONUS" days in addition to the 5 week program. One all day/all lift ticket to each;

Pats Peak
Cranmore
Gunstock

Bonus days can be redeemed ANYTIME between February 22, 2016 and season close (weekends ARE included BUT Saturday Night POP is EXCLUDED)

Application deadline at the rate above is: December 15th. Registrations received after 12/15/16 will incur a \$25 late fee
For more information please contact Kathy Bezio at 847-9425 or 209-1267.

To sign up online go to: patspeak.com

Click on:  **Learn to Ski and Ride Program**
Register Online Here

User Name: Sullivan

Password: ski2017

NELSON STUDENTS WILL GO TO THE POLLS & VOTE!

As been the tradition at the Nelson School, we are making plans to have all students vote in the upcoming Nov. 8th election. Mrs. Benner will be working on the details in the next few weeks. As this is the first time the students from Sullivan will be a part of this process, we felt communicating this event with everyone is appropriate. All students will board a bus and go to the Nelson Town Hall to participate in their very own "mock" election, just like the adults would. This is a wonderful opportunity to teach students about government and politics as well as instilling in them the idea about civic responsibility. All staff will remain neutral in the discussions both before and after the election. More detailed information will be sent home to families as the date gets closer. If any parents or community members have any questions about this event, they are encouraged to call the school or email me (rupton@sau29.org). Thanks in advance for spreading the word.

MORE NELSON SCHOOL NEWS

We are off to a wonderful school year. Our new staff are fitting into our family and enjoying the special magic that Nelson brings to all adults who work with the children. It is hard to believe we are almost half way through the first trimester and progress reports will be sent home at the end of next week (10/21). Our String's program is up and running with the most students participating in several years. We have put together a fall soccer clinic for our students and that is going very well. I appreciate the support of parents and community members in making that program possible. The relationship we started with the Harris Center is capturing the attention of all our students, and we look forward to motivating them with various projects and a more hands on learning approach as the school year progresses. Our website is beginning to take shape and while it is not close to being 100% updated, the work has begun, and soon I hope it will become a reliable source of current information and provide timely communication to our families and community.

Here are some important upcoming events:

11/4	Picture Re-take Day (8 am)
11/5	Pancake Breakfast- 4 th and 5 th grade class (8-11)
11/8	Election Day – students will be bussed to Town Hall to participate.
11/11	Veteran's Day - No School
11/16-18	Cheshire Smiles will be providing dental services at Nelson.
11/17	Geography Bee
11/21	End of First Trimester
11/22	Nelson School Thanksgiving Feast
11/23-25	Thanksgiving Break.
12/1-2	Nelson Clothing Swap.
12/20	Holiday Concert (6:30 pm – at Nelson Congregational Church)
12/23-1/2	Holiday Vacation – No School.

School website update: On another note, we have switched web hosting companies and are in the process of learning to edit and update our site. The site has not been maintained properly for several years. We hope the site will be fully revised in the next few weeks. We will then make it a priority to keep the information current and be a reliable source of communication with the public.

Thanks for your continued support!

Ron Upton,

Nelson School Principal

THE STRINGS PROGRAM AT NELSON SCHOOL

An open letter to the communities of Sullivan and Nelson.

I can't quite believe the Nelson Strings Program is six years old!

This Strings program has continued to grow since its humble beginnings in 2010 when the community raised money to purchase instruments for our elementary school aged children to use when taking lessons after school at the Nelson School. It was a community project with active participation by the both the Apple Hill Center for Chamber Music and the Monadnock Folklore Society. Our first teacher, Sarah Kim, was part of the Apple Hill Quartet and led the program for two years until she moved away. She started with 10 students, mostly 3rd and 4th graders. Lissa Schneckenburger, a performing artist herself, stepped in for following year, but the scheduling and the commute from Vermont became too difficult. Louisa Engle, our current teacher, is starting her second year of teaching at Nelson, and the students are thriving.

On average we are serving 6-7 students a year; this year we have 12 students. I am pleased to report that with the pressure of so many elementary strings students in the entire region, Keene High now offers a strings program after many years without one. Our first strings students are now at the high school and we are proud to have been part of the effort.

The strings program consists of roughly 30 afterschool lessons during the school year. An important feature of this program is that we supply the violins for the students. Young students can't play adult-size violins, so we have developed a collection ranging from 1/8 size up to full-size, about a dozen in total. Our collection has grown over the years as we met the needs of the different-size students in the program. A donation from the Monadnock Folklore Society covers sheet music purchased each year. Families are responsible for the actual lesson cost, about \$450 for the year.

The Nelson School now has a relatively high population of families that are struggling financially. A key part of the Strings program from the onset was to be accessible and affordable for any interested student. We are raising money this

year for full and partial scholarships that will be administered by the school, as well as funds to repair and maintain the violins. I hope you share our enthusiasm for the Strings program and will help it to continue.

We invite you to support us and help sustain the tradition of violin and fiddle music in this region. The Nelson Strings students will be grateful for any support you can provide. Donations can be sent to the Nelson School, 441 Granite Lake Rd, Nelson, NH 03457

Thank you for considering this request,

Val Van Meier
Nelson Strings program administrator
9 Log Cabin Rd
Nelson, NH 03457 Cell:603-313-7160

PANCAKE BREAKFAST AT NELSON SCHOOL!

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POLITICAL AD – PAID FOR BY JOE CARTWRIGHT

I, Joseph Cartwright, am a candidate for District 3 Cheshire County Commissioner.

- Married 50 years to wife, Anne
- Father of 5 and Grandfather to 11
- Graduated from Lowell Technological Institute in 1967 with a degree in Electrical Engineering and a commission as an Officer in the US Air Force.
- Attended USAF pilot training and flew for USAF Airlift Command for 10 years including a year in Vietnam.
- Resident of Alstead, NH for 28 years where I manage a NH Tree Farm
- Retired as pilot for American Airlines in 2003
- Member of: VFW, Vietnam Veterans, American Legion, New Hampshire Timber Owners Assoc., and NRA.
- Currently serve as member of the Alstead Zoning Board

While living in New Ipswich, NH, I served on the Mascenic Regional School Board for 7 years where I helped negotiate contracts and develop budgets. With this experience I will work for you as a County Commissioner to oversee a budget that will provide for the needs of the county, and the people in our care, while working to minimize the impact to the county taxpayers.

After attending meetings, reading articles and talking with concerned citizens, I have concluded that the best solution for the patients of Maplewood and the taxpayers is to renovate the existing Maplewood Nursing Home with the addition. Everyone I have spoken with praised the care at Maplewood and wants the nursing home to remain in Westmoreland.

Please Vote Joe Cartwright for County Commissioner on November 8th.

Thank You
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