



## ***Sullivan Community Newsletter***

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### **HOLIDAY EVENTS ARE JUST AROUND THE CORNER!**

#### **COUNTRY CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR – SATURDAY, Nov. 11**

The Friends of the Sullivan Library are hosting their annual **Country Christmas Craft Fair** at the Sullivan Congregational Church on Nov. 11 between 9 am and 2 pm. Featured items will include: crafts, knit and quilted items, berry bowls, jewelry, decoratively painted tables & chairs, soap, maple syrup, 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.

#### **SANTA DAY IN SULLIVAN – Saturday, Dec. \*2**



Santa is visiting Sullivan on Saturday, December 2\*, 2017 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 9, same time and place.*

#### **ANNUAL CHRISTMAS POTLUCK DINNER - Saturday, December 9**

The Sullivan Recreation Committee will be hosting their annual Christmas Dinner on Saturday, December 9th at the town hall. Dinner will be from 6 pm to 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 who will be attending must be registered by November 25th! Late registrations cannot be accepted due to Santa's visit. The registration form follows in this newsletter. If you have any questions please call Peggy at 313-4929 or Barbara at 355-6667.

#### **CONCERT AT SULLIVAN CHURCH – Wednesday, Nov. 29, 7pm**

The St. Petersburg Men's Ensemble, from St. Petersburg, Russia, an independent group founded in 2003 returns for another concert here in Sullivan at the church on Wednesday, Nov. 29 at 7:00 pm. Venture into the wonderful musical history of Russia with an evening featuring delightful Russian folk songs along with secular and ecclesiastical compositions. Their repertoire of Russian traditional music is as engaging and varied as their sincere, warm, humorous and talented personalities!

The Ensemble's performances in European and American churches of all denominations, colleges, homes for the aged and hospitals bring people joy through music – “the language of soul – unite all of us in Harmony and Love”. Their amazing voices and the wonderful acoustics in the church guarantee to please. Free admission; a free will offering for the ensemble will be taken at intermission and light refreshments will be served afterwards.

## "LIBRARY FOOTNOTES"

As I watched amazed at the lively colors of the trees this fall, felt the crispness of the air, and, at the same time, felt the warmth of the autumn sun, I got taken away by my thoughts to other falls and other places. It reminds me of the feeling I get when I read a good book – of being swept away into another time and place (Victorian England, post-World War II Europe, modern day Quebec). A book lets me escape to places and times I'll never see. I invite you to stop in at the Sullivan Public Library and let your journey begin. Paulette and I would be happy to be your travel guides as you begin your next adventure.

The **1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday Cookbook Group** is growing. October's theme was appetizers – finger food for adults. Who could have imagined the fun we had (without forks) and how full we all were when we left that afternoon. After all that indulgence, our next cookbook is from the American Heart Association's collection: *Around the World*. Stop by the library, November 7<sup>th</sup> at noon and "check out" a guilt-free sample.

The **3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday Group** just finished *Hidden Figures* by Margot Lee Shetterly. It's, as the subtitle states, "the true story of four black women and the space race." The book was interesting, presented an unknown side to the space-race, and, in general, was well liked and highly recommended. Of course, we all know that the book is always better than the movie. Come in and check out our copy of the book. The next book on the agenda is *The World We Found* by Thrity Umrigar. The book is a "skillfully wrought, emotionally resonant story of four women and the indelible friendship they share; a moving story of bottled secrets, unfulfilled dreams and the acceptance that can still lead to redemption." The next meeting will be on November 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. We have plenty of copies of the book available at the desk.

The **2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday Group** last read was *Shadows at the Fair* by Lea Wait – the first in the Antique Mysteries series. It's a fun, easy read that will keep you guessing to the end. Even the most jaded mystery buff will be surprised at the ending. Our next book is the first in the Inspector Barnaby series, *The Killings at Badger's Drift* by Caroline Graham. The name, Inspector Barnaby, may sound familiar to some of you PBS fans. The PBS series, *Midsomer Murders*, is based on Ms. Graham's books. **Important notice: the next meeting has been changed to November 18<sup>th</sup> at 11am.**

**Saturday's Coffee & Conversation** group is growing. It has been mentioned that a bigger table is needed. Stop by anytime from 9am – noon and add your "two-cents" to the conversation. It's a great place to learn more about the past, present and future of the town we call home. Oh, least I forget, there is always food from some of the best cooks in New Hampshire.

Special thanks go out to those friends/patrons who give of their time, talents and donations: Becky Cummings, Cliff Dempster, Virginia Howard, The Klein's, Mary Parker, Marie Robinson, Dan Tuttle, BJ Wahl, The Woodbury's and Ginny Yawarski  
Your Librarians,  
Dott Miles & Paulette Tuttle

### **Public Notice:**

Please note that the Sullivan Public Library Board of Trustees has moved its meeting time to 3:30 PM.

The Sullivan Public Library Board of Trustees will hold their monthly meetings on November 9, December 14, 2017 and January 11, 2018 at the 3:30 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.

### **Holiday Schedule for Quilting/Sewing Group:**

The quilting/sewing group (a.k.a. S & B or Sew & Sews) will not meet Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>, the Monday before Thanksgiving, on Christmas Day or on Jan. 1, New Year's Day. On all other Mondays, the group will meet from 1-2:30pm at the church.

## **From the Archives**

by Chris Pratt

In previous articles I have written about the evolution of Centre Street from the town center to East Sullivan. In this final installment, we will see the evolution of the road on the west side of town. I have saved this for last because it is the most complicated. The road seems very logical to us as its grade is relatively smooth except for two sharp corners—more on that later. However, the road was originally laid out to Gilsum and followed a meandering course so as to connect to our earliest settlers. Moreover, after Sullivan was incorporated, sections of the original road were renamed. Thus it is not easy to explain why the west end of Centre Street is where it is today.

The original road was called the Gulf Road which was laid out by Gilsum in 1771. It connected at least three of our settlers: Timothy Dimmick (also spelled Dimick), Stephen Griswold and James Rowe. In addition, it provided a connection to Keene and Stoddard as well as access to the first Gilsum Meetinghouse.

The Gulf Road was laid out from Gilsum's original center in the southwest part of that town, across the Beaver Brook Valley (called the Gulf) into what is now Sullivan. The road opened up settlement along its somewhat meandering way as it went up and down hills. In modern terms, it enters Sullivan and connects to Jenkins Lane, goes up the hill opposite Jenkins Lane, past the Proctor Family farm and enters modern Centre Street near 697 Centre Street. However, after a short distance it curved to the south past the Dimmick Family farm and up Hubbard Hill. At the top of the hill it came to a junction. One road was laid out to the south to connect to Keene. A piece of that road would become modern day Price Road—but that is another story. The other piece of the road went almost due east to Sullivan Centre. This road is still there and forms the driveway for 555 and 557 Centre Street near the Four Corners Cemetery.

Given such a course to get to Gilsum, it is a small wonder that the settlers of our town found it difficult to get to meetings. This was the main reason for the petition to the State of New Hampshire to create a new township. Once the town of Sullivan was created, portions of the Gulf Road fell into disuse. Modern day Gilsum Road became the main thoroughfare to Gilsum as its town center shifted to its current location.

However, changes within Sullivan were causing the alteration of the Gulf Road. The portion that went to the Proctor Farm was bypassed in 1790 with the current roadbed creating a loop to the farm and a more level way to access Jenkins Lane. However, the road had to turn sharply to avoid the hill. The original Gulf Road became the Proctor Road.

The portion up Hubbard Hill and down to the Proctor Road remained the route to the West. The portion from the Four Corners Cemetery to the top of Hubbard Hill was renamed the Cannon Road after Dr. Messer Cannon whose house was on the road. At the intersection a schoolhouse for District #6 was built. This might have remained the layout of Centre Street, but more changes were coming.

In 1810, the schoolhouse was closed as the population in the area no longer justified a separate district. However, a greater change occurred. In 1821, Ira Ellis had purchased the Dimmick Farm. Around 1825, he built a new house on the property. This is now 641 Centre Street. It is not recorded, but Ira Ellis apparently desired a more direct route to the town center and petitioned for a road to his house in 1825. The layout joined the original road at the Four Corners Cemetery—a junction that later became the sharpest curve on Centre Street. Ten years later Asa Leland bought the place and the road became known as the Leland Road.

The final change came in 1839 when the town laid out the West Road. This road went from Jenkins Lane, across the town boundary and connected with a road that roughly follows modern Route 10 into Keene. The remains of the Gulf Road fell into disuse.

So, by 1840, the Leland Road, the Proctor Road loop, and the West Road became what we eventually called Centre Street. However, the Proctor Road continued in use until the farm was abandoned and the road discontinued in 1851. The Cannon Road and the Dimmick Road continued to have some use although the town finally discontinued both in 1876.

## Reminders from the Selectmen

### 2018 Budget Process Coming Up

The selectmen are beginning discussions with departments for the purpose of submitting a proposed 2018 budget for review by the Budget Committee. In December the Budget Committee will meet with the departments and selectmen to finalize the budget to be considered at Town Meeting. There will be opportunities for the public to comment on the budget prior to Town Meeting. More details to follow in the next edition of the newsletter.

**Mark your calendar....** Town elections will be on Tuesday, March 13, 2018 and Town Meeting will be Wednesday, March 14, 2018.

### Current Use Misconception

There is a common misconception about posting private land that is enrolled in the Current Use Program. Land enrolled in Current Use may be posted. However, if an owner is granted an additional 20% reduction (known as the recreational adjustment), the owner must allow all of the following activities, unless specifically approved by the local assessing officials - hunting, skiing, fishing, snowshoeing, hiking and nature observation. The owner may, however, prohibit other activities, including use of snowmobiles or off highway vehicles, camping, tree cutting, etc.

If the owner posts the land without the approval of the local assessing officials, the 20% reduction will be removed the next April 1<sup>st</sup>. Once removed, the land will not be eligible for the 20% reduction for the next three years.

To learn more about the Current Use program or obtain a copy of the Current Use Criteria Booklet, visit the State's website at <https://www.revenue.nh.gov/current-use/booklets.htm>

## SCHOOL NEWS

### Nelson Elementary School Principal's Report Oct. 2nd, 2017

#### Enrollment Update.

K. / R. - 15 students (N-8, S-7)	Grade 1 - 14 students (N-8, S-6)
Grade 2 - 10 students (N-4, S-6)	Grade 3 - 14 students (N-7, S-7)
Grade 4 - 13 students (N-4, S-8)	Grade 5 - 6 students (N- 3, S-3)
<b>Total enrollment - 72 (N-35, S-37)</b>	

We continue to have a wonderful start to the school year. The construction of our new addition is very exciting and the students are enjoying watching the progress and are asking the adults many great questions about the project. Their natural curiosity has created many learning opportunities and classroom discussions. The construction company and our staff continue to communicate often to ensure the safety of everyone, minimize the distractions to our students, and yet allow the progress of the project to proceed.

We are extremely pleased to report that our school will be implementing a STEM club for all students later this month. We are planning on having two after school STEM clubs. One will be for grade K-2 students and the grades 3-5 will be the other group. They will be primarily working with LEGO robotic kits. We hope to involve area volunteers. We are seeking businesses, professionals, college students, and interested adults to help facilitate the planned activities. We hope to be working with RIZE Robotics and the NH LEGO League to provide support during our implementation. This project is being funded primarily with help from the Monadnock Center for Successful Transitions (MCST) and Keene State College. Betsy Street, who is the project leader for MCST has been working closely with us to write grants to support the expenses of implementing this project. Many of the details are being finalized. We sent information and sign-up sheets home with our students on Friday, 10/6/17.

We are working with the Harris Center on some staffing issues that have come up recently. Mr. Hightower has taken some time off to begin the school year, but we hope to have him back as soon as possible. Until then, the staff at the Harris Center has provided a few different naturalist to work with our students on an interim basis. The older students have been learning about mushrooms and spending time behind the school in the woods identifying the various species. Our younger students have been learning about raptors and butterflies to begin the school year. We are thankful for the relationship we have with the Harris Center.

The staff has been working on the implementation of AIMSweb PLUS as our primary benchmarking assessment tool. All of our students have been assessed for the fall. This is replacing our DIBELS (Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills). AIMSweb is a universal screening, progress monitoring, and data management system that supports Response to Intervention (RTI) and tiered instruction. AIMSweb uses brief, valid, and reliable measures of reading and math performance for grades K-12, which can be generalized to any curriculum. This tool allows us to have both Literacy and Math skills monitored. Most of the SAU schools have adopted this tool in recent years. Our staff participated in a workshop day prior to the start of school for training using AIMSweb Plus and had another few hours of follow up training on 10/6/17.

Our new Promethean flat panel interactive screens arrived recently. We are still waiting on part of our order (the mounting brackets). We have assembled our mobile stand and have one unit up and running in Mrs. Roach's classroom. The students and staff are very excited about all the educational uses for the technology. The cost of this improved technology has decreased in recent years. We were able to purchase this new technology for all of our current classrooms with funds from our REAP (Rural Education Achievement Program) grant. We will also have these same panels installed in the two new classrooms being constructed.

We are continuing to work on improving our music program at Nelson Elementary. After several meetings over the summer, we hope we have created a program that we can build upon and serve our students and families more effectively. Our Music Special is every Thursday. We have shortened up the "class time" music lessons from an hour to 45 minutes each. This allows Mr. Albertson to complete all four of his classroom lessons before lunch. The rest of the day he is scheduled to provide instrumental lessons (for the older students) in the hopes of eventually working with ensembles. Some lessons will be scheduled after school to accommodate our students. Before school he will be offering an African Drum Club from 7:30 - 8:00 am to all students. The Monadnock Folklore Society along with Ms. Louisa Engle will be working with our strings students again this year. She will also be focusing on teaching her students to read music as well as play by ear. Our goal is to prepare our students to continue their musical aspirations after they leave the Nelson Elementary school. We will continue to revise and work on the details to ensure the best program possible.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ron Upton, Principal

## Nelson School PTO News

The PTO would like to thank everyone who participated in our Cookout/BBQ in September. The turnout was amazing; we had approximately 100 people. The sun was out and the day was beautiful.

### Upcoming events

November 4th from 8-11am Pancake Breakfast put on by the 4/5<sup>th</sup> grade class. Stop by to support them and enjoy a wonderful breakfast. The money earned through the pancake breakfast is put towards a 5<sup>th</sup> grade class trip; these kids have been earning & saving for this trip since they started at Nelson School.

No school- November 10<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>

November 16<sup>th</sup> 5-6pm PTO meeting at the school

December 7<sup>th</sup> 5-6pm PTO meeting at the school

December-the PTO is planning a child care evening so Parents can enjoy a night of child-free shopping. Last year being the first year we had over 40 children sign up. Notice will come home around Thanksgiving.

December 22-Jan 1 No school winter break

**Clothing Swap** – The school will be having a clothing swap on Nov. 30 and Dec. 1, so as you are cleaning out the kid's closets and preparing for winter clothing, save that clothing that is in good condition and send it in.

As the Holidays are approaching and toys are being sorted through, save those good toys for the children's auction in April 2018. The PTO will be focused on the Auction right away in January. We will be looking for all kinds of donations and support.

Thanks again,  
The PTO

## SULLIVAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

Education = Future...

"If you think education is expensive, try ignorance"- Derek Bok

The Sullivan School Board continues to meet once per month (typically the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:30, but please look for postings to confirm date and time). We meet in the lower town hall. Families and residents are invited to attend any of our meetings to discuss any school district related matters.

### **School News:**

**Nelson School:** The builders are currently working to put the addition onto the Nelson School building to accommodate our growing student population. The frame is up, and they are working on enclosing it now. The children are also enjoying the new playground equipment purchased by the PTO with the auction money. Please visit your school's website for school updates pertaining to your child's school.

Nelson School <http://www.nelson.k12.nh.us/>

Keene Middle School <http://www.kms.keene.k12.nh.us/>

Keene High School <http://keenekhs.ss11.sharpschool.com/>

We would love to hear about your first few weeks at school! Please email [sullvanschooldistrict.chair@gmail.com](mailto:sullvanschooldistrict.chair@gmail.com) to report how it went and share anything you would like to have included as a "Sullivan success story" in the newsletter.

**For enrollment information:** <http://www.ci.sullivan.nh.us/> - see School Board/Enrollment.

## **Nelson Agricultural Commission Celebrates a Successful Season, Eyes on the Future**

The Nelson Ag Com would like to thank everyone who attended along with the fifteen vendors and the Nelson School PTO for a successful Harvest Market on September 9th. Plans have already started for next year's market.

The Ag Com will facilitate a group of gardeners that would like to form a **Gardeners Cooperative**. Tired of growing a majority of your summer & fall vegetables? Would it be easier to grow only 2-3 varieties? Send us an email and we'll organize a meeting.

Plans are underway for our lecture series January – May in 2018. Be sure to check the next month's issue, the Nelson website <http://townofnelson.com/>, or the Olivia Rodham library events sign. If you wish to have this information delivered to you electronically, be sure to send us an email and we will add you to our email list. [nelsonnhagcom@gmail.com](mailto:nelsonnhagcom@gmail.com)

### **Briggs Girls Take Prizes**

The 31st Annual Fryeburg Fair Market Lamb Show and Sale took place on October 6, in Fryeburg Maine. Jeff Jordan of Chichester, New Hampshire evaluated lambs and chose the lamb owned by Victoria Briggs of Sullivan that weighted in at 126 pounds, chosen as the Grand Champion Lamb. Olivia Briggs' lamb that weighted in at 119 pounds was chosen as highly commended lamb. Hannaford's Supermarket purchased Victoria's lamb for \$10.00 per pound.

The New Hampshire 4-H Beef Team competed at the Eastern States Exposition in Springfield, Massachusetts last month. For the first time in history the Grand Champion steer was owned by a New Hampshire member. Andy Higgins of Watertown, Tennessee evaluated 30 steers from across New England, before he chose "Raymond" a 1305 pound steer bred and owned by Olivia Briggs of Sullivan. Donald Chase, chairman of the Eastern States Exposition, was the buyer of Raymond for \$4.75 per pound. Chase donated the meat from the steer to the West Springfield Food Bank. Victoria Briggs heifer was Reserve Champion in the All Other Breeds Division. The showmanship classes consisted of 42 contestants. Olivia Briggs was named Highly Commended Showman and Victoria made it to the 12<sup>th</sup> round.

## **SOME HELPFUL LINKS**

Mutual Aid - <http://firemutualaid.com> Click on "live audio" or "click here to see incidents dispatched in real time"

Power Outage Map - <https://www.eversource.com/psnh/outage/outagemap.aspx>

NH Taxes & Land Appraisals - <http://www.nhtaxkiosk.com/default.aspx>

<http://www.vgsi.com/vision/Applications/ParcelData/NH/Home.aspx>

Traffic Reports including road conditions & accidents - <http://newengland511.org/>

Town of Sullivan - <http://ci.sullivan.nh.us/> Town officers, minutes, tax maps, Sullivan stories, and more!

Times & Dates - <https://www.timeanddate.com> Everything you could want to know about dates, times, etc.

Flight Tracker/Status - <http://flightaware.com>

## SULLIVAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH NEWS

Much appreciation goes to members of the community who joined with the congregation in response to pleas of help because of the recent hurricanes and wildfires. As a result, the Sullivan Church was able to send 40 health & school supply kits, two emergency clean-up buckets for distribution to disaster victims and over \$1,000 to the UCC Disaster Aid Fund. All efforts make a huge difference to people who have lost everything. Again, this was only possible due to generous donations from members of the congregation and others in town. Thank you all!

### Looking ahead to the holidays...

Nov. 11 - The Friends of the Sullivan Library will hold their annual Christmas Craft Fair.

Nov. 29 - The St. Petersburg Men's Ensemble, a group of four young men from Russia, will offer a concert at 7 pm. More information elsewhere in this newsletter. A reception with light refreshments will follow.

Dec. 24 – The annual Candlelight Service with Lessons and Carols will be held at 7pm. No Sunday morning service.

Join us for Sunday worship services at 9:30 am each week with Pastor Christopher Cornell. Music is provided by Phil Crotto and often Chip Woodbury plays his guitar and sings inspirational songs.

## GREETINGS FROM FRIENDS IN LESOTHO AFRICA

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

October 14, 2017

Dear Sullivan Friends,

Well, this will be my last letter to you from Lesotho. Doug and I finish up our jobs on the 20<sup>th</sup> of November and then head on a 4 week road trip through some parts of Southern Africa. We'll be home in Sullivan just a little before Christmas where we will celebrate with ALL our daughters!! Hallelujah!

When first arriving in Lesotho, I made a connection with many staff members at St. Paul's School for the Deaf, which is located in the same area where we live. It is also quite close to Help Lesotho, where I volunteer. Because of my professional background as a Speech/Language Therapist, I was really drawn towards the school, and when I began working at Help Lesotho, I was able to use my relationship with the school for the deaf to foster a connection between the school and Help Lesotho.

Let me now interject and tell you a little about **Help Lesotho**: *Help Lesotho (HL) is a nonprofit organization that is attempting to eradicate HIV/AIDS in Lesotho. The country has the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest incidence of HIV/AIDS in the world! The organization does this through education, leadership development and psychosocial support programs. HL promotes the prevention of HIV transmission, making healthy decisions and being socially responsible. They are also working to foster positive attitudes about gender equity and HIV/AIDS within the region they service. HL has been offering life skills workshops for older adults, young adults and children for approximately 15 years. Here in Lesotho they define life skills as education about sex, pregnancy, contraception, HIV/AIDS, decision-making, gender equity and relationships (rights, responsibilities and communication).*

About a year ago Help Lesotho was given a grant from UNFPA (United Nations Population Fund) to provide workshops for the students at St. Paul's School for the Deaf. That was our first workshop for the deaf students. There are very few organizations here in Lesotho that provide support in life skills for people who are deaf. The deaf have less access to this important information because they can't hear the radio and television. Availability to printed material is limited, so they depend heavily on word of mouth, not a very accurate way to get lifesaving information. The information we are able to share with these students (ages 9-15 years and 16-25 years) is important. We communicate the information with them through interpreters, who also interpret the students' responses, questions and comments. We use diagrams and lots of other visuals to make it easier for the students to understand the information.

About a month ago, during the second day of the workshop for the deaf, we were talking about "self-acceptance" as part of our module on decision making. A young man asked if it was bad that someone did not have self-acceptance. I had noticed him earlier in the day: he had a constant frown on his face, and he seemed critical of others. I responded to his question, saying that it wasn't bad, but I hoped that over the years he would develop that skill. I spent a little time with him during the break and learned that he acquired his hearing loss at the age of 12. He was having difficulty accepting his deafness and felt that he didn't fit in to the deaf community. This is not

unusual for someone who has developed a hearing loss later in life. We talked later on in the day, just about how he was doing in school, what subjects he liked and what he wanted to do after graduating from high school. At the end of the day, I watched him interacting with the other students. He seemed happier and more comfortable with the others. I wondered how many people he has had the opportunity to talk with about his concerns. Unfortunately, there are very few counselors in Lesotho and even fewer who work with the deaf.

We have one interpreter who helps us out during the workshops for the deaf who is out of the ordinary. Moholo (not his real name) is about 26 years old and is deaf, having acquired his hearing loss after an injury at the age of 9. After his hospitalization, he began attending school at St. Paul's School for the Deaf. This young man is so impressive; he is the first Basotho deaf person to graduate from high school using a sign language interpreter he volunteers as secretary for the National Association of the Deaf in Lesotho; he teaches sign language and provides support to the teachers at both St. Paul's School for the Deaf (grades pre k through 4) and Mt. Royal High School (a high school for both deaf and hearing students). He is passionate about advocating for himself and his deaf brothers and sisters. Moholo really has the potential to be a leader in Lesotho!

As you can see from these few stories, having a disability and living in a developing country is quite a challenge. Often people with disabilities are hidden away in family homes, not going out or learning basic skills to survive. The deaf here in Lesotho are at times treated this way. There are few if any services for people with disabilities and there is little support for their parents and caretakers.

Sala hantle bokhotsi oa ka (Stay well my friends), and see you around Sullivan shortly.

Kind regards,  
Risa

## RECIPE CORNER

with Ginni McByrne

It's apple season again, and it looks like it's been another good year. Here are a couple of apple recipes that I hope you will like. Please email your recipes and a brief story and/or helpful hint to [sullivanrecipecorner@gmail.com](mailto:sullivanrecipecorner@gmail.com).

### Caramel Apple Dip (I think the kids will like this one)

1- 8 oz. block softened cream cheese	1/3 cup sugar
1- 16 oz. container caramel dip	1/2 cup toffee bits

Place cream cheese in a medium bowl & beat until smooth & creamy. Add sugar & beat until thoroughly combined. Spread cream cheese mixture into an even layer in a 3 cup serving dish. Pour caramel dip over cream cheese mixture. Spread into an even layer & top with toffee bits. Serve with sliced apples. ENJOY!

### Apple Crisp (I think the "older" kids will like this one)

For the apples: 5 Granny Smith apples, 1 Tbsp. pure maple syrup, 3 Tbsp. water, 2 tsp. cinnamon

For the crumble topping: 1 cup old-fashioned oats, 1/2 cup almond flour, 1/2 cup chopped almonds, walnuts or pecans, 3/4 tsp cinnamon, 1/4 tsp salt, 1/4 cup melted coconut oil or butter, 1/4 cup pure maple syrup

Preheat oven to 350°. Peel apples & dice into cubes equal in size, place in large bowl. Toss with maple syrup, water & cinnamon. Pour apple mixture into greased 9"x 9" baking dish. Using the same bowl, after emptied, add oats, almond flour, nuts, cinnamon, salt, coconut oil or butter & maple syrup. Stir crumble topping together & pour over apples. Bake at 350° for 40 to 45 minutes, until apples are soft. Cover pan loosely with aluminum foil halfway through to prevent from over-browning. Serve hot with vanilla ice cream or whipped cream. ENJOY!

### \*\*\*HELPFUL HINT\*\*\*

\*\*Remove onion smell from your hands by first washing them with soap & water. Then while hands are still wet rub them over the faucet spout.\*\*

*"In every day, there are 1,440 minutes. That means we have 1,440 daily opportunities to make a positive impact."*  
Les Brown

## Hospice at Home Healthcare & Community Service (HCS) Offers Poinsettias to Support Care in Our Region

For the upcoming 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Poinsettia Sale to benefit Hospice at HCS, plants will be available at the HCS office in Keene in November and December. Like Hospice at HCS, the poinsettias are local – grown right here in New Hampshire! These beautiful plants make great holiday decorations and gifts!

The plants are available in red, pink, and white and in three sizes: a single stem plant in a 6” pot with 6 to 8 blooms (\$10); a double stem plant in a 7” pot with 12 to 15 blooms (\$20); and a triple stem plant with 20 to 25 blooms (\$30).

Order forms must be received by Thursday, November 16. For details on delivery dates and pick-up options, or to print an order form, visit [www.HCSservices.org](http://www.HCSservices.org). To request an order form be mailed or for more information, call 352-2253 x294 or email [poinsettias@HCSservices.org](mailto:poinsettias@HCSservices.org). HCS is a United Way agency.

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

**Even though there is no snow on the ground, it really IS that time again.** The Learn to Ski/Ride program at Pat's Peak in Henniker, NH is accepting registrations. 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 16, 2018 and wraps up Friday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. We ski/ride on Friday nights from 4:30 to 8:00 pm. Lesson time is 4:30-5:30 and adults who wish to ski with the group will be able to purchase a discounted ticket.

Lift/Lesson	\$175.00
Lift/Lesson/Rental	\$220.00
Lift Only (Level 5+)	\$120.00
Lift Only/Rental (Level 5+)	\$175.00
Season Pass Holder Lesson	\$125.00
Practice Makes Perfect	\$434.00

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

Season Pass/Lesson

**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 (weekends ARE included BUT Saturday Night POP is EXCLUDED)  
Cranmore  
Gunstock

Bonus days can be redeemed ANYTIME between February 26, 2018 and each mountains season close.

**Application deadline at the rate above is: December 15<sup>th</sup>.** Registrations received after 12/15/17 will incur a \$25 late fee

For more information please contact (call or text) Kathy Bezio at 603-209-1267

**To sign up online go to:** [patspeak.com](http://patspeak.com)

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

**User Name:** Sullivan

**Password:** Ski2018

This is not a school sponsored activity

**TOWN OF SULLIVAN  
POT LUCK CHRISTMAS DINNER**

**Date: 12/09/17**

**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 11/25/17 to Recreation Committee at Town Hall  
OR

Contact us @ [Sullivanrec@gmail.com](mailto:Sullivanrec@gmail.com)

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

**POT LUCK**

**Hot Dish:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cold Dish:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Dessert:** \_\_\_\_\_

**JUSTICE of the PEACE  
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Mary Hull 847-9718

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Drop off in Sullivan at Little's Country Store  
Items picked up Tuesday by 9am and returned 2 weeks  
later by Wednesday  
Go to [www.edsshoeandleather.com](http://www.edsshoeandleather.com) and fill out your ticket.  
603 355-1133

**Nancy has moved!** Hancock, NH, resident, and owner of  
Nancy's Sewing & Crafts, Nancy Driscoll, is restructuring  
her business and, by October 1, will have eliminated the  
need for her storefront location at 140 Monadnock  
Highway, #3, in Swanzey, NH. Customers can fill out a  
ticket on the *contact page* at [nancyssewingandcrafts.com](http://nancyssewingandcrafts.com)  
or <http://edsshoeandleatherrepair.com>; put the ticket into  
a bag with the item to be repaired (one item and ticket per  
bag), and drop off during business hours at Sullivan  
Country Store, NH Route 9, Sullivan, NH. Driscoll will pick  
up items on Tuesdays. She will call each customer with a  
work cost estimate and will return the work to the drop-off  
location on the following Tuesday unless otherwise agreed.  
In the spirit of Yankee frugality, Driscoll restores clothing,  
shoes, and other items made of fabric or leather. She  
replaces elastic and Velcro® on shoes and adds heel  
guards, and she replaces zippers and eyelets in boots and  
clothing. She refers any shoe repairs she doesn't do herself  
to a fellow shoe repair professional and handles the  
deliveries and pickups.

In addition to altering clothing and hemming drapes,  
Driscoll also offers custom sewing and knitting. For more  
information, including a more complete list of services and  
products and "before" and "after" photos, visit  
[nancyssewingandcrafts.com](http://nancyssewingandcrafts.com), or contact Nancy Driscoll at  
603-355-1133 or  
[nancy@nancyssewingandcrafts.com](mailto:nancy@nancyssewingandcrafts.com).

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(603) 499-8956 or

**CVTC** 1-877-428-2882, ext. 5

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST!  
NELSON SCHOOL  
NOV. 4 – 8AM TO 11AM**

**TOWN PHONE NUMBERS**

Town Hall 847-3316  
Town Highway Dept. 847-3366  
Fire Station 847-9020  
Sullivan Library 847-3458  
Sullivan Post Office 847-9720  
Nelson School 847-3408  
Keene Middle School 357-9020  
Keene High School 352-0640  
Sheriff (non-emergency) 352-4238

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