

# TEMPLE NEWSLETTER

Prepared and edited by the TVFDA

## JULY-AUGUST 2005

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**Fire Station:** 878-1972

**Police Station:** 878-3474

**Emergency:** 911

**Temple Town Clerk:** 878-3873

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9:00 am - 2 pm

**Tax Collector:** 878-3873

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 9 am-2 pm

**Secretary to the Selectmen:** 878-2536

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 9:30 am-12:30 & 1:00-5:00 pm

Selectmen Meetings: 2nd & 4th Tuesday's at 7 pm

**Mansfield Library:** 878-3100

Monday & Friday 1:30-5 pm; Tuesday 10 am-12 & 1-5:30 pm;

Wednesday 1:30-5 pm & 7-9 pm; Saturday 2-5 pm

**Wilton Recycling Center:** 654-6150

Tuesday 7:30 am-5 pm; Thursday 1 pm-5; Saturday 9 am-5 pm; Sunday 8 am-12 pm

### **Snap Shoot of Coming Events**

July 1 Community Potluck

July 1 Library Twilight Tails

July 4 Celebration – Baseball Field

July 4 Picnic on Common

July 4 Temple Band Concert

July 5 Library Story/Project Hour

July 7 Temple Trails Assoc. Meet

July 8 Library Twilight Tails

July 11 ConCom Meeting

July 12 Library Story/Project Hour

July 13 Library Trustees Meeting

July 15 Library Twilight Tails

July 17 ConCom Walk/Picnic

July 18 TVFD Drill

July 19 Library Story/Project Hour

July 22 Library Twilight Tails

July 25 ConCom Meeting

July 25 Hollis Pond Clinic

July 25 TVFDA Meeting

July 26 Library Story/Project Hour

July 29 Library Twilight Tails

July 31 TVFD Maintenance

Aug 1 TVFD Meeting

Aug 2 Library Story/Project Hour

Aug 5 Community Potluck

Aug 8 ConCom Meeting

Aug 14 Historical Society Field Trip

Aug 15 TVFD Drill

Aug 21 ConCom Blueberry Walk

Aug 22 ConCom Meeting

Aug 22 TVFDA Meeting

Aug 27 ConCom Invasive Alien Plants

Aug 28 TVFD Maintenance

Aug 28 Sunset Sing-a-Long

Oct 2 Lions Car Rally

Oct 8 Temple Volunteer Fire Dept

Auxiliary Rummage Sale

### **Fire Department Auxiliary**

The Auxiliary is a group of men and women of all ages who are interested in supporting the Fire Department. You don't need to be related to a firefighter to join. The Auxiliary supports the Fire Department with fundraisers and provides support and refreshments at large incident scenes. The TVFD Auxiliary welcomes new members to join our group. The Auxiliary holds its monthly meeting on the **fourth Monday of the month at 7 p.m.** at the Fire Station. Come join the fun, learn what we are all about and support your local fire department heroes. Give as much or as little time as you can, it all helps your community. Any questions, please contact Sandra at 878-4320.

## Temple Volunteer Fire Department – Celebrating 55 Years of Service

Finally summer has arrived! Get out the grill! Check your propane tank for leaks and be careful with the charcoal and lighter fluid. Don't spoil your dinner or party with carelessness.

Recently we received a generous donation from the Peterborough Fire Department. During the winter there was a fire that engulfed the home at The Common in Peterborough. The owners of the property gave a donation to the PFD which they in turn have shared with the responding mutual aid fire departments.

After 14 ½ years of service to the TVFD, Debbie Harling has tendered her resignation. Debbie served as an Engineer and was a valuable source of information. We thank her for her many years on the department!

We will NOT be having a flea market this July – Look for it in July 2006.

Interested in learning about the Fire Department? Come to our meeting held on the **first Monday** of each month at **7:00 p.m.** at the Fire House. Drills are held on the **third Monday** of the month also at **7:00 p.m.**

Maintenance is the **last Sunday** of the month at **8:00 a.m.** at the Fire House.

Fire Chief

Michael Connolly 924-7289

e- mail

50c1@templefire.org

TVFD

P.O. Box 80, Temple NH 03084

## Fire Warden

Written permits are necessary for all open burning. This includes camp fires and cooking fires except barbeque grills. All burning depends on weather conditions. Permits and regulations may be obtained by contacting Fire Warden Joe Cournoyer 878-1479 or Deputy Warden Tim Fisk.

## Newsletter Notes

The **deadline for the September/October 2005 issue is August 21st.** Typed or handwritten copy is accepted. Please E-mail an electronic file, saved in any major Windows-based word processing file format, to **maryeamsden@peoplepc.com**, or drop off a typed or handwritten copy at the store. Keep in mind when writing, that it's important for submitted articles to be appropriately written for the general public. The purpose of the newsletter is to provide information for upcoming events and pertinent information regarding community organizations. While some editing might take place, all items are subject to editing for length (if greater than 250 words) or inappropriate content. Also, personal or commercial advertising is available for a fee.

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## Newsletter Donations

Donations are always needed to help the Temple Newsletter pay for production costs. Any organization in town that uses the newsletter for communications is asked to consider making a donation. Donations from individuals are also welcome. Please make checks payable to the Temple Fire Dept. Auxiliary and mail to P.O. Box 80, Temple NH 03084. Thank you for your support.

## Potluck

The **first Friday** of each month is **COMMUNITY POTLUCK NIGHT!** Bring a hot dish or a salad, your eating utensils and join us. **6:30 PM** in Friendship Hall.

## Ladies Aid

Regular meetings are held in Friendship Hall the first Tuesday of each month during the year. However, there will be no meetings in July and August.

We will be selling ice cream on July 4th at the celebration and volunteers are needed.

## Library News

July 4 Closed, holiday

July 13 Trustees Meeting 7:30

Aug. 23 Book discussion at the home of Susan McMullan

Camp Wannaread is in full swing. Have you signed up for the fun? Read books, get prizes, look for the Jackalope. Report all books read by Aug. 18 and join us for a great party on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Story and project hour July 5,12,19,26 and Aug. 2. You need to sign up for these. Twilight tales at 7 pm, 6 m.to 10 yrs with a grown-up will be held July 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29.

How about relaxing with a good magazine? The library carries the following subscriptions and you can borrow them for 1 week or you might like to read them at the library on a hot day (We have air conditioning).

American Heritage	Everyday Food	Parenting
Antiques	Family Circle	Plants
Audubon	Garden Gate	Popular Mechanics
Baby Talk	Good Housekeeping	Prevention
Backyard Living	Harvard Health Letter	Real Simple
Better Homes & Gardens	Health	Scientific American
Collector	Martha Stewart Living	Smithsonian
Consumer Reports	Money	Woman's Day
Consumer Report on Health	More	Yankee
Cooking for 2	National Geographic	Cobblestone
Cottage Living	Natural New England	American Girl
Country Home	New Hampshire magazine	Ask
Country Living	Newsweek	Teen Ink
Decorating Ideas	Ode	Next Step
Early American Life	Old-House Interiors	
Esquire	Oprah	

Is there anyone out there unable to visit the library? We will do home delivery.

Our newest service is a fax machine.

### Recent acquisitions:

Appaloosa, Robert B. Parker	Countdown, Iris Johansen
The Twelfth Card, Jeffrey Deaver	The Closers, Michael Connelly
Lie By Moonlight, Amanda Quick	Silent Snow, Marla Cone
Eleven On Top, Janet Evanovich	The Goodbye Body, Joan Hess
The Interview Room, Roderick Anscombe	The Hot Kid, Elmore Leonard
44 Scotland Street, Alexander McCall Smith	Marker, Robin Cook
Thicker Than Blood, Penny Rudolph	Ya-Yas in Bloom, Rebecca Wells
The House on Ipswich Marsh, William Sargent	The Graveyard Position, Robert Barnard
Deep Roots in Rocky Soil, Priscilla Weston	Prince of Darkness, Sharon Kay Penman
1776, David McCullough	4 <sup>th</sup> of July, James Patterson
Rage, Jonathan Kellerman	True Believer, Nicholas Sparks
Devil's Corner, Lisa Scottoline	The Year of Pleasure, Elizabeth Berg
Climate Crash, John Cox	Sullivan's Justice, Nancy Rosenberg
The Last Refuge, Chris Knopf	Sentenced to Die, J.A. Jance
The Body in the Snowdrift, Katherine Hall Page	Superstition, Karen Robards
Love, Louisa, Barbara Metzger	Death of the Party, Carolyn Hart
A Detective at Death's Door, H.R.F. Keating	Death of a Bore, M.C. Beaton
The Colonel and Little Missie, Larry McMurry	Broken Prey, John Sanford
The Nosy Neighbor, Fern Michaels	The Innocent, Harlan Coben
The Headmaster's Wife, Jane Haddam	

### **For the Younger Reader**

Wiggle, Doreen Cronin  
Henwick's Egg, Mem Fox  
Traction Man is Here, Mini Grey  
I See a Kooka Burra! Steve Jenkins  
Beetle McGrady Eats Bugs!, Megan McDonald  
The Sphere of Secrets, Catherine Fisher  
Hurry and the Monarch, Antoine Flatharta  
Voyagers of the Silver Sand, Tony Abbott

Sleepy Cadillac, Thatcher Hurd  
Moose's Big Idea, Stephanie Greene  
Henry & Mudge and the Great Grandpas, Cynthia Rylant  
Iris & Walter & the Field Trip, Elissa Guest  
Eat Your Peas, Ivy Louise, Leo Landry  
How To Train Your Dragon & How To Be a Pirate, Cresida Cowell

### **Temple Community Preschool**

Now is time to enroll your child in preschool for the 2005/2006 school year. We offer a three day program for three year olds and a four day program for four year olds. Please contact Trish Maclaren at 878-3782 for details. Call today as space is limited.

### **Temple Playgroup**

The Temple playgroup is designed for children ages 5 and under and meets on the **first and third Fridays** of each month during the school year in Friendship Hall (next to the Congregational Church). The playgroup does not, however, meet during July and August but if you are new to town or have recently become interested in meeting with other parents and their children, please contact Heather Long and she can put you in touch with other families in the area. The group will be meeting again starting September 16<sup>th</sup>. If anyone is interested in taking over playgroup for the next school year, contact Heather Long at 878-4103.

### **Congregational Church**

Temple is a pleasant town, beloved by all who live here. But lately there have been a lot of divisions, hard feeling, distrust, and anger. Many people seem willing to believe the worst about those who disagree. It is as though they feel that the "other side" is deliberately wrong headed; arrogant and selfish. People are either not speaking to one another, or else they are speaking words meant to hurt. What are we to do? One place to begin is to affirm our common humanity. Everyone loves this town; no one wants to see it come to harm. We might try to see the good in others, giving the benefit of the doubt. Even if we don't agree with their opinions, we can at least concede that they mean well. It may be a good time to recognize that no one has a monopoly on the truth; others can have good ideas too. Another way to restore calm would be to use the model churches use in interfaith dialogue. First listen to what the other side says. Then, repeat what you heard. When you can repeat what they said to their satisfaction, and then set forth your ideas. I know this is a lot to ask, but this town is worth a little extra effort. In the bad old days, people told hurtful jokes about certain races and genders. Now, to do so is no longer acceptable, it is bad manners. People changed. I would like us to change so that vilifying the other side is also seen as bad manners, a thing of the past. We are all in this together. Temple needs the input and ideas of all her people. Please continue sharing ideas, but please remember that everyone is a child of God, worthy of respect and dignity.

### **Souhegan Lions Club**

A recent presentation by Sandi Van Scoyoc, President of the Healthy New Hampshire Foundation, at the Souhegan Lions Club was a reminder that New Hampshire has made progress in covering kids with health insurance, but there are still 17,000 kids left to cover.

Businesses, organizations, and individuals in the Souhegan Valley who want to lower this number can join the "17,000 to go" campaign by learning more about the importance of health insurance coverage for children and visiting the campaign's website at [www.hnhfoundation.org](http://www.hnhfoundation.org) for ideas about ways to get involved.

The Lions gave 50% on the money made at the Mother's Day Breakfast to the Worksource Project to purchase a van and they gave a \$500 scholarship to a local student.

A car rally is planned for October 2<sup>nd</sup> and raffle tickets are available for a weekend at the Birchwood Inn which will be drawn January 1, 2006 at the Chip Chase.

## Selectmen's Office

The Selectmen had 3 meetings including a public hearing in May and 2 meetings in June.

At the May 10<sup>th</sup> meeting the Board of Selectmen (BOS):

- signed an intent to cut Map 6, Lot 25
- signed an intent to excavate Map 1, Lot 005-2
- discussed working on the entryway to the Municipal Building to alleviate ice buildup in the winter
- signed the contract for health insurance for 2005-2006
- discussion started on a number of horse related issues
- signed 4 building permits for additions and a barn
- agreed to have an additional meeting May 17<sup>th</sup> to address the results of the special Town Meeting of 5/13/05.

The May 17<sup>th</sup> was mainly to discuss the purchase of the Skladany land. The BOS agreed to move forward with the environmental assessment and title search. We also discussed the application of 3 separate building permits for indoor riding arenas. A letter was reviewed regarding landowners receiving the 20% recreational adjustment on current use land and subsequently posting the land, which is not allowed. A letter was sent to help educate landowners on the rules of the 20% adjustment.

Prior to the May 24<sup>th</sup> meeting the Selectmen did an inspection of the Pony Farm to meet the requirements of the "historic preservation easement" on the barn. We then held a public hearing to accept donations for the Recreation Commission. The BOS voted to accept \$1400 to complete fencing at the new ball field and to accept \$3479.59 for tennis & basketball court resurfacing. We discussed bank options for purchasing the Skladany land and terms of the loan. An intent to cut was signed for map 05, lot 096-1. We voted to accept \$2,669.96 as repayment for welfare case 1-99 and to release all liens connected with that case. The road agent informed the board that the new dump truck has arrived and new roads need to be added to the State maps to receive the correct block grant monies. S. Fiske reported she was successful negotiating an extension with MACC Base for ambulance dispatch services. Building permits were signed for 3 indoor riding arenas. Permission was given to graze horses in the field near School House #6. And a letter was reviewed from Monadnock Cable Consortium discussing the sale of Adelphia Cable to AOL/Time Warner.

The June 14<sup>th</sup> meeting the BOS signed a building permit for a barn and another for a deck. An intent to cut for Map 06, Lot 061 was signed and a permit to demolish a building was signed. We reviewed a few abatement requests and a couple of possible zoning violations. The Friends of Temple Town Hall received permission to move forward with the bidding process on the Town Hall project and permission was given to plant flowers in a town cul-de-sac. There was some discussion on an EPA audit letter and the options involved to accomplish their requests.

Minutes for Board of Selectmen meetings are available on the town website [templenh.info@verizon.net](mailto:templenh.info@verizon.net) and at the Municipal Building. BOS meetings are the **2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday's** of the month at 7:30 p.m. and open to the public.

## Temple Historical Society

Our August meeting will be a fieldtrip to Fruitlands Museum in Harvard, Mass. Members and guests will meet in front of the Temple Church at 1 PM on Sunday, August 14, 2005 to car-pool. The museum consists of four buildings and a tea room located on a picturesque hillside. Cost is \$10 – Seniors \$8. To sign up, or for more info call Arnie Thibodeau at 878-1203.

The Temple Glassworks Site is now in better looking condition, thanks to John Kieley, Dave Repak and crew. The storage trailer remains from the archeological dig almost 30 years ago have been removed and the fence will be repaired. The area's appearance is now much more attractive. This is a National Historic Site.

Our Open House at #6 School House on June 5<sup>th</sup> was attended by 20 people. We hope to have it open again on Harvest Festival Sunday for visitors. If any group is interested in visiting at other times, arrangements can be made. This can be at any daytime hours or early evening in July, August or September. Call Pat Lee at 878-1304 or Priscilla Weston at 878-2658.

## **Friends of the Temple Town Hall**

Bids for construction: On June 14<sup>th</sup> the Select Board approved the issuing of bids for the construction of the first phase of the Town Hall Restoration Project. The town of Temple requests bids from qualified contractors for construction of an 1800 square foot addition to the Temple Town Hall. Construction documents will be available for view at the Temple Town Offices, and for purchase at Keene Copy, Marlborough St., Keene, on June 27<sup>th</sup>. Bids due at the Temple Town Offices, RT 45, Temple, NH, at 3:00 PM, July 15, 2005. Good luck to all those who submit bids for this important town project.

Commemorative Funds: As of June 15<sup>th</sup>, various persons have contributed funds for the Town Hall restoration in honor of a particular person or in memory of a loved one. The names of persons so honored will be engraved on a plaque that will hang in the restored Town Hall. To date, friends, neighbors and relatives have generously donated gifts to commemorate Peg and Cy Church, Alice Wheeler Donald, Rhoda Eason, Mary Hadley, Walter Jowers, John and Ada Maretti, Maurice W. Stone, and Charles F. Sullivan. The FTTH board made private contributions to a fund in honor of Priscilla Weston on her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. We invite anyone who would like to add to any existing fund to do so. Gifts from those who wish to start new funds in honor of friends and relatives are also welcome. Many of our loved ones have spent happy hours in the Town Hall and remembering them in this way has particular significance.

"Of Mutts and Men": The long-awaited 2006 Temple calendar will go to press early in July, and will be launched at the Temple Harvest Festival. Log on to the new Temple Town Hall web site at [www.templetownhall.com](http://www.templetownhall.com) and stay abreast of the latest town hall news. Many thanks to Rose Lowry who designed our great-looking site and to Ann Lunt who wrote the copy for it. You can download an order form for "Of Mutts and Men" from the secure site, or pick up an order form at the Temple Store. Out-of-towners can use the new toll-free phone number: 1-888-464-1836. Thanks to advance publicity, pre-publication orders are already coming in. Look for a piece on the calendar in the October issue of *Yankee* magazine.

Second Annual FTTH Fourth of July Picnic on the Common: July 4<sup>th</sup>, 4-6 PM, price of \$7.50 includes hamburgers, veggie burgers, or all-beef hotdogs, donated by Roy's Market and Stop & Shop – plus homemade potato salad, Annie's beans and homemade lemonade. Save room for dessert. Top off this feast with a delicious ice cream sundae at the Ladies Aid table.

Sunset Sing-a-long: Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, the community sing, an old Temple tradition started in the 1940's by favorite son Sen. Charles Tobey, will be held in the field overlooking the Temple Mountain range on Tobey Lane (home of Martha Scott, off East Road). Participants are invited to bring their picnic supper, blankets or chairs, and children over age 8. Songs will include spirituals, patriotic, folk, hymns, musicals and rounds; books will be provided. *Price: \$10 per person.*

## **Recreation Commission**

The Recreation commission would like to thank all of those who have helped to get us ready for this spring. It took many volunteers to get the baseball fields, tennis courts, basketball court cleaned and ready for play and to help finish the new little league field and the team organized. Once again we would like to thank all those who helped in these tremendous tasks.

The 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebrations will be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July (weather permitting- no rain date) at the old baseball field (by the cemetery) at 10 a.m. Some of the activities are the children's parade with ribbons being awarded for the most colorful, the most original, and the most patriotic followed by games, egg toss, radar pitch, penny scramble and tug of war. The fire department will provide a cook out and help cool you down. All ages are welcome.

If you are interested in helping out in any of the activities please contact Joe at the store 878-1479. Congratulations to the Temple little leaguers for there win of the 2005 season.

## **Temple Band Concert on the Common July 4<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 PM**

## **Temple Trails Association**

Kick Off meeting July 7<sup>th</sup>, 7 to 9 PM at the Friendship Hall. Pot luck snacks and punch will be served.

Land owners and horse owners come join us and learn about your Trail Association and meet fellow Temple horse people. Bring non-horse people, husbands, wives, children and friends. Bring photos of your horses for our emergency identification log or just to show off. Check out our new road signs. And test your luck with our door prize.

If you are interested in learning more, please contact:

Miki Collier. [jmichelecollier@aol.com](mailto:jmichelecollier@aol.com), 878-1771

Heather Pratt. [Mtnlanefarm@aol.com](mailto:Mtnlanefarm@aol.com), 878-1145

D.D. Walko. [Huntermumper68@yahoo.com](mailto:Huntermumper68@yahoo.com) 924-9382

## **Temple Conservation Commission**

**Walk and Picnic** - Sunday July 17, 4 pm.

The next event in the walk series is a short walk and picnic at the Colburn Caves on the Colburn/Weston Farm. Walkers will tour the paths on the property and carry a light supper to enjoy at this traditional picnic site. Meet at the Town Hall for the walk. The property includes a 200 year old historic farm with pastureland, forest, a small pond, and one of the most unique rock formations in Temple. In 2004, the Conservation Fund secured a conservation agreement to protect this land from development. For more information, call Roger Hatt at 878-2486 or e-mail at [rogerhat@worldpath.net](mailto:rogerhat@worldpath.net).

**Walk with Blueberries** - Sunday August 21, 2:30 pm

Walk to Kendall Ledge for the view and blueberry picking. Bring a container for blueberries. Meet at the Town Hall. Questions? Contact Roger Hatt.

## **Town Forest**

Since the 1979 Town Meeting, the Conservation Commission has had the management of the 46 acre Town Forest. The Commission has placed boundary markers around the Temple town forest and developed and marked a loop trail. The trail can be accessed from a small parking area along North Road about 100 yards south of the town line with Lyndeborough. A trail map is being prepared. Unique features are the giant ant hills and a bone imbedded in a live tree. For information about the trail, call Dave Repak at 878-3114.

**The War on Invasive Alien Plants** - Saturday August 27, 10 AM

Learn how to identify and control (non-native) invasive plants and trees. Talk to ecologist Peter Aldan, field trip, and picnic (BYO). For details, contact the sponsor, the Harris Center, Hancock, phone 525-3394.

## **Mountain Laurel**

This is a good time to encourage and improve Temple's unique native shrubs. Remove small trees and shrubs growing in and around your laurels. Remove overhanging branches of larger trees. Lightly prune the laurels. For more information, call Paul Quinn at 924-6173.

## **Conservation Commission Meetings**

The Conservation Commission meets on the second and fourth Monday of each month, beginning at 7 pm. This summer, the fourth Monday meeting will be replaced by a work session. Temple residents are welcome at both the meetings and work sessions. Check postings at the Store or Municipal Building the prior Saturday for agenda and meeting place or contact John Kieley at 878-1220.

## **Boy Scouts Outing**

FALL RIVER, MA – Thirty-nine cub scouts from Pack 8 of Peterborough recently made a trip to Battleship Cove in Fall River, Massachusetts, to explore the world's largest collection of historic naval ships. After touring the destroyer *Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr.*, submarine *Lionfish*, PT Boats 617 & 796, and the Russian missile corvette *Hiddensee*, the scouts, their parents, and adult leaders spent the night of May 6<sup>th</sup> on board the famous battleship, *U.S.S. Massachusetts*. Battleship Cove's "Nautical Nights" program included a storyteller, knot tying, and a viewing of the movie, *The Incredible Mr. Limpet*. The trip has enabled the scouts to better understand and appreciate the sacrifices made by veterans of all military branches in all wars.

## Cub Scouts Hold Crossover Ceremonies

Date: Friday, June 03, 2005 3:53 PM

Daniel Webster Council Boy Scouts of America

Mt Monadnock District Pack 8 Peterborough, NH

Cub Scout Pack 8 held its annual "Crossover" ceremony on the evening of Wednesday, May 11th at the Union Congregational Church. During this graduation event, scouts who have completed their requirements by earning badges advance to the next rank. In addition, each boy was presented with an embossed citation from Governor John Lynch congratulating Pack 8 members for earning their Good Turn for America patches in recognition of more than 260 hours of community service Pack 8 has provided during this past school year.

Tigers crossing over to Wolves included: Brian Everhart, Christopher Galea, Ben Graves, Nick Graves, Nathan Jones, Travis Morancie, T.J. Murphy, Keegan Paice, Jonathan Thibaud, and Logan Ulch. Wolves crossing over to Bears included: Joseph Bernstein, Noah Cail, Isaac Dell, Jacob Fredieu, Andrew Greenwood, Kaleb Guinn, Clayton Lyons, Nikolas Maciejewski, Matthew Martin, Jeremiah Nichols, Zachary Phaneuf, David Shute, Stephen Twitchell, and Mason Westover. Bears crossing over to Webelos I included: Ben Carne, Matt Carne, Nick Everhart, Riley Henry, Gregory Long, Brendan Lucas, Zachary Letourneau, Ryan Paice, and Jackson Reed. Webelos I crossing over into Webelos II included: John Albert, Gunnar Buzzell, Alexander Coburn, Harris Forbes, Steven Guillemette, Matthew Guinard, Madison Messer, Sam Mullen, Zachary Nichols, and Jacob Reed.

The keynote speaker for the evening was David Colter from the L.L. Lee Scouting Museum in Manchester, NH - the largest museum of scouting memorabilia in the world. His presentation traced the history of scouting to its founder, Lord Robert Baden-Powell, and featured a number of antique and international scout uniforms.

Earlier in the year, graduating Cub Scouts were honored during a similar ceremony where they each received the highest award in Cub Scouts, the Arrow of Light Award. Those Webelos II crossing over to Boy Scouts included: Elias Dawley, Ethan Featherston, Alan Fox, Mark Holz, Alex Horn, Nick Jadaszewski, Joe LaCourse, Andrew Martin, Sam Meuse-Hassinger, Eric Venning, and Alden Werden.

This year, cub scouts from across America are celebrating the organization's 75th anniversary. Locally, Pack 8 was chartered by the Monadnock Rotary in 1950, and serves more than 60 boys from the towns of Dublin, Greenfield, Sharon and Temple. To learn more about scouting, please contact Cub master Lauren Martin: 603-924-9664.

## **Report on School Board Activities - Gail Cromwell**

The School Board met in May at the Temple School. Principal Niki McGettigan and her staff gave a terrific presentation to the Board, beginning with an excellent video which followed the progress of a student through the year. In addition, students of the Fourth Grade Class wrote letters to the Board which indicated real awareness of and appreciation for the various materials used in school life such as books, computers, equipment, and especially for their teachers. These letters were incredibly well done and represented a very imaginative use of the opportunity by Niki to provide the children with a civics lesson. Congratulations to the students and to the excellent staff at Temple Elementary!

In the course of the year, the Board passed two important policy statements: the Policy on Bullying, and the Right to Know Policy. Bullying is a serious and pervasive problem with everyone from bus drivers right on up to the top administration being trained to recognize and solve the problem. The Right to Know policy is basically that all information except for student and personnel records is public information. The Conval website ([www.conval.edu](http://www.conval.edu)) has a great deal of information available now and over the summer will be expanded.

There are two important changes for high school students, a revision of the entire mathematics program, and of computer education. All students will take Algebra, either in an honors section, or as a year long 2-credit course. The State of NH has also increased the requirement for graduation from 2 credits to 3 in math, affecting entering classes not current students. Computer education requirements will be satisfied more in the middle schools and the health education program, which was previously associated with it, is being revised. Details are best available directly from the high school.

The Advanced Technology Center has been one of my special interests. The Center is based on an agreement among Conval, Mascenic and Conant with enrollment in the courses from all three schools and course offerings

split among the schools. There are presently 14 areas in which students can earn “Certificates” generally requiring four courses over 2 years. In the last two academic years, a total of 219 certificates have been earned. By far the most popular has been Building Trades, at Mascenic, with 49 certificates. Programs that have awarded at least 20 include: Engineering/Product Design, Computers & Electronics, Marketing, Early Childhood Education, and Graphic Arts. The list of possible programs is being evaluated as needs and interests change. There is a new program this year for example in Automotive Services. Electricity and Plumbing Trades could be offered I am very interested in hearing feedback on these offerings so please get in touch if you would like more details.

As always, please telephone Gail Cromwell with any thoughts or concerns (878-1284).

### **Hollis- Twilight Pond Maintenance Clinic**

The public is invited for a Twilight Pond Maintenance Clinic at Tenney-Nichols Farm in Hollis on Monday, July 25 at 6:00 p.m.

Deb Weymouth, Natural Resources Conservation Service District Conservationist for Hillsborough County and J-J Newman, UNH Cooperative Extension State Aquaculture Specialist will discuss various pond maintenance techniques. Nancy McGrath, DES Dam Bureau will discuss various pond and dam maintenance techniques.

Topics include:

- \* General pond management
- \* Pond ecology
- \* Water quality
- \* Trouble-shooting algae and weed control
- \* Selecting stocking fish species
- \* Techniques of stocking fish species
- \* Permits for pond building or repairs
- \* How to maintain a healthy riparian buffer zone

This hands-on pond clinic will be held around a pond site, so please dress for outdoor conditions. The Tenney-Nichols Farm is located at 16 Pepperell Road in Hollis, one mile south of Hollis town center on Route 122. Sponsors of the clinic are Beaver Brook Association, Hillsborough County Conservation District, Natural Resources Conservation Service, and UNH Cooperative Extension.

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