

Sullivan Community Newsletter

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HOLIDAYS IN SULLIVAN



COUNTRY CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

Nov.8, 2025, 9am-2pm

The Friends of the Sullivan Library, in conjunction with the Sullivan Church, are hosting their annual Country Christmas Craft Fair at the Sullivan Congregational Church on Nov. 8th between 9 am and 2 pm. Come and do some holiday shopping and support local crafters. Featured items include: hand-painted crafts, used book sale, quilted and sewn items, local honey, baked goods (including sour dough bread), barnboard creations, candles, hand-decorated furniture and more! If you wish to have a table at the fair, please contact Gaynelle Pratt at 603-847-3271. Snacks and a luncheon of homemade soups, sandwiches, beverages and desserts will be available.

COMMUNITY TREE LIGHTING AT THE SULLIVAN PUBLIC LIBRARY

Join us in lighting the town Christmas tree on Saturday, November 29th at 6PM. Festivities include caroling, cookies, cocoa and a visit from Santa. Please park in front of the library or beside the fire station – not in front of the station doors.

PICTURES WITH THE MEAN GREEN ONE!

Amazing Grace Animal Sanctuary

Dec. 6 – 11:30 to 1:30

All profits donated to the Animal Sanctuary. See notice inside newsletter.



SANTA DAY IN SULLIVAN - For Children and Families – Dec. 6* from 1-2:30pm

Once again Santa is going to make a special visit to Sullivan on Saturday, December 6* from 1 to 2:30 pm in the Sullivan Town Hall. Families and children can visit with Santa and do their holiday shopping – gifts are only 25¢ each! There will be lots of gift items for you to choose from for family and friends. Have the elves wrap the gifts 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 13, same time and place.



CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE - Dec. 24, 6:00pm

Sullivan Congregational Church

The Sullivan Church invites you to join them for a traditional **Christmas Eve Service** at 6:00pm on December 24th. Luminaries will line the sidewalks and light the way in. You're invited to this evening of special music, reading of the Christmas Story and familiar Christmas Carols. The service will close with candle-lighting and singing of "Silent Night". Refreshments will be enjoyed in Friendship Hall following the service.

Members of the church and Pastor Cornell wish everyone a Merry Christmas and healthy, prosperous New Year ahead!

ORDER YOUR CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS! Benefit Home Healthcare, Hospice & Community Services

Home Healthcare, Hospice & Community Services Poinsettia Sale

For 30 years, the Home Healthcare, Hospice & Community Services (HCS) Poinsettia Sale has brightened homes and lives. The annual sale is now live, offering beautiful blooms that help fund essential home care, hospice and community programs that serve neighbors throughout the region.

New Hampshire-grown poinsettias come in three colors: red, white and pink. Each color comes in three sizes:

- Small (6-8 blooms) \$16 each
- Medium (12-15 blooms) \$28 each
- Large (20-25 blooms) \$42 each

Orders must be received by [Friday, November 14, 2025](#). They can be placed online at www.HCSservices.org/shop. Pick up will be available at HCS Keene (312 Marlboro Street, Keene, NH 03431) and HCS Peterborough (454 Old Street Road, Suite 208, Peterborough, NH 03458).

For more information or to request a printed order form, please email poinsettias@HCSservices.org or call 603-352-2253.



Select Board Update

As fall foliage harbors the change to colder and shorter days, it also signals the approaching budgeting for the coming year. We have had a consistently busy schedule over the summer, navigating issues which concern many in our small community from infrastructure, to equipment and taxing legal issues.

Our Town Buildings were in dire need of maintenance, especially our Library. The rotting fascia and siding were attended to and the roof was replaced along with that of the Fire Station. These expensive but necessary maintenance jobs would have been fiscally tenuous without the generous donation from former Selectman Marsha Cook's estate. Her love for Sullivan will bulwark the infrastructure of our town for years to come!

The town has also seen some new additions to our town vehicles. Our Fire Department has completed their planned replacement of Squad 1 which is our truck used on all medical calls in town. The purchase of a new Dodge Ram 3500 pickup has been converted to a medical rescue rig with customized storage cap and pullout bed drawer. The efforts of our Fire Department members in volunteering their time to do all of the wiring and lights has saved the town a great deal of money. Thanks to Chief Henry, Deputy Chief Blanchard and all the members for their efforts.

The Highway Department has shared their concerns for the coming winter with the International Terrastar truck having many costly issues. When researching the costs of a replacement municipal plow truck, we were looking at \$100,000 + for a used truck. Inspired by the Town of Gilsum's recent purchase of a military vehicle for their fire department, the Selectmen decided to purchase a Stewart Stevenson M1078; and the price was so low, we decided that it was prudent to purchase two! They are currently being prepped and painted and you should see them arrive in the coming months. They are from southern Texas (NO RUST!) and have about 6000 miles on them.

Over the summer, we updated our Health Ordinances in order to make them more in line with the State's language and tried to ensure that we have covered issues which continue to be a challenge in town. Our fire chief, Neil "Al" Henry graciously stepped up to fill the Health Officer position. Despite his busy schedule, he completed the required state training and is currently acting to monitor and enforce our Health Ordinances. We also are currently revisiting our campground ordinances, for they are nearing 50 years old, and are coordinating with the Planning Board on the language. We are also navigating the significant land use issue of the Gravel Pit which so many of our residents have raised concerns on. Our volunteer Planning Board and ZBA members deserve a great deal of thanks for leading up the handling of this issue, which is an emotional one for many in town.

The Selectmen work hard to try and meet the needs of the Town in a financially responsible manner and be responsive to our community's concerns. We strive to make reflective and measured decisions and to be as helpful as we can to all residents. We do appreciate input and welcome you to come to our meetings!

On behalf of my fellow Selectman, Paul Bolduc

From the Archives

by Chris Pratt

It is my pleasure to announce that the update to J.L. Seward's history of Sullivan is moving closer to completion. I have signed a contract with Peter E. Randall Publishing to have the book prepared for publication and to print a first run of 500 copies. It will be titled "***Our Modest, Unpretentious Little Town: Sullivan, NH, in the 20th Century.***" The title is a quotation by J.L. Seward from his 1887 centennial address.

The book will be 6 inches x 9 inches, hardbound, dust jacket cover, 360 pages (more or less) with about 100 photos as well as a bibliography and index. The price is not set at this point as the final cost figures will evolve over the next several months. There will be a pre-publishing announcement probably in the late winter or early spring with final delivery of the books in late May or early June.

Seward's historical narration begins in 1770 and ends circa 1910. The new history will begin with a description of the town within the time Seward describes—roughly 1880 to 1920. It will then describe how our town changed socially, economically, and governmentally over the 100 years between 1920 and 2020. The history includes chapters on our institutions (schools, highways, public safety, the public library, etc.) our businesses, (the store, forestry, and others), and chapters on utilities, entertainment, and weather events. Finally, there is a chapter on how we have celebrated and preserved our history during the last century.

I am planning to have a table at the annual craft fair on November 8 at the Sullivan Church where you may sign up for future notifications. Also, watch for future announcements in the *Sullivan Newsletter*, the library Facebook page and other media.

HELP SULLIVAN CELEBRATE OUR COUNTRY'S 250TH! We can use your help.



The true value of a chosen place to live your life is measured by the quality of the people who craft, nurture and maintain the community that surrounds you. When you have a chance to peruse the photographs and videos of the past, that document the many Sullivan celebrations and gatherings of long ago and years' past, there is something that draws you into the scene. Our town historian, Chris Pratt, routinely shares these vignettes and stories for all our enjoyment.



For me it was stumbling across a video on YouTube of the Sullivan Bicentennial Parade. You should check it out! What is really special is when you look at the smiles and the crowd of people and recognize some folks that you know today that were there. If you bring it up with them in conversation, you will inevitably be met with a twinkle in their eye and a readiness to share small details and stories of that day. A memorable event for them!

We have an approaching day this upcoming summer that



celebrates our nation's 250th Independence from Great Britain. I have heard many different people commenting that we should do something special to celebrate it. So many ideas have been informally shared from having a classic car show, craft fairs, tractor parades, fireworks, a community night time film, touch a truck and town cook out. There are so many gifted people in town and even more who have volunteered their time, energy, equipment and skills to many town efforts. They have organized town cleanups, led the revitalization of Jewett Park, held food drives for the pantry, held fund raisers for Town Departments, organized historical hikes, led efforts to remove invasive species, held Open Houses and of course helped Santa Claus visits to name a few!

It is my hope by writing this short note to invite interested people to gather to discuss and ultimately plan together, a memorable evening for this up-coming July 4th. If you have an interest in gathering our minds and working together to plan such an event, please let me know. **ALL ARE WELCOME!** The Selectmen have discussed this as well and are looking at the budget line for Recreation this upcoming year to support this community event. It will no doubt bring together many people and help foster even closer relationships and ties and help remind us why we choose to live here.

It is not my intention to lead this venture, but merely to help facilitate it to happen. If you are interested in being part of this effort you can email me or text me, and I will start an email/text group to communicate our first meeting that works for everyone.

Thank you!

Paul Bolduc pspsbolduc@gmail.com 603-498-2578

FOOD PANTRY NEWS – NEW HOURS

The Food Pantry hours are changing to 5 – 6 pm on the second and fourth Thursday of each month. It is open to all Sullivan residents and is located in the rear, lower level of the church. No registration is required. Canned fruit, vegetables, soups, cereal, pasta, spaghetti sauce, desserts, paper goods, laundry and dish soap and personal items (soap, shampoo, conditioner) are always welcome. Many thanks to those of you who donate items to the food pantry and to Feeding Tiny Tummies for their assistance stocking the pantry. Home delivery is available if you need it. Please call Gaynelle Pratt at 603-847-3271 to make delivery arrangements.

Note: Holiday Date Changes: In November – Monday the 24th (instead of the 27th) and in December – Monday the 22nd (instead of the 25th).

Sullivan Public Library “Footnotes”

“November is usually such a disagreeable month...as if the year had suddenly found out that she was growing old and could do nothing but weep and fret over it. This year is growing old gracefully...just like a stately old lady who knows she can be charming even with gray hair and wrinkles. We’ve had lovely days and delicious twilights.” — L. M. Montgomery, *Anne of Avonlea*

“Our hearts grow tender with childhood memories and love of kindred, and we are better throughout the year for having, in spirit, become a child again at Christmastime.”
— Laura Ingalls Wilder

Autumn is here, bringing with it cooler temps, the scent of spices on the air, and the preparation for those long winter months. The Sullivan Public Library offers just the right atmosphere for some quiet reading, chatting with neighbors around town, or simply a place to hang out.

The **2nd Saturday book group** will meet on Saturday, November 15 at 11 AM to discuss *Chaos at the Lazy Bones Bookshop* by Emmaline Duncan. The next book we read will be *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens. Come and join in with other book enthusiasts for a lively discussion.

We have many new books (new and new to us) for you to come peruse. Come by and take a gander!

As always, we give thanks to all who have donated their time and materials to the Sullivan Public Library. We appreciate all you have done!

Your Librarians,
Paulette and Sara

Little Free Library on Centre Street

Hello - Fall is in full swing, leaves are everywhere and the holidays are approaching quickly. Check out the library for newly refreshed books.

October will bring trick or treating- see you then. Stop by with your costume, look for a picture opportunity.

November - Thanksgiving - look for holiday books in mid-November and an activity to do as well.

December - Brings the Christmas holiday, or holiday season, if you celebrate another holiday. Look for books related to winter. If you see the man in the red suit or the green guy at the library, please send me a picture on Facebook!

December 6 stop by the Amazing Grace Sanctuary to see the guy in the green fur suit! Grab a picture with him.

Cheshire County Conservation District Events of Interest

REAPing the Benefits of Farm Grant Opportunities!

Wednesday, November 5th, 2025 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Monadnock Food Co-Op, Community Room, 34 Cypress St, Keene, NH 03431

Discover how the USDA's Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) is revolutionizing support for small businesses and farmers in New Hampshire. USDA is an equal opportunity employer, provider and lender. Register to Attend:

<https://www.cheshireconservation.org/event-details/reaping-the-benefits-of-farm-grant-opportunities>

NH Conservation Districts Climate Resilience Grant Informational Session

Friday, December 10th, 2025 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM On Zoom Cost: Free, Registration Required

The 10 NH Conservation Districts are excited to announce an opportunity to improve your farm's resilience through a climate adaptation or mitigation project! We encourage you to apply for the fifth round of the New Hampshire Conservation Districts Climate Resilience Grant! Applications are due on February 1, 2026!

For more information on either of these, visit <https://www.cheshireconservation.org/>; send an email to info@cheshireconservation.org or call (603) 904-3011.

BITS & PIECES

We were sorry to learn of the passing of **Patricia McMahon Clark** (92) on Sept, 24, in Peterborough, after a sudden decline in her health. Pat was a past long-time resident of Sullivan and occasional contributor to the Sullivan Newsletter. She was always interested in Sullivan history – the families, friends, happenings and so on, and she made many significant contributions, including photos, to the Sullivan Archives. Her husband, Charlie, helped restore and save many old town photos. A complete obituary can be found at <https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/mykeenenow/name/patricia-clark-obituary?id=59606487> .

We were also sorry to learn of two other people who passed this year, were familiar names in town, but had no death notices published, at least as far as we know.

Kandy Carpenter Hill, recently of Florida, passed away in September. She grew up in East Sullivan on Valley Rd. with her grandparents, Roy & Gladys Wiswall, across from the McMahon Household. Kandy had many fond memories of Sullivan – the schools, church, friends, Jack's store and local families. She visited as often as she could while her grandmother was still living.

Joyce Labadie lived in town for many years before her passing earlier this summer. Residents may remember her as she served as administrative assistant to the town for a time. Joyce enjoyed many different arts & crafts and was also a supporter of several community outreach projects.

Public Notice - The Sullivan Public Library Board of Trustees will hold their monthly meetings on November 20, December 18, 2025 and January 15, 2026 at 11:30 AM 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.

The **Sullivan School Board** still needs a treasurer! If you like numbers, and might be interested, contact Board Chair Mike Brooks at sullivanschooldistrict@gmail.com for more information. Welcome to **Barbara Arguin**, who recently joined the Board!

Sew & Sews; S & B – including coffee, conversation & maybe some crafts, crocheting or what-have-you – Monday afternoons in the Sullivan Church meeting hall from 1 to 2:30. Some people just come to visit and perhaps find out what's going on in town. It's a small group and they're hoping more folks might join them! Note: no get-together the Mondays in a holiday week.

Enjoy some holiday music and support a few locals...

The **Keene Choral** will perform Sunday December 7 in the United Church of Christ at 3 p.m. **Judy Dueker** promises a wonderful performance. \$25 adult; \$22 senior & veteran; \$10 student (under 18) or child.

Join the **Greater Keene Pops Choir** for their "Holiday Pops" concert on December 14th at 3 p.m. in St. James Episcopal Church, 44 West St., Keene. Tickets are \$15. **Libby Beede & Wendy Pelletier** look forward to seeing you.

The **Cheshiremen Chorus** (Barbershop Harmony) will perform their annual Christmas concert, "Holiday Harmony" on Dec. 20 at 3 p.m. in Heberton Hall, Keene Public Library, 60 Winter Street, Keene. Admission is free (donations welcome), with a holiday reception to follow. **Mark Brosseau** hopes you can join them for a fun afternoon.

The **Sullivan Planning Board** seeks 2 new members, to begin in January. If interested contact Kathleen Rowe, Administrative Assistant, in the Town Hall; 603-847-3316 or selectmen@townofsullivannh.com .

The **Sullivan Conservation Commission** will not hold formal meetings in November or December, unless needed for a site review, etc. Questions – contact Chip Woodbury, chairman at chipkathywoodbury@gmail.com or 603-357-3445 .

Friends of the Library need a few new members. We're down to just a few people, and not only do we support the library, we also sponsor Santa Day, the Country Christmas Craft Fair and in the spring our plant and book sales. Let Gaynelle Pratt (603-847-3271) or one of the librarians know, if you're interested. **We could use your help!**

CAUTION - SLIPPERY! Please try to remember not to blow your leaves into the roadways. They're not only slippery to walk on, but also to drive on, especially when wet.

The **Meetinghouse Rock Trail** recently had the brush & grass cut, as well as several trees and branches moved out of the way, thanks to several Conservation Commission members. It's a pleasant family hike behind the fire station. If going out this time of year, remember that it's hunting season and dress appropriately. The **Piper Forest Trails** off Gilsum Rd. were also recently cleaned up with The Society for Protection of NH Forests and Sullivan Conservation members helping.

APPLE HILL – FALL CONCERTS

Apple Hill Center for Chamber Music and the Apple Hill String Quartet

Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum; Sunday, November 16, 1 pm ~ 18 Highlawn Rd., Warner, NH
This program to include music of Jerod Impichchaachaaha' Tate and Ignacio Cervantes.

The Drake Amherst; Sunday, November 23, 4 pm ~44 N. Pleasant St., Amherst, MA
Please visit <https://applehill.org/concerts/concerts-apple-hill/> for more information.

WHAT'S COOKIN' by Bonnie Blanchard



The season of eating is upon us. It's time to gather your family's two of my favorites. Happy eating!

traditional recipes. Here are

Pumpkin Crescent Rolls

1 cup warm water
3 cups flour
3 tablespoons sugar
1 teaspoon salt
1 stick butter melted
2 ½ teaspoons yeast
1 egg beaten

Filling

¾ cup canned pumpkin
⅓ cup sugar
1 ½ teaspoon pumpkin pie spice

Add water, yeast and sugar to a small bowl and let sit until foamy, about 5 minutes. In a separate bowl combine flour and salt. Add yeast mixture, beaten egg and melted butter to the flour mixture. Stir to form dough. Turn onto a floured surface and knead for 6 to 8 minutes until you have a smooth, elastic soft dough. Knead in additional flour if dough is too sticky. Place dough in a lightly greased bowl. Cover and let rise for 1 hour or until double in size. Punch down and place dough on a lightly floured surface. Roll dough into an 18" circle. Cut dough into 16 wedge shaped pieces. Use a pizza cutter for best results. Combine filling ingredients and spread over each wedge. Roll each wedge from the wide end. Place point side down on a lightly sprayed baking sheet. Curve the ends to create the crescent shape. Cover and let rise in a warm place for 30 minutes. Bake at 350° for 18 to 20 minutes or until golden brown.

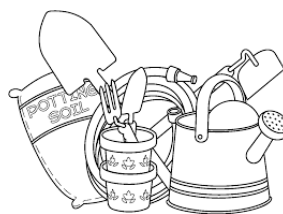
French Canadian Meat Pie

1 lb. ground pork
1 lb. ground beef (80/20)
3 cups water
2 medium onions chopped
1 medium carrot chopped
1 packet dry beef gravy mix
1 teaspoon dried thyme

3 cloves garlic minced
1 teaspoon black pepper
3 cups mashed potatoes – **NO** milk or butter
Pastry for 1 double crust pie
2 teaspoons cinnamon
1 teaspoon ground cloves
1 beaten egg

Cook ground beef and pork in a large pot over medium heat until meat is no longer pink. Do not brown meat. Add gravy packet to pot and stir. Add onions, carrot, thyme, garlic, pepper, cinnamon and cloves. Stir and cook for 2 minutes. Add water, stir and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer for 1 hour uncovered. Stir occasionally. Add the mashed potatoes and stir. Line a deep-dish pie plate with pastry and fill with meat mixture. Place top crust over filling, crimp and seal the edges. Cut vent slits in the crust. Brush with beaten egg and bake at 400° for 10 minutes. Reduce heat to 350° and bake for 35 to 40 minutes until golden brown.

Tips from a Master Gardener: Better Lawns & Gardens with Less Work Submitted by Leslie Casey



With the arrival of killing frost, the growing season is mostly over. There are still plenty of things to do in the yard and garden, however, before the ground freezes. Here are some recommendations from the University of New Hampshire Extension:

- Protect trees and shrubs from vole damage over the winter by placing cylindrical guards made of ¼" galvanized hardware cloth around their bases. Plants voles are likely to damage include: apple, blueberry, peach, pear, cherry, dogwood, Japanese maple and juniper.
- It's not too late to plant a few more bulbs. Many spring blooming bulbs, and garlic, can be successfully planted up until the ground freezes. Plant bulbs 2 to 3 times deeper than their diameter. Bulbs should always be planted with their pointed end up and the root end facing downward. If you are not sure which end is which, it is better to plant bulbs on their sides rather than upside down.
- Check houseplants for pest issues. It is possible that a plant that spent the summer outside picked up a few insect pests or developed a disease issue during that time. Isolate and treat infested/infected plants before issues spread to others. Many pest issues can be resolved by hand-picking insects or diseased leaves from plants.
- Keep mowing until the grass stops growing. Grass left longer than 3" at the end of the season can get matted under the snow, making it more susceptible to diseases like snow mold. Consider leaving grass clippings on the lawn after mowing, as the clippings return nutrients to the soil as they break down over time and reduce the need for fertilization. Alternatively, mix them with fallen leaves to turn into compost. The "This Old House" website has an article called "How to Winterize a Lawn Mower" that can help you get off to a good start in the spring.

- Get a soil test and apply limestone to the lawn or garden at the rate recommended. It can take as long as six months for lime to fully raise the soil pH, so a fall application will help you prepare your garden for the next growing season. Rain, snow, and frost heaving help incorporate limestone into the soil, gradually raise the pH over the winter.
- Protect evergreen trees and shrubs from winter damage. Broadleaf evergreens, such as Rhododendrons, are particularly susceptible to drying out in the winter months, though needled evergreens can sustain damage as well. When the ground freezes, evergreens sometimes lose water faster than it is taken up, and their leaves begin to dry out. Desiccation can be mitigated by erecting windbreaks made from burlap or canvas to attached frames around plants on the side facing prevailing winds, or plants can be entirely wrapped with burlap if they are small and compact. Never use black plastic, as it causes extreme temperature fluctuations that can damage plant tissues.
- Keep deer out of the garden by installing fencing around plants susceptible to deer, or applying repellents. Deer often show preference for holly, arborvitae, rhododendron, yew and apple. Excluding deer from these plants with fencing is the most effective strategy. Repellents are the next best way of dealing with deer. Repellents that trigger a fear response are often most effective, and generally contain ingredients such as putrescent egg solids, predator urine, or slaughterhouse wastes. Wrapping certain plants, such as arborvitae, with burlap may also limit deer browsing.
- Consider starting a garden journal to help keep track of the successes, inputs, shortcomings, highlights, and layout of your garden. This can be as in-depth as making a scale map of your garden and inventorying all the inputs and outputs throughout the season. Now is a great time to start a journal because this past growing season is a recent memory. A map can be very useful if you have a larger garden and want to start thinking about rotating your crops to help prevent the spread of common garden diseases. Speaking only for myself, I have had good luck with the garden planner software from GrowVeg. It has functions that can help create a map of the garden, plan for crop rotation and correct spacing, and even keep a garden journal.

I hope you have enjoyed these tips. If you have gardening questions, email me: LCasey29@hotmail.com . I will try to find you the answer or I will forward your question to one of our UNH Extension experts.

SULLIVAN SCHOOL NEWS

Greetings, Sullivan Community!

We have had a wonderful and busy start to our school year. Our students have been working on building community, showing Nelson School SPIRIT, and diving into their academic learning for the year. Students are excited to be back at school with all of the opportunities that we offer. Our school counselor, Zach Dube, has been visiting with classes each week in October to talk about peer conflict and bullying, and we are excited to again be partnering with the Harris Center, both for in-school programming and for an all-school visit to their location in Hancock. We are endlessly thankful for the community support that we receive for this programming, and look forward to expanding our outdoor learning in different ways as the year progresses.

September and October have been rich with learning, and with building and celebrating community. Our focus in September was on building community in both our classrooms and our school. We had a special visit from Straumfjordr, a living history group out of Exeter, NH who focuses on the Viking period. We also had Rich Popovic join us for our first Community Sing of the year. Students in our older grades (Gr 2-5) loved learning about Viking history and customs! October has been more focused on our community connections, with many in-school and out-of-school events that celebrated our community. During Community Week, we carved pumpkins for the Keene Pumpkin Festival, had a visit from Morphs & Milestones, celebrated a Cozy SPIRIT Day, and enjoyed a Friday morning greeting from Donna and one of her animal friends from Amazing Grace Animal Sanctuary. Outside of school, we had many community events, too - our Friends of Nelson School group hosted their Trunk or Treat; our Grades 2&5 classes hosted a successful Pancake Breakfast; and students and families had a chance to shop at the Fall Scholastic Book Fair. We would also like to extend a special "Thank You" to all of the folks who attended our celebration for Cindy Benner. She has left an incredible mark on hundreds of students over her career, and Nelson School was lucky to have her for more than thirty years. We wish her all the best.

We have a very busy November and December coming up. On Monday, November 10th, we will be taking an all-school field trip to The Harris Center. We are looking forward to hosting our Open House on Wednesday, November 19th from 5:30-6:30PM. Tuesday, November 25 marks our annual harvest feast. We are also looking forward to having our First Friday Friends visits in November and December. Friday, December 12th is our Parent-Teacher Conference Day, and we will also be hosting our annual clothing swap. As is tradition we will also be doing several school-wide activities alongside our learning to continue to build community among our grade levels alongside our learning.

As a reminder to our school families, students do not have school on Tuesday, November 4th (SAU 29 Workshop Day); Tuesday, November 11th (Veteran's Day); Wednesday, November 26th-Friday, November 28th (Thanksgiving break); and Friday, December 12th (Parent-Teacher Conference Day). Thursday, December 11th is an Early Release Day, with students dismissed at 11:30. Students are off for the holidays during the week of Wednesday, December 24th-Friday, January 2nd. We are looking forward to welcoming our students back to school on Monday, January 5, 2026.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support,

Nicole Gordon
Principal/Curriculum Integration Specialist, Nelson School

HOLIDAY GIVING IN SULLIVAN

With the holidays just around the corner, our community will once again join together to spread some seasonal cheer.

Thanksgiving...

The Sullivan Store will host its annual **Fill-A-Truck Food Drive**, with donations going toward **Thanksgiving food boxes** for local families in need. Afterward, volunteers will gather in the **Sullivan Church meeting hall** to assemble the boxes — stay tuned for more on local Facebook pages and flyers around town!

Christmas...

As we get closer to Christmas, help make a child's holiday brighter by choosing a wish tag from the **Giving Tree** at the Sullivan Store, visiting the **Amazon wish list** organized by Kathleen Wheeler, or selecting a tag at the **Sullivan Church**. Every small act of kindness will help make the season a little more joyful for our neighbors. As above – all these will be posted on local FB pages or on flyers around town.

Sullivan Country Store <https://www.facebook.com/SullivanCountryStore>

Sullivan Community Page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/sullivannah>

Sullivan Church <https://www.facebook.com/sullivanucc>

For more information, or if you know of someone in need, contact Sullivan Food Pantry and Welfare Coordinator – Gaynelle Pratt at 603-847-3271 or cpratt@myfairpoint.net.

Pictures with “THE MEAN GREEN ONE”

December 6, 2025 at Amazing Grace Animal Sanctuary
located at 161 Centre Street, Sullivan
(just 10 minutes from Keene)

Photos* are
\$5.00 each
CASH ONLY



The MEAN GREEN
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@11:30-1:30



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Sanctuary

*Photos printed on site; Digital copies will be on
Facebook after the event.

SULLIVAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Sunday service 9:30 am 847-9030

Pastor Christopher Cornell

Phone 603-852-0895

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SULLIVAN SUPERVISORS OF CHECKLIST –

Nov. 1

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