

MONROE COMMUNITY NEWS

Pastor Earl's Letter

Finally spring has sprung! What a beautiful sight to see the flowers blooming and the trees and grass turn green! The month of June as you know is the sixth month of the year which contains in it the most daylight hours in the Northern Hemisphere and the shortest amount of daylight hours in the Southern Hemisphere. Many celebrations take place in the month of June especially marriages, and it's actually considered good luck to get married in this month. For those of you who know your Greek mythology, the month of June was named after Juno the Goddess of marriage and a married couple's household. Juno was also the wife of the chief God Jupiter.

Here are some interesting facts on weddings: According to a survey taken by Bride's Magazine, 2.3 million couples wed every year in the U.S. alone, which breaks down to nearly 6,200 weddings a day. The average age of a bride in the U.S. is 25.3 with the average age of the groom being 26.9. The average number of guests that are invited to a wedding is 178. One third of those that get married each year have been married before. 72 billion dollars per year is spent on weddings with the average wedding budget set at \$20,000!

Traditionally the father of the bride would pay for everything, but today the bride and groom themselves pay for the wedding about 30% of the time, with the bride's parents paying about 17% of the time. 11% of all weddings take place in June (the most of any month) with August coming in second and May third. 80% of all weddings are performed in a church or a synagogue. \$19 billion per year is spent on wedding gift registries, and the average honeymoon costs \$3,657. Most wedding guests spend an average of \$70-\$100 on a gift.

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The Bible itself opens and closes with a wedding. In the earliest pages of Genesis, God brought Adam and Eve together and officiated the first marriage in history. At the end of the Bible, the Lord Jesus Christ and His bride the church, are united at the marriage supper of the lamb. Additionally, Jesus performed His first miracle at a wedding and according to the book of Ephesians, marriage symbolizes the relationship between Christ and His church.

Marriage, it seems, is worth fighting for. I've had many couples tell me that any serious crisis that they've gone through together, has only strengthened their marriage and commitment to each other. And though every marriage faces difficult days, there's not one perfect husband or wife on earth. Hard times can push a couple apart, but that's not God's way. God's way is to push you back together by humbly confessing your hurts, to pray together and to seek to edify the other. Even in the most difficult of times in a marriage, we are capable of growing closer to each other in the Lord.

May you enjoy your summer, and may God Bless you all.

Pastor Earl

Please see the news about VBS on Page 4!

Monroe Library Gets Grant

The Monroe Public Library is pleased to announce that they are one of 6 NH (and 6 VT) Libraries to receive a grant of \$2,000 in new books from the Children's Literacy Foundation!

Rural Libraries grant programs begin fall 2016. The grants are intended to create excitement about reading, increase library book circulation, improve the number and quality of books available to children and help connect small public libraries and the school community.

The grant is also intended to smooth gaps in library budgets. Funding shortfalls mean rural librarians must often choose between offering programs and



To learn more about CLiF, visit clifonline.org

updating old, outdated or insufficient children's book collections. The Rural Libraries grant helps small libraries provide both books and programs.

About the Children's Literacy Foundation (CLiF): CLiF is a nonprofit organization founded in 1998. Its mission is to nurture a love of reading and writing among low income, at risk, and rural children in New Hampshire and Vermont.

Still More Good News from the Monroe Public Library

Adult Coloring

Tuesday evenings in July and August will be adult coloring nights. Drop in between 5:30 and 7:00 and use our collection of books and colored pencils or bring your own. You probably do not have to stay within the lines.

Summer Reading Program

The schedule for Summer Reading is up in the air at the moment due to building repairs that are being scheduled. Sign up in the library though and we will contact you as soon as we have dates! Activities may include (but are not limited to!):

T-shirt decorating/upcycling
Cardboard construction
Lego building
Pinewood Derby style car race
Fairy House building
and setting up our new Art Vending Machine

Town-Wide Yard Sale

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Town-Wide yard sales and helped make this such a success! If you had a last minute sale and didn't help pay for advertising you can still make your \$5 donation to the library. Jessica Sherman was approached about providing more bathroom facilities next year. Would you be willing to donate \$10 to be included on the yard sale map to make this happen? Let her know at monroepubliclibrary@roadrunner.com

"A library outranks any other one thing a community can do to benefit its people. It is a never failing spring in the desert."

— Andrew Carnegie

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Fairbanks Fun!

The Library now has passes for free entry to the Fairbanks Museum & Planetarium in St. Johnsbury. Stop by or call to arrange pick-up.

Release Your Inner Artist!

We have partnered with Katrina Wildenstein to bring the popular paint and sip style painting classes to Monroe. All supplies and approximately 3 hours of instruction time are included for \$25. You are welcome to bring your own refreshments (there is a Keurig at the library for coffee, tea and cocoa). You can contact Katrina at pkkwild@roadrunner.com, find her on Facebook at Katrina Lackey Wildenstein, or message her on the Monroe, NH FB page (she is one of the admins in addition to everything else she does!). Or let Jessica know if you'd like to be notified of the next class. These have been very popular so come join the fun and bring home your masterpiece!



Artist Katrina Wildenstein shows off a finished painting for everyone to follow.

From Principal Leah Holz

Please join us in celebrating the 8th Grade Commencement at Monroe Town Hall, this Thursday, June 9th, at 6 PM. The next day, Friday, June 10th, is our last day of school, and we celebrate with Field Day and an MCS Family Potluck Lunch. Dismissal is at 12:30 PM.

**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!**

Finally, we are wrapping up another successful year! We wish everyone a warm, sunny summer and we will see you in August! Our first day of school will be Thursday, August 24th!

Free Swim Lessons

Will run Monday–Thursday, June 20–23rd and June 27th–30th. Forms went home from school; if you need another copy, please get hold of Judy Martin at 603–991–9948.

North Haverhill Fair

Runs July 27th–July 31st. Full details at nohaverhillfair.com

Next Big Trash Day

July 16th, 9 AM–3 PM. Questions? Please call the Selectmen’s Office at 638–2644.



Join us for Vacation Bible School 2016, a Barnyard Roundup!

When: July 18-22nd, 9 AM - Noon

Where: North Church Vestry

Who: Ages 3 and up

How: 3 Ways to Sign Up!

Sign-up on-line at monroetown.com/vbs

Sign-up by phone via Earl Brock, 603-787-2218

Sign-up in person on July 18th at 8:30 AM

You need a permit for any kind of outdoor fire! You can get a free permit from any of the town's Fire Wardens (Call Maynard Farr, 638-2612 and he can steer you in the right direction.) Or, print one on-line for \$3, good for the year, at <https://nhdfweb.sovsportsnet.net/>



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