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Blue Poppy

FOL NEWS HAS A NEW NAME!

Perhaps by now you have noticed that the Friends of Landaff News has a new name. At a recent meeting of the Friends of Landaff, it was decided that a new name would better represent the whole Town of Landaff. The News was not intended to just be about the Friends of Landaff, by the Friends of Landaff as the name might suggest. Therefore, by changing the name to The Landaff Ledger, we hope that everyone in town will be a part of it and feel free to contribute articles of interest, pictures, announcements, recipes, etc., for inclusion in the newsletter. This can be done by emailing FOLNews@wildblue.net (email address may change to reflect the new name); calling the editor at 838-2835; or by snail mail to The Landaff Ledger, 177 Cemetery Road, Landaff, NH 03585. At this time the Landaff Ledger is delivered by email and printed copies may be obtained in the green box by the lower door at the Town Hall.

Loss In Landaff



Kathy Coyle's father recently passed away in Florida. Her father, Edward Junior Sutyak, was 80 years old. He was a Korean Conflict veteran where he served as a medic. He married Kathy's mother in 1953 and shortly thereafter became a law enforcement officer in Passaic County, NJ where he retired after 25 years of service. After retiring to Florida, Mr. Sutyak fished with Kathy's uncle most of the time, played golf up every week until last year and was accomplished at playing pool. Independent and determined, he lived at home right up until the end, with the support of family and friends. He is survived by Kathy and her brother, Edward, as well as Mr. Sutyak's brother Charles. He also leaves many, many friends. His ashes will be buried with his wife, in his home state of NJ, where a graveside service will be offered on their wedding anniversary. Our hearts go out to Kathy and her family at her time of grief.



Drumstick Primrose
(Denticulata)



Blue School News

The Landaff School Board is happy to announce that we have successfully hired a second teacher for the Blue School – Diane Leddy. Diane will replace the part time kindergarten and administration staff and she will “team teach” the K-3 grades at the Blue School with Claire Cochran, the head teacher at the Blue School. Diane has the breadth of skills and experience needed to serve the students at the Blue School. She has experience teaching children in a multi-age cluster format spanning 3 grade levels in Vermont, is certified in special education, and was awarded the Vermont State Teacher of the Year in 2009. Her technical skills will allow the Blue School to fully utilize the smart board and digital tools available at the Blue School. This addition will serve as a great asset to the Blue School and will fit within the budget. Claire and Diane will determine the schedule and best team approach to the challenges at the Blue School for the coming year. We are also embracing any volunteers in the community who would enjoy helping out, so please let us know your desires and capabilities if you are willing to help once or to play an ongoing role.

Submitted by the Landaff School Board
– Jason Cartright, Kathy Coyle, Marilyn Booth

**White Mountain Garden Club Symposium
& Fair**

**Saturday, July 9 10am - 4pm
Crapo Building, Sugar Hill**

Speakers:

**10am - Peony Specialist
11am - Sugar Hill Botanical
1:30pm - Wildflowers
2:30pm - Landscape Designer**

**Tickets: \$15 or \$25 w/ lunch; purchase
day of event
or call Karen @ 823-9989**

***Old Home Day
with the
Friends Of Landaff***

The Friends of Landaff will be selling several items under the canopy this year at Old Home Day. Becky McGovern, Jaye Michaelis, and Florence Webb have been painting designs on barn boards salvaged from Ed Glines's old workshed that the FOL tore down on Mill Brook Road. Other items for sale will be woven cloth baskets made by Jeanie McLaughlin and quilted hot pads with either the Blue School or Landaff Methodist Church as the center picture. Judy Boulet has made "Garden Chairs" painted with enamel paint. They should withstand the weather for several years. Jaye Michaelis will be getting more Landaff Scenes note cards, always a favorite with the townspeople. The traditional Landaff T-shirts and hats will round out the items for sale. All proceeds go to the rejuvenation of the Landaff Town Hall kitchen. Stop by the canopy and buy something!

***Murphy's Lesser Known
Laws***

1. Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
2. He who laughs last, thinks slowest.
3. Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.
4. Those who live by the sword, get shot by those who don't.
5. Nothing is foolproof to a sufficiently talented fool.
6. The 50-50-90 rule: Anytime you have a 50-50 chance of getting something right, there's a 90% probability you'll get it wrong.
7. If you lined up all the cars in the world end to end, someone would be stupid enough to try to pass them, five or six at a time, on a hill, in the fog.
8. If the shoe fits, get another one just like it.
9. The things that come to those who wait will be the things left by those who got there first.
10. Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach a man to fish and he will sit in a boat all day, drinking beer.
11. Flashlight: A metal tube used to store dead batteries.
12. The shin bone is a device for finding furniture in a dark room.
13. A fine is a tax for doing wrong. A tax is a fine for doing well.
14. When you go into court, you are putting yourself in the hands of 12 people who weren't smart enough to get out of jury duty.

Judy Boulet in Vietnam

On April 6, 2011, I left Logan Airport for JFK in New York. I met up with the rest of the Alpha Delta Kappa (ADK) Sisters and our Vietnam Veteran Guide, Bud, at the Cathay Pacific terminal. We boarded the plane for the 8,066 mile 15½ hour non-stop flight to Hong Kong. We left JFK and flew north over Canada, over the Arctic and then south to Hong Kong. I had plenty of time to sleep, read, and watch three movies. We landed in Hong Kong and boarded a smaller plane for Hanoi. Upon landing, we were met by Charlie Wishart, the coordinator of our trip and a Vietnam Veterans Restoration Project coordinator. Charlie is from North Woodstock and spends about half the year in Vietnam.

Our group stayed in Hanoi for three days and toured the city. We saw many sites dedicated to Ho Chi Minh and, on one day, went to Ha Long Bay, one of the great wonders of the modern world. On another day, we toured the Hanoi prison where US pilots were imprisoned during the Vietnam War (it's called the "American War" over there). The French government tortured Vietnamese political activists in 1954 there. A very small room had a video and pictures of the US pilots although very little was displayed about these experiences at the prison.

The next day, we flew from Hanoi to Hue, a beautiful old city. The school that ADK donated \$50,000 for the construction is about two hours west of Hue. We rode in cyclopedes around the streets and went to a book store to purchase supplies for the school. The next day we went by bus up into the mountains to the location of the school into the hamlet of Ta Rinh. The little children, about thirty in

all, attend the school from 6:30 AM to 5:00 PM while their parents work in the fields as subsistence farmers. The ADK Primary School educates children from one to five years old. Older children walk the five miles down the road to a village school.

On our visiting day, they were all dressed in uniforms. The children sang and danced for us, and we, in turn, sang to them. Our books and supplies were formally presented to the head teacher. This was the major highlight of our trip. Seeing the faces of those little children, in awe of our group and eyes wide open to our gifts, was a memory I will never forget.

Our group traveled on to Da-Nang, Hoi-An and ended the last days of our two weeks in Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon). We dined on Vietnamese food, mastered chopsticks, dodged the never ending snarl of traffic, and shopped! Points of interest in Saigon were the Opera House, the Rex Hotel, the Caravelle Hotel, and the Majestic Hotel. Each has a story to tell about events during the Vietnam War. We even canoed in the Mekong Delta after a tour of an indigenous group's candy factory on one of the islands in the delta.

The Vietnam Veterans Restoration Project has completed 25 projects in 22 years in Vietnam. Team 1 coordinated efforts to build a clinic in Vung Tan. Team 25 built the ADK Primary School at Ta Rinh. For more information about the VVRP go to www.vvrp.org

This country was one of the most outstanding places I have ever visited.

If we could find the financial means, Allan and I would like to go to Vietnam as part of a VVRP Team to build whatever project is next on the schedule. It would be one of the most rewarding experiences of a life time!



Early spring hike to Arethusa Falls

Do You Know What Mount Hope Grange Does?

Mount Hope Grange #77, Landaff, New Hampshire, participates in and/or donates to the following programs and activities:

Granite State Granger Newsletter, Oliver Kelley Farm Historical Fund, Tri-County Cap, Lisbon Lions Club, State Grange Family and Community Services, Adopt a Highway Program, Food Pantry, Hear in NH. Each spring the grange sponsors a pancake breakfast at Town Hall. The grange enters floats in local parades and helps at blood drives. The Blue School students' annual Christmas party is provided compliments of the Mount Hope Grange. This year the members donated to the Japan tsunami relief and the state grange talent fund. The town Memorial Park is maintained by grange members.

Look for more information about local and national grange (Patrons of Husbandry) in future issues.

Submitted by Dot Wiggins, member, Mount Hope Grange #77.

Garden Trivia

Latin Word of the Week
Drosera (DROSS-er-uh)



Sundew

Drosera originates from the Greek word droseros which means “dew”. This refers to the small drops of liquid secreted by the leaves, to which small insects stick. There are many species of Sundew and they are an interesting carnivorous plant. After a hapless insect is captured, glands on the edges of the leaves bend inward, securing the prey in the digestive area. The plant is usually found in damp soils with few nutrients so it compensates by catching insects for sustenance. There are at least 194 species of Drosera and they can be found on all continents except Antarctica.

Look Familiar?



Turtles are laying eggs now. Be careful not to run over them. Car tires are hazardous to their shells.

The Chicken Corner



Why are we showing a picture of a bear in the Chicken Corner? Funny (not very) you should ask. While the Coyles were away in Florida, one of these opportunist bears made his way into their chicken coop, not once, but twice, and killed 15 of their 16 chickens. The rooster was the only survivor. He's pretty well beaten up but is now beginning to be able to crow. They've introduced new chicks they got a while back to the run and even though at first the rooster seemed afraid of them he seems better now.

Lindsay Coyle had an up close and personal stand-off with the bear one evening and scared it away. He hasn't been back since (the bear, not Lindsay). The Coyles have learned far more about bears because of these incidents and can't blame him for coming to the dinner table, but he is classified as a nuisance and as such may warrant further action. They've now ordered 5 Buff Chanticleers which will arrive mid-August. They are extremely cold hardy and very good layers. They should be back in the egg-producing market soon.

How To Avoid Stress

- 1 * Accept the fact that some days you're the pigeon, and some days you're the statue!
- 2 * Always keep your words soft and sweet, just in case you have to eat them.
- 3 * Always read stuff that will make you look good if you die in the middle of it.
- 4 * Drive carefully... It's not only cars that can be recalled by their Maker.
- 5 * If you can't be kind, at least have the decency to be vague.
- 6 * If you lend someone \$20 and never see that person again, it was probably worth it.
- 7 * It may be that your sole purpose in life is simply to serve as a warning to others.
- 8 * Never buy a car you can't push.
- 9 * Never put both feet in your mouth at the same time, because then you won't have a leg to stand on.
- 10 * Nobody cares if you can't dance well. Just get up and dance.
- 11 * Since it's the early worm that gets eaten by the bird, sleep late.
- 12 * The second mouse gets the cheese.
- 13 * When everything's coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.
- 14 * Birthdays are good for you. The more you have, the longer you live.
- 15 * You may be only one person in the world, but you may also be the world to one person.
- 16 * Some mistakes are too much fun to make only once.
- 17 * We could learn a lot from crayons. Some are sharp, some are pretty and some are dull. Some have weird names and all are different colors, but they all have to live in the same box.
- 18 * A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour.