

## Keystone Wetland Construction Un-Incorporated



**Skip Lisle, President of Beaver Deceivers International, discusses beaver control with Amherst Conservation Commissioners Gleason, Krantz, Bowen, Wichman and Gilman on the Pulpit Brook Trail. Not shown are Public Works Director Bruce Berry and Commissioner Beckley.**

No wetland permits or variances are sought by these developers. They just move in, glad to modify buffers and raise stream levels. No Intents-To-Cut for trees removed are filed. These creators and maintainers of wetlands, located where slow-moving streams once flowed, are welcomed by a host of long-time residents and newcomers.

Who is it that can get away with trying this any place they choose? Beavers, naturally. These large rodents were described as a keystone species by Skip Lisle, president of Beaver Deceivers International. Mr. Lisle recently presented his views and experience to the public, conservation commissioners and the Public Works Department. The keystone designation arises from the singular role beavers play in creating wetlands which quickly

become home for many other species. Even the beaver lodges become micro-habitats for small mammals, snakes and amphibians.

Beavers are opportunistic and efficient, seeking out constricted flow points in a stream for a dam site. Culverts under roads or trails, as is the case with the ACC Pulpit Brook Trail, are prime starting points for beaver constructors. The Beaver Deceiver, as designed and installed by Mr. Lisle, acknowledges the animal's dam building instincts and controls water flow velocity, sounds and flow direction to thwart them. The Commission and Public Works Department will be reviewing the costs and effectiveness of installing Deceivers at problem stream crossings to minimize flooding at those locations.

## VFW Honors Local Commander

KANSAS CITY, Mo. -- John Rubery of Amherst has been named All American State Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

VFW National Commander Glen Gardner said, "Commander Rubery is one of 46 State Commanders selected as All American. This prestigious honor is earned through exceptional performance in advancing VFW membership as well as actively participating in at least five of the VFW's core programs."

The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. is a nonprofit veterans' service organization composed of combat veterans and those who currently serve on active duty or in the Guard and Reserves. Annually, the VFW and its Auxiliaries contribute more than 13 million hours of community service to the nation. For more information or to join, visit the organization's Web site at [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org).

## Local Fundraisers



**L to R: Alison Lockitt, Carrie Patel, David Villiotti**

## MOMS Club Raises \$1,000 for Nashua Children's Home

AMHERST – One mom's junk is another child's treasure. The MOMS Club\* of Amherst held a yard sale May 31st, raising \$1,000.00 for the Nashua Children's Home. On June 18th club president Carrie Patel and vice president Alison Lockitt delivered the donation to David Villiotti, Executive Director of the Nashua Children's Home.

The MOMS Club\* of Amherst is a chapter of the International MOMS Club\*, a non-profit organization

supporting stay-at-home moms and children. Community service projects, such as the yard sale, are an integral part of the group's activities. "We did several small projects this year, but the yard sale was undoubtedly our most successful fundraising event," Patel said. "We definitely plan on making it an annual event. The Nashua Children's Home is a wonderful organization, and we are happy to support their work."

## Eagle Scout Fundraiser-Rummage Sale

Matt Hunt, a boy scout from Amherst Boy Scout Troop 613, will be holding a rummage sale fundraiser with his fellow boy scouts on Saturday, August 15th, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 44 Stearns Road, Amherst, rain or shine.

The rummage sale is being held in order to raise funds for Matt's Eagle Scout Project, which will be the building of a reading center for the non-profit center Opportunity Networks, which is located in Amherst and services young adult and adult residents with developmental

or acquired disabilities. The center provides vocational opportunities to their clients, as well as helping them with everyday skills such as reading, job skills and personal management.

As part of the reading center, Matt will also be holding a book drive, with drop-off bins located in various locations. Please help support this project. For information on either the rummage sale or the book drive, please contact Matt Hunt at 673-8954.

## Obituary

### RUSSELL V. ABBATE

AMHERST, NH – Russell V. Abbate, 80, resident of Amherst, NH, died July 19, 2009 at the V.A. Medical Center, Manchester, NH.

He was born in Brooklyn, NY on December 10, 1928, a son of the late Vincent & Vincenza (Sousa) Abbate.

He was raised and educated in New York City and graduated from New York University in 1951. For many years, he was employed by the city in the Buildings Department in the Boroughs of Queens and Brooklyn.

Mr. Abbate resided in Amherst since 1971 and had been employed as the Zoning Administrator for the Town of Amherst for 15 years.

Mr. Abbate loved his home, enjoyed gardening, woodworking and stone masonry work.

He was an avid Boston Red Sox and Celtics fan.

Mr. Abbate was a U.S. Marine Corp veteran having served during World War II.

He was predeceased by his wife, Dolores R. (Kollmeyer) Abbate; and

a brother, Joseph Abbate.

Family members include three daughters, Carolyn Abbate and her husband, Lee Mitchell of Princeton, NJ, Elizabeth Hennessey and her husband, Richard of Deering, NH, Donna Abbate of Los Angeles, CA; four grandchildren, Carl Mitchell, Lucas Mitchell, Captain Russell Hennessey, U.S. Army and Caitlin Hennessey; a sister, Marie Petraitis of Islip, NY; several nieces and nephews.

There are no visiting hours. A graveside service will be held on Tuesday, July 28th at 11:00 am in Meadowview Cemetery, Foundry Street, Amherst, NH with military honors. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to Hospice Care at Community Living Center, V.A. Medical Center, 718 Smyth Road, Manchester, NH 03104. Smith & Heald Funeral Home, 63 Elm Street, Milford, is handling arrangements. To leave an online condolence, please go to [www.smith-heald.com](http://www.smith-heald.com)

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in Ondjiva, Angola.

The supper features a 1 1/2 lb. Maine lobster, corn on the cob, potato salad, assorted breads (including peach of course), soft drink, and a peachy dessert - all for \$20.00 per person! For children who have not yet developed a love of lobster, a hamburger supper with all the above side dishes is available at \$8.00 per ticket. But be forewarned! Tickets for the supper must be purchased by August 11th. They are available with cash or

check at Lull's Farm Stand in Milford on Route 13, The Toadstool Book Shop, the Milford Veterinary Hospital, 188 Elm Street, Milford, or by sending a check clearly marked LOBSTER SUPPER to the Church at P.O. Box 237, Milford.

As in the past, the Peach Festival will benefit such local charities as the SHARE Food Pantry, Open Cupboard of Wilton, the Greater Nashua Interfaith Hospitality Network, and Habitat for Humanity.

### Entertainment Schedule:

- 9:30 Church of Our Saviour Peach Tree Singers
- 10:00 Marie Duprey - Traditional and Contemporary Songs
- 10:45 Ed Thomas - "Folk with an Edge"
- 11:30 Rahel - Original World Beat Folk
- 12:00 Refuge - Family Focused Original Music (Jeanne McFadden, Bob Baker)
- 12:45 Cooper and Kenneally - Early Rock and Roll/Folk Pop
- 1:15 G. S. Picard - Acoustic/ Folk Rock/ Indie
- 2:00 Ken LeBlanc - Folk Country and Blues

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