

LEAH GONTHIER, 2021 CCC CAMP SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

Moore School 8th grade student Leah Gonthier was this year's recipient of the CCC Scholarship Fund for a one-week session at the Barry Conservation Camp. She chose a session titled "Junior Conservation Officer Training." Unfortunately Leah was unable to go because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Then her family moved to Iowa! Members of the Conservation Commission were concerned that Leah would be missing out on a great opportunity, so we have offered to provide the scholarship to her if she can find a similar program in Iowa during the summer of 2022. We wish Leah and her family the best in their new home.



(2021 Camp Scholarship winner, Leah Gonthier)

Camp scholarship recipients are chosen from entries submitted by interested students. Although the deadline for the 2022 scholarship has passed, we encourage all Candia students ages 10 to 16, who like the outdoors, to consider applying for the 2023 scholarship. Applications may be downloaded from the CCC website. **The deadline for applications is January 8 of each year.**

The camp is operated by NH Fish and Game in partnership with 4-H through UNH Cooperative Extension. More information about the camp can be found at <http://www.wildlife.state.nh.us/barrycamp/>.

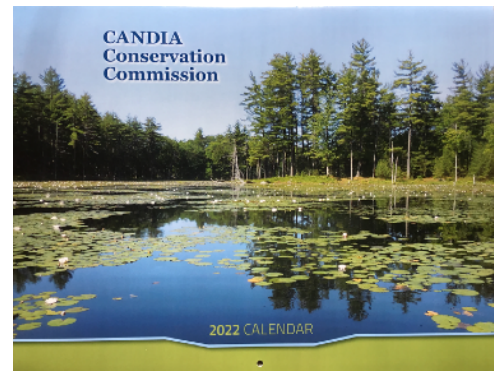
OLD HOME DAY, AUGUST 28, 2021

This year the Conservation Commission was happy to once again staff a booth at Candia's Old Home Day. There was a good crowd attending on a beautiful summer day. Once again we raffled off a chainsaw carved bear created by CCC vice-chair, Leon Austin, to benefit the CCC Scholarship Fund. This fund is used to send a Candia student to Conservation Camp each summer.



(2021 Raffle winner, Becky Therien, with husband Todd, Daughters Paige and Piper, and son Parker)

CCC CALENDARS



Each year the CCC sells calendars with pictures taken in Candia. The proceeds go to the CCC Scholarship Fund, which we use to send a Candia student to Conservation Camp. These 13-month calendars sell for \$10 and are available at the Town Clerk's office, the Smyth Library and from any CCC member. Residents are encouraged to submit photos for the 2023 calendar. Instructions may be found on our website.

MEET 'N GREET



(CCC members Lindsey White, Betsy Kruse and Leon Austin at Meet 'n Greet)

The Conservation Commission staffed a booth at the Meet 'N Greet event on October 21, 2021 at the CYAA. CCC Administrative Assistant, Donna DelRosso organized the event, which was well attended. Many town organizations and departments were present. The event provided an excellent opportunity for members of local groups and the public to connect and learn more about other town entities' activities and services.

OUR NEW BRIDGE!



(Bridge builders Tom DiMaggio, Leon Austin and Mike Hennessey.)

The Conservation Commission is excited to report we have a new bridge over the river in the New Boston Road

Conservation Area! The project was completed entirely with volunteer effort and no taxpayer funds were used. Vice-chair Leon Austin and member Tom DiMaggio were instrumental in designing, obtaining donated materials from Lowe's and recruiting volunteers to make this project a reality. The CCC intends to host an official "opening" of the bridge and a dedication of this conservation area in the name of Dennis Lewis in 2022. Stay tuned to the CCC website for more information.

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

Isaac Plante recently completed his Eagle Scout Project - a stone dust path that partially borders the pond behind the Smyth Library gazebo. It guides walkers onto the trail that loops through the woods and out. Congratulations, Isaac!



(Eagle Scout Isaac Plante)

CONSERVATION COMMISSION WARRANT ARTICLE

The Commission has submitted a warrant article to the Town ballot. We would like to eliminate the annual cap of the Land Use Change Tax going into the Conservation Fund so we can be better prepared to protect some of our open spaces as increasing development impacts our rural character and natural resources. **You can read more about this warrant article in a separate flyer in the Boy Scout Packet.**

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT CCC

The CCC holds monthly meetings on the 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Office Building. The public is welcome to attend. Visit our website for more information and to confirm meeting times and dates:

Web: www.candiaconservationcommission.org.

E-mail: info@candiaconservationcommission.org.