

The Loudon Ledger

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Loudon Residents Enjoy 2014 Winter Carnival — Snow Enough This Year!



It was a perfect day for the 2014 Winter Carnival, held at the Recreation Field in the Village. The Stone Boat Farm Belgian draft horses, Billy and Roy, were on hand offering rides to everyone.



Throughout the day many youngsters enjoyed the giant snowball slingshot!

For more photos, see page 16.

Mission Statement...

To provide a comprehensive source of information and education about business, government, and community organizations within Loudon in order to facilitate and encourage informed citizen participation.

Town of Loudon Office Hours
Selectmen’s Office

PO Box 7837 • 798-4541 • townofloudon@comcast.net
Selectmen meet Tuesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Building.
Mon.–Thurs.: 8 a.m.–4 p.m. • Tues. evenings: 6 p.m.–9 p.m.

Town Clerk
PO Box 7837 • 798-4542 • townclerkloudon@comcast.net
Mon.: 8 a.m.–2 p.m. • Tues.: 3 p.m.–9 p.m. • Wed.–Thur.: 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

Planning/Zoning Board
PO Box 7837 • 798-4540 • loudonplanningoffice@comcast.net
The Planning Board Meets the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Building. The Zoning Board meets the fourth Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Building.
Mon. through Thurs.: 8 a.m.–4 p.m. • Tues. 8 a.m.–7 p.m.

Tax Collector
PO Box 7844 • 798-4543 • taxcollectorloudon@comcast.net
Tues.: 3 p.m.–9 p.m. • Wed.–Thurs.: 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

Police Department: Emergencies: 911
PO Box 7059 • 798-5521 • www.loudonpolice.com
Mon.–Fri.: 8 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Code Enforcement
PO Box 7059 • 798-5584 • rfiske@loudoncodeenforcement.com
Monday–Thursday: 8 a.m.–4:00 p.m. Closed Fridays.

Fire Department: Emergencies: 911
PO Box 7032 • 798-5612 • chief@loudonfire.com
The Fire Department holds its general meeting on the second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Safety Building. To obtain a fire permit, please stop by the station weekdays between the hours of 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. Fire permits for the weekend need to be obtained during these times.

Loudon Elementary School
7039 School Street • 783-4400
The School Board meets the second Monday of the month at 7:15 p.m. Call the Superintendent’s Office for meeting location.

Transfer Station
783-0170 • townofloudon@comcast.net
Tues. & Thurs.: 9 a.m.–5 p.m. (Winter)
Tues.: 9 a.m.–5 p.m. • Thurs.: 11 a.m.–7 p.m. (Summer) • Sat.: 8 a.m.–5 p.m.
Loudon residents can purchase facility stickers at the transfer station for \$4.00. See the attendant.

Highway Department
Road Agent: David Rice • 783-4568 • townofloudon@comcast.net
Mon.–Fri.: 7 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Maxfield Public Library
Librarian: Nancy Hendy • 798-5153 • maxlib@comcast.net
Mon.: Closed • Tues.: 10 a.m.–9 p.m. • Wed.: 1–9 p.m.
Thurs.: 10 a.m.–9 p.m. • Sat.: 9 a.m.–1 p.m.
The Library Trustees meet at 4 p.m. on the first Monday of the month.

John O. Cate Memorial Van
Call 783-9502 at least a week in advance of your appointment to schedule a ride. The John O. Cate Van committee meets the last Thursday of the month at 2 p.m. at their facility at the Transfer Station.

Loudon Food Pantry
30 Chichester Road, Unit D, Loudon
Intake Hours: Monday–Thursday by appointment only.
Donations accepted: Monday–Thursday 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Closed Fridays.
For more information, call Sue or Sarah at 724-9731 or email LoudonFoodPantry@yahoo.com

Loudon Representatives
Merrimack County — District 9
Priscilla P. Lockwood: PO Box 1, Canterbury, NH 03224-0001
Howard M. Moffett: 66 Cogswell Rd., Canterbury, NH 03224-2011
Merrimack County — District 26
Lorrie J. Carey: 151 King St., Boscawen, NH 03303-2107
Senators — District 17
John Reagan: 53 Mt. Delight Rd., Deerfield, NH 0303-1304

Loudon Ledger Submission Policy

All groups, organizations, individuals, etc. are encouraged to submit articles to the *Loudon Ledger*. Special events, landmark anniversaries or birthdays, “attaboys,” etc. are all welcome.

Please note, however, that the *Ledger* will uphold its mission:

To provide a comprehensive source of information and education about business, government, and community organizations within Loudon in order to facilitate and encourage informed citizen participation.

We will also follow our *Articles of Agreement*, which are on file with the Secretary of State:

The corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of any political party or candidate for public office, nor shall it sponsor or endorse any plan or proposition that does not facilitate or encourage informed citizen participation.

In other words, any article submitted must present *all sides* of an issue in a factual, unbiased manner so that the reader may form his/her own opinion based on the information presented. To paraphrase Eric Severard: “You should elucidate but not advocate.”

Articles should be submitted to the Loudon Communications Council, P.O. Box 7871, Loudon, NH 03307. They may be emailed to debbie@debbiekgraphics.com. From there, they will be forwarded to the Council for review before they are inserted in the *Loudon Ledger*. If you have any questions regarding this policy, please contact Mary Ann Steele, chairperson of the Council, 267-6509. ■

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February 2014 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 1/17 Council Meeting: Tues. 1/21

March 2014 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 2/14 Council Meeting: Tues. 2/18

April 2014 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 3/21 Council Meeting: Tues. 3/25

May 2014 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 4/18 Council Meeting: Tues. 4/22

June 2014 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 5/16 Council Meeting: Tues. 5/20

July 2014 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 6/20 Council Meeting: Tues. 6/24

August 2014 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 7/18 Council Meeting: Tues. 7/22

September 2014 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 8/15 Council Meeting: Tues. 8/19

October 2014 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 9/19 Council Meeting: Tues. 9/23

November 2014 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 10/17 Council Meeting: Tues. 10/21

December 2014 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 11/14 Council Meeting: Tues. 11/18

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Where to Worship in Loudon

Family Bible Church

“Where everybody is somebody, and Jesus is Lord!”

Pastor Steve Ludwick

676 Loudon Ridge Rd., PO Box 7858, Loudon, NH, 03307 • 267-7577

www.myfamilybiblechurch.org • Email: sludwick@hughes.net

Coffee & Prayer Time: Sunday 8–9:10 a.m.

Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m. A blend of hymns & contemporary songs.

Fellowship time following service is provided. Sunday School for ages 4 years–5th grade during worship service. Nursery also Available.

Sunday Evening: Youth Group — For Grades 6–11: 6–7:45 p.m.

Monday: Men’s Fellowship and Prayer 7–8:45 p.m.

Wednesday: Women’s Bible Study, fellowship, and prayer: 9:15 a.m.

Ongoing Evening Adult Bible Studies: call for details



Faith Community Bible Church

Evangelical Free Church of America

Jeffrey Owen, Senior Pastor • Joshua Owens, Associate Pastor

334 North Village Road, Loudon, NH 03307 • 783-4045 • www.fcbcnh.org

Office Hours: Mon.–Thurs. 9 a.m.–2 p.m.

Sunday Worship Hours: 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. (Nursery provided.)

Sunday School Classes: 9:30–10:30 a.m.

Children’s Worship Bible Explorers for ages 3 up to 4th Grade

Youth Group: Sunday 6:00 p.m.

Bible Study: Thurs. 9:30 a.m. (3rd Thursday of the month, meets at noon)

FCBC also has ministries for Men, Women, and Seniors.



Landmark Baptist Church

Independent, Biblical, Caring

Pastor Paul J. Clow

103 Chichester Road, Loudon, NH 03307 • 798-3818 • www.landmarkbaptistchurchnh.info

Sunday School and Bible Classes for all ages: 9:30 a.m.

Sunday Morning Worship Service (Jr. Church Provided): 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Evening Worship: 6 p.m.

Wednesday Evening Service: 7 p.m.

(Nursery provided for all services.)

Please visit our website for more information!



Loudon Center Freewill Baptist Church

Rev. Linda Overall, Pastor — 603-875-5822

433 Clough Hill Road. Mailing address: P.O. Box 7852, Loudon, NH 03307

Member of the American Baptist Churches of VT/NH (Lakes Area Association)

Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m.



Loudon Congregational Church

Rev. Dick Carter, Interim Minister

7018 Church Street, PO Box 7034, Loudon, NH 03307 • 783-9478 • www.loudoncongregational.org

Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m. followed by Fellowship Time

Wednesday Evenings: Bible Study

Loudon Congregational is a member church of the

Conservative Congregational Christian Conference (www.cccusa.org).



New Beginnings Church of the Nazarene

Senior Pastor Rev. Joshua T. Johnson

Youth Pastor Brian Bollinger

33 Staniels Rd, Loudon NH 03307 • Ph: 224-1311 • Office Hours: 9–2, Mon.–Fri.

office.LNBnazarene@gmail.com • www.LNBnazarene.org

Sundays: Sunday School & Adult Bible Studies: 9:15 a.m.

Worship: 10:30 a.m. (Childcare provided for Infants–3-year-olds.) *Jr. Kids Church* (3-year-olds–Kindergarteners.)

Children’s Church (Grades 1–4)

Tuesdays: Early Youth Group (Grades 5–6). 6:30–8 p.m. Brian & Jill Bollinger: 267-1744

Wednesdays: Youth Group (Grades 7–12). 6:30–8:00 p.m.

Adult Bible Study with Pastor Josh: 7–8 p.m.

Kids Time (Grades 1–6). 7–8 p.m.

Other: Once a month will also have events for men, women, adults, and

seniors (50+) called OASIS.

Please visit our website or call the church office for details.



To have your Church’s information added to this column, please email your information to debbie@debbiekgraphics.com

On The Ballot March 11

The Polls will be open on Tuesday, March 11 from 8 a.m. until 7 p.m. to vote for Town Officers and on proposed Zoning Amendments. The Polls are located at the Town Hall on Clough Hill Road.

The following positions are up for election. The positions are followed by the names appearing on the ballot.

- **Moderator** (2-year term): Michael P. LaBonte
- **Selectman** (3-year term): Robert P. Krieger
- **Supervisor of the Checklist** (1-year term): Francine Clave
- **Supervisor of the Checklist** (4-year term): Tracy Huckins
- **Tax Collector** (3-year term): Helen L. McNeil
- **Treasurer** (3-year term): Melanie C. Kiley
- **Trustee of The Trust Funds** (3 year term): Susan Kowalski
- **Library Trustee** (3-year term): Alice C.J. Tuson
- **Planning Board** (3-year term): Stanley H. Prescott, II and Robert A. Cole
- **Zoning Board** (3-year term): David E. Powelson and Howard Pearl

TOWN MEETING WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, MARCH 15 BEGINNING AT 9 A.M. IN THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYM.

Loudon Church News

Loudon Center Freewill Baptist Church

The church’s Caregiver’s Support group meets the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 6 p.m. at the church.

Bible Study is every other Saturday morning with potluck breakfast. (Call Rev. Overall at 875-5822 for dates/location.)

Monday, March 3, 2014 is a public presentation at 7 p.m. by CareNet Pregnancy Center of Concord. Please mark your calendars and invite your family and friends. Refreshments provided. A freewill love offering will be collected for the CareNet Pregnancy Center of Concord.

On Saturday, March 15 join us for our monthly potluck supper at 6 p.m. followed by a concert by the Dump Run Gang Band from Gilmanton. A freewill love offering will be collected.

Please join us on Monday, March 17, 2014 for a presentation on how to help the homeless at 7 p.m. Refreshments provided.

Please call Rev. Linda Overall at 603-875-5822 for more information on all of our events/studies. Please join us Sunday mornings at 9:30, we would love to see you! ■

FREE COMMUNITY DINNER

SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 2014

Serving dinner at 4:30-6:30 PM

**The Family Bible Church
676 Loudon Ridge Road
Loudon, NH 03307**

**Bring your friends. • Bring your family.
Bring your appetite**

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME
IT IS OUR PLEASURE TO SERVE YOU**

*Call Cindy at 393-4384 for information
or directions. Leave a message.*

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Please check your ad carefully. If there is a problem with your ad, you must contact the Communications Council prior to the next deadline. If there is an error solely attributable to the Council, your corrected ad will be run in the next issue for free.

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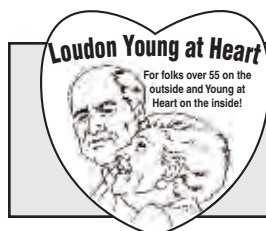
Loudon Recreation Committee News — Plenty of Snow for This Year's Winter Carnival!



"Like" us on Facebook! Loudon Recreation has a Facebook page, check it out for details on upcoming events. Those who follow us on Facebook or who check the website know that we add stuff after the publishing of the latest *Loudon Ledger* so please check frequently!!

Winter Carnival

We certainly had enough snow this year for our Winter Carnival! It's been many years since we've seen this much snow — but we love it for our Carnival. As you can see by the photos on the front page and page 16, we had lots of fun! Some awesome snowmen were built this year and it was perfect conditions for snowshoeing. The bonfire was a big hit as were the horse-drawn wagon rides provided by Stone Boat Farm from here in Loudon. Many thanks to all who participated and made this such a successful day.



Loudon Young at Heart

The February 11, 2014 meeting of Loudon Young at Heart was an outing to the Shaker Table in Canterbury. Thirty-seven members carpooled to the event.

Frogmore Stew, Watermelon and Watercress Salad, and Hopping John Salad were all on the menu at the Shaker Table. The Young at Heart diners could also choose either Southern Fried Chicken or Smothered Pork Chops. The choice of desserts were Banana Trifle or Peach Cobbler. It was a true southern cuisine enjoyed by all.

The next meeting of the Young at Heart will be on Tuesday, March 11, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at Charlie's Barn. A presentation will be given by Kevin Fife about stone walls. All are invited.

Until then, stay warm and think spring!

See you there!! ■



March Walk-In Immunization Clinics

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association offers monthly Walk-In Immunization Clinics for children and adults who are uninsured, underserved, and who have no access to these needed services in order to lead a healthy lifestyle. This month's clinics will be held on Monday, March 3 at 1–3 p.m. and Tuesday, March 18 at 2:30–4:30 p.m.

Immunization Clinics are at St. Paul's Episcopal Church Outreach Center, 21 Centre St. in Concord. A fee of \$10 is requested per person. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Please bring an immunization record with you.

For more information, call Concord Regional VNA at (603) 224-4093 or (800) 924-8620, ext. 5815.

March Walk-In Blood Pressure Clinic

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association is holding a monthly Walk-in Blood Pressure Clinic on Friday, March 7 at 9:30–11 a.m.

Blood Pressure Clinics are at Concord Parks and Recreation (formerly Dame School), 14 Canterbury Rd. in Concord. Blood pressure screenings are a good way for individuals to track their blood pressure for upcoming visits to their physician. For more information, call Concord Regional VNA at (603) 224-4093 or (800) 924-8620, ext. 5815.

March Senior Health Clinic

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association is holding a Senior Health Clinics at the Loudon VOANNE Senior Housing on March 25, from 9 a.m. until noon. Rides are available by calling 798-5203. All Senior Health Clinic services are provided for a suggested donation of \$10, however, services are provided regardless of a person's ability to pay. Services offered include foot care, blood pressure screening, B-12 injections, medication education, and nutritional education. Call (603) 224-4093 or (800) 924-8620, ext. 5815 for an appointment. ■

Spring Youth Basketball

The Loudon Recreation Committee hopes to offer a spring session of pick-up basketball for youth grades 5–8. Please watch for flyers and check our Facebook page for more info coming soon.

Zumba

Sessions of ZUMBA fun continue — the 4th session of Zumba will start on March 17th. The dates for the session (provided there are no more snow dates) are March 17th, 24th & 31st, and April 7th, 14th and 28th. If you are interested in joining the next session of Zumba email Jen at cjmercerc@myfairpoint.net or just register at the first or second class. Zumba is officially described as an exhilarating, effective, easy-to-follow, Latin-inspired, calorie-burning dance fitness party! Most of all it is FUN. The six week session runs on Monday nights from 7:00–8:00 p.m. at the Loudon Elementary School gymnasium. The cost is \$42 for the six-week session. Please make checks payable to Loudon Recreation.

Always Looking For More Help With Recreation!!!

Loudon Recreation Committee is a volunteer group that organizes classes, workshops, events and activities for citizens of all ages in Loudon. We NEED other volunteers to step up and help out on this committee. This small group does quite a bit in town and we would like some fresh ideas. If you aren't able to make a meeting but would like to share your ideas, suggestions or comments please take a moment to fill out the survey on the website www.loudonnh.org. Recreation Committee meetings are generally the fourth Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at Maxfield Public Library HOWEVER, sometimes our busy schedules require meeting date modifications; watch Facebook for meeting dates and times. If you don't see us at the library on the fourth Wednesday of the month, please email Alicia at affirmhealth@yahoo.com to be added to our contact list for meeting dates.

Remember to check the town website www.loudonnh.org or Facebook between issues for updates and watch for updates in every issue of *The Loudon Ledger*. Thank you for your continued support! ■



Loudon Lions Invites Local Veterans to Join Club

Loudon Lions is offering local U.S. veterans a special opportunity to serve their community.

The *Involve a U.S. Veteran* program is a nationwide initiative sponsored by Lions Clubs International that offers qualified U.S. veterans an entrance fee waiver of up to \$30 when joining a local Lions club. The waiver is available to the first 5,000 U.S. veterans, and the program runs through June 30, 2015.

Eligible veterans include Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, and Coast Guard personnel who are retired or were honorably-discharged from these services. National Guard and Reserve personnel who were called to active duty for other than training (persons may still be enlisted in these services) and other personnel the U.S. services consider a veteran are also eligible.

To learn more about the *Involve a U.S. Veteran* program or the Loudon Lions, contact Gus Belden 783-9063. The Loudon Lions meets on the first Tuesday of the month at Maxfield Public Library 7:00 p.m.

Lions Clubs International is the largest service club organization in the world. Its 1.35 million members in more than 46,000 clubs are serving communities in over 200 countries and geographical areas around the globe. Since 1917, Lions clubs have aided the blind and visually impaired, championed youth initiatives and strengthened local communities through hands-on service and humanitarian projects. For more information about Lions Clubs International, visit lionsclubs.org. ■

**Next Deadline:
Friday, March 21, 2014
for the
April Issue of the
"Loudon Ledger."**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY

APRIL 12TH, 2014

8:00 am to 12:00 pm

Loudon Transfer Station

This event is open to all residents of Loudon.

Must bring proof of residency.

WHAT TO BRING

From your workbench:

- Adhesives, glues, resins
- Hobby supplies, artist supplies
- Oil paints
- Stains, thinners and stripper

From Your garage:

- Engine degreasers, brake fluids

From your yard:

- Insecticides, weed killers, poisons
- Pesticides
- Swimming pool chemicals
- Wood preservatives

From your home:

- Aerosol cans
- Cleaners, spot removers
- Photo chemicals, chemistry sets

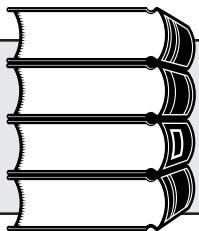
**For more information call
Steve Bennett at 783-0170**

WHAT NOT TO BRING

- Ammunition, fireworks, explosives
- Infectious and biological waste
- Prescription medicines/syringes
- Radioactive waste
- Unknown compress gas cylinder

TO ENSURE YOUR SAFETY

- Never mix chemicals
- Never smoke while handling hazardous materials
- Do not place waste in plastic garbage bags
- Tighten caps and lids leaving material in original labeled containers
- Sort and pack paint, pesticides and household cleaners separately
- Pack containers in sturdy upright boxes and pad with newspaper
- Pack your vehicle and go directly to the Transfer Stations



Maxfield Public Library News



Loudon Village Arts — Trash To Treasure Contest

Is art in the eye of the beholder? Think about that if you decide to enter a transformed item into the Loudon Village Arts **Trash to Treasure Contest**. Start by looking for a drab, ugly, or boring item with the potential for decorative transformation. Take a picture! The whole idea is to show a “before and after.” To enter, pick up a copy of contest guidelines at the library. Completed entries will be displayed at the library. A panel of judges from the Loudon Village Arts group will select the winners. The first place winner will be awarded \$100.00 at the LVA Art Show on June 7. Ready, set, get creative!

Story Time

Join us March 4, 5, and 6 as we read Eve Bunting’s *Have You Seen My New Blue Socks?* and *A Pair of Socks* by Stuart J. Murphy. The children will construct a colorful windsock that they can watch blowing in the March wind.

Story timers will create their very own spoon character on March 11, 12, and 13, after hearing *The Adventures of the Dish and the Spoon* by Mini Grey and *Spoon* by Amy Krouse Rosenthal.

The books for the first week of spring, March 18 through the 20, are *Grumpy Goat* by Brett Helquist and *A Flower in the Snow* by Tracey Corderoy and Sophie Allsopp. The children will paint a beautiful rendition of spring flowers with corn syrup.

We end the muddy month of March with Kate and Jim McMullan’s *I’m Dirty* and David A. Kelly’s *Miracle Mud: Lena Blackburne and the Secret Mud That Changed Baseball*. In the craft time to follow, the children will stick to the muddy theme and design a pen fit for a pig.

Bee Keeping Workshop

What’s the **BUZZ**?

Where is it 93 degrees in Loudon in the middle of winter? Inside a honeybee hive — that’s where!

Did you know that 1 out of every 3 bites of food you eat needs bees?

Honeybees are relied upon to pollinate everything from almonds to blueberries, apples and more!

Come to a beekeeping presentation on March 19th at 7 p.m. to learn why these fascinating creatures are important to our food and to our world.

Barbara Lawler, President of NH Beekeepers Association, will be here to share some interesting information and fun facts. Please call the library for more information.

New Books

Fiction

Brockmann, Suzanne
Clancy, Tom
Finch, Charles
Lawhon, Ariel
Maupin, Amistead
McKinlay, Deborah
Pancol, Katherine
Powers, Richard
Quick, Matthew
Quindlen, Anna

Do or Die
Command Authority
The Last Enchantments
The Wife, the Maid, and the Mistress
The Days of Anna Madrigal
That Part Was True
The Yellow Eyes of Crocodiles
Orfeo
The Good Luck of Right Now
Still Life with Bread Crumbs

Nonfiction

Cronin, Eileen
Hone, Thomas C.
Kilham, Benjamin

Mermaid: A Memoir of Resilience
The Battle of Midway
Out on a Limb: What Black Bears Have Taught Me about Intelligence and Intuition

Mead, Rebecca
Radcliffe, Margaret

Senior, Jennifer

Shavit, Ari

Siegel, Daniel J.

My Life in Middlemarch
The Knitting Answer Book: Solutions to Every Problem You'll Ever Face
All Joy and No Fun: The Paradox of Modern Parenthood
My Promised Land: The Triumph and Tragedy of Israel
Brainstorm: The Power and Purpose of the Teenage Brain

New DVDs

About Time, All is Lost, The Best Man Holiday, Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2, Dallas Buyers Club, Downton Abbey: Season 4, Ender's Game, Last Vegas, Return to Nim's Island, Rush

Book Groups

Fiction/Nonfiction Group

Inspired by a true story, author Geraldine Brooks explores clashing cultures on 17th century Martha's Vineyard in her novel *Caleb's Crossing*. Originally from Australia, the writer spent time as a journalist in Bosnia, Somalia, and the Middle East. It's fascinating to see her turn a literary eye on this piece of New England history. Join us on the first day of spring, March 20, at 7 p.m. to discuss the book.

Classic Book Group

The group will meet at 2:30 p.m., on March 25. For more information, please contact the library.

Book Sale

Thank you to everyone who remembers the library when weeding out their book collections! If you've ever stopped by our book sales, you know how generous Loudon families are in passing along books they no longer use. Our next sale takes place March 29, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For email or telephone notifications of upcoming sales, contact Fran at 798-5153. ■



David J. Hirsch, MD, MPH, FACEP Has Become One of the First Board-certified EMS Physicians in the Country

David J. Hirsch, MD, MPH, FACEP, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) medical director and attending emergency medicine physician at Concord Hospital, has become one of the first board-certified EMS physicians in the country.

Dr. Hirsch, of Concord Emergency Medical Associates, was among the first group of physicians to pass a specialty board exam in Emergency Medical Services in the fall of 2013. Fewer than 200 physicians nationally hold this certification, including only one other physician in New Hampshire. Emergency Medical Services is a medical subspecialty that involves emergency care before patients arrive at the hospital, which includes initial patient stabilization, treatment and transport to hospitals in specially equipped ambulances or helicopters.

"As EMS medical director at Concord Hospital, Dr. Hirsch has been dedicated to working closely with area EMS providers to improve emergency care in the field and during transport to Concord Hospital's Emergency Department," said Dr. David Green, Concord Hospital chief medical officer. "Becoming one of the first EMS board-certified physicians in the country is a reflection of his commitment to excellence in the delivery of emergency care by first responders. We are fortunate to have Dr. Hirsch's leadership and skills leading our communities EMS efforts."

The American Board of Emergency Medicine approved EMS as a subspecialty in 2010. EMS certification is designed to standardize physician training and qualifications for EMS practice, improve patient safety, enhance the quality of emergency medical care and help integrate pre-hospital emergency treatment into a patient's overall care.

As EMS medical director, Dr. Hirsch is responsible for medical oversight of the EMS team which includes over 25 services and more than 500 EMS providers in New Hampshire's Capital Region. His role combines direct patient care in the field with supervisory functions to ensure an effectively functioning response system.

His duties include medical decision-making and control of care provided by EMS personnel, developing procedures to help decide which medical facility would provide an EMS patient with the most appropriate care and the method of transporting the patient to that facility and developing written treatment guidelines.

Dr. Hirsch's certification is for a period of ten years. ■



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Between the Covers

By Kate Dockham

Spring. It has been on my mind a lot lately. It's not that I hate winter, although it definitely isn't my favorite season. This winter seems to have been a little rough with multiple days of below zero temperatures and storms that have dropped incredible amounts of snow at a time. Not to mention the shoveling, plowing and ice scraping that my boys have had to do. So here is some hopeful news. All Red Sox players reported on February 18 to spring training and the team played their first game in the Grapefruit League on February 27! The Boston Flower & Garden Show returns to the Seaport World Trade Center on Wednesday, March 12. The show goes through the weekend ending on Sunday, March 16. Finally, state designated trout ponds, like Clough Pond and Hot Hole Pond here in Loudon, open for fishing on Saturday, April 26. If these quick facts haven't warmed you yet, try picking up one of the books below and hopefully spring will be here before we know it.

Truth be told, I am not a baseball fan. I know the game, was the first female pitcher in Wilmington, Massachusetts Little League and can appreciate the trials and triumphs of the Red Sox. Anyone who knows my mom knows she is the baseball fan of our family. Growing up in New Jersey, she would sneak into New York City to see the New York Giants play. She remembers Bobby Thomas's "shot heard round the world" and has seen the likes of Willie Mays play. When our family moved to Massachusetts in the mid 70's she began rooting for the home team, the Red Sox. My mom has seen some pretty lean Red Sox years, but she stayed a loyal fan and was rewarded with 3 World Series wins and some awesome ball to watch. If you ask her, the first Red Sox book she would recommend is *Feeding the Monster: How Money, Smarts and Nerve Took a Team to the Top*, by Seth Mnookin. While this book is about the game, it is not about the actual playing. It is about the goings on behind the Red Sox from the time the team was purchased by the group led by John Henry. Seth Mnookin was given unbelievable access to the team and to Fenway Park. He had a key to the park and a desk in the front office. He hung out with John Henry and Theo Epstein and spent his afternoons with Ortiz, Ramirez and Garciparra. Since Mnookin talks of trades, deals, and jealousy, many consider this book to be a soap opera in the dugout. It is definitely a read for the Red Sox fan. Of course there are less intense books about America's pastime and specifically the Red Sox. A visually beautiful book is *Sports Illustrated Fenway: A Fascinating First Century*. With black and white candid photos of Babe Ruth and Joe DiMaggio, color shots of Carl Yastrzemski and Manny Ramirez, and panoramic pictures of Fenway itself throughout the years, this book can bring the hope of a home run to just about anyone's heart. While the images are incredible, the book tells the story of a building, a team and the fans that make Fenway a special place. *100 Things Red Sox Fans Should Know & Do Before They Die (100 Things...Fans Should Know)* by Nick Cafardo is another fun fan book. Full of plenty of statistics about dates, names and achievements, this book also contains part of the lore of the Red Sox. The tradition of singing "Sweet Caroline" at the bottom of the eighth inning is included as well as the story of Wally the Green Monster and more.

For the younger baseball fan, there is a great series of time travel books that surround the sport. The Baseball Card Adventure series has twelve books altogether and begins with *Honus and Me*. 12 year old Joe Stoshack loves everything about baseball. When cleaning out a neighbor's attic he finds the world's most valuable baseball card, a Honus Wagner. Having been instructed to throw out all the junk in the attic, young Joe decides to keep the card, sell it, and help out his single mother. Later that night, Honus Wagner appears in Joe's room and takes him back to the 1909 World Series. Author Dan Gutman puts a lot of factual information in all the books of the series and includes an index to help the reader discern between fact and fiction. Other players highlighted in this series are Jackie Robinson, Shoeless Joe Jackson, Satchel Paige and even Ray Chapman, the only player to have died from being hit with a baseball. As a side note, in 1991 a Honus Wagner card sold at auction for almost half a million dollars.

While I do not share in my mother's love of baseball, we do both enjoy gardening. My husband even received his first seed catalog in the mail the other week, so the time for gardening must be upon us soon. I have a couple of old standbys that are well worn from years of use. My favorite is *Reader's Digest Illustrated Guide to Gardening* published in 1995. I checked and this book was updated in 2000 and 2003. This book is very comprehensive with information on climate and temperature zone maps, outdoor gardening, indoor and greenhouse gardening, vine and trees, fruit and vegetables, perennials, and annuals; plus soil, pesticides, and plant disorders. While the older version has some color photos, a major change in the new editions is more color pictures. This is a great reference book to keep on hand. A few years ago I picked up *American Horticultural Society Gardening in Shade*. This is a small volume, only 69 pages. This is totally done in color with pictures on every page. Even though small in size, this title can really help out if you have a

shady spot in your yard. The newest gardening book I am using to warm my winter days with is *The Ever-Blooming Flower Garden: A Blueprint for Continuous Color* by Lee Schneller. My garden planning has a problem with follow through. Our yard is full of color in May and June, yet come July we are left with only green foliage. Schneller, a professional garden designer, created her blueprint system to chase the elusive dream of perpetual blooms. The book is great for planning, with checklists, planning schemata, and the characteristics of 220 low maintenance plants. But Schneller doesn't stop there. The book gives 5 easy steps to develop and create a personalized garden from shopping to planting to maintaining the garden. Wish me luck on this one!

A favorite new hobby around here for springtime is biking! Yes, biking! We are huge fans of the Rails-Trails project here in New Hampshire. The best resource for biking these great trails is www.railstotrails.org/. The Rails-to-Trails Conservancy published *Rail-Trails New England: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont* in 2007. So while somewhat outdated, this book includes descriptions of each trail from start to finish. You can find information on parking, riding surfaces, and very importantly restroom facilities. Of course, there are many alternatives to riding the rails. In *Backroad Bicycling in New Hampshire: 32 Scenic Rides Along Country Lanes in the Granite State*, Andi Marie Cantele reviews rides of all difficulties in all areas of the state. This book contains information on both off-road and road touring routes.

A not so new hobby around here that signifies the beginning of spring is fishing. Somewhere around the house, there might even be a picture of me kissing the first largemouth I ever caught. But the rumors of fishermen keeping their favorite places and best advice secret are true! It was very difficult to find quality books about fishing in New Hampshire. The first I found, written by Frank Baron, is *What Fish Don't Want You to Know: An Insider's Guide to Freshwater Fishing*. This guide is complete with information for both the novice and avid angler. Filled with photographs, illustrations, and easy-to-follow instructions, this book discusses reading the water and the weather, choosing the right baits and lures and knowing the essential gear. There is even a section on proper fishing etiquette. The author, an angler with 40 years experience, spreads humor throughout the text, something I have found very useful when fishing. David Klausmeyer guide out some of the best fly fishing areas in northern New England. In *Trout Streams of Northern New England: A Guide to the Best Fly-Fishing in Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine, First Edition*, Klausmeyer reviews the best waters and little-known tributaries worth exploring. This volume is a thoroughly researched yet opinionated book and includes descriptions and recommendations on local hatches and fly patterns. Klausmeyer also gives listings of local fly shops with detailed directions on how to reach them.

While drinking your hot chocolate and sitting by the fire, try one of these reads to help you warm your psyche. Until next time...keep turning those pages. ■



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DO NOT GO IN THE TRASH.

There is a small charge of only \$5.00
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Check with Steve at the Loudon Transfer Station
for more information
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Girl Scout News



Scenes from World Thinking Day. Bottom inset: Amanda Masse was the emcee for the event.



World Thinking Day

On February 1st, 89 Girl Scouts and 41 leaders and volunteers from Loudon and Concord attended World Thinking Day at Loudon's Faith Community Bible Church. World Thinking Day is an annual event in which girls participate in activities and projects with global themes to honor their sister Girl Guides and Girl Scouts in other countries. Eight countries — Norway, France, Hong Kong, Iceland, Pakistan, Ireland, Australia, and Brazil — were presented by Brownie, Junior, and Cadette troops. Each troop created a beautiful exhibit displaying pictures, flags, facts, and souvenirs. In turn, they gave a presentation that included their nation's location, language, customs, places to visit, and description of its Girl Scout movement. The most popular part of each presentation was the demonstration of a traditional activity from that culture. The girls had a great time listening to Irish folk tunes played on a fiddle, learning a song in French, and doing a Norwegian weaving dance!

The food table was staffed by Loudon's Senior troop and was a popular attraction at the lunch break. Traditional cuisines from each country were available for everyone to sample, from breads and stews to candies and yogurt. During break periods, the girls got the opportunity to visit each country's exhibit to learn more or ask questions about the culture to collect facts for their "passports."

In true Girl Scout fashion, the girls were respectful and attentive of their fellow scouts. The day ended with a friendship circle and Girl Scout songs, as well as a group photo. Daisies (age 6) through Senior Scouts (age 16) and their adult volunteers had a great time participating in fun activities that gave them an awareness and taste of other countries. The Girl Scouts of Loudon and Concord sincerely thank Faith Community Bible Church for the generous use of their facility!

Junior Troop 10955

Lynnette LeBlanc and Tammy Bourque

Most of January meetings were spent preparing for World Thinking day where the troop presented the country France. Eva Bondaz opened the presentation with the France Girl Guide Promise spoken in French. The troop then spoke the Promise in English. Ballet originated in France and the girls demonstrated the six ballet positions to the travelers. Then they included the travelers in a special dance to the French song Sur le Pont d'Avignon.

February began with a fun time at Evolution Rock and Fitness in Concord. The girls were challenged and some faced their fear to climb the walls. They had a great day filled with rock climbing, arts and crafts where they made paracord bracelets, and danced in a fun Zumba class.

The troop had their first cookie booth braving 13 degree weather. Thank you to everyone that stopped by to support the girls and buy cookies.

Cadette Troop 12083

Lynnette LeBlanc and Tammy Bourque

The girls earned their Netiquette Badge this month. We learned about Internet safety and the importance of being careful what we share on the Internet and social networks. The girls took a pledge to be Internet Smart.

The Troop presented the country Norway for World Thinking Day. They shared the Girl Guide Law and



Girl Scouts — continued from page 9

Promise and shared information about their culture. The troop demonstrated the very fun Norwegian Weaving Dance.

The troop had a fun day at Evolution Rock and Fitness in Concord. The girls conquered their fears and scaled boulders, climbed walls, and danced at a fun Zumba class. We learned that the ropes for climbing the walls can hold up to 2,000 pounds!

The girls had a busy first cookie booth for the season. Thank you to everyone for stopping by TD Bank to support the Troop.

More Cookies!

Have you already polished off those Samoas? Wish you'd bought a few "emergency" boxes of Thin Mints? Don't despair, you can buy loads more of all six of our delicious varieties at area cookie booths through March 16th. Please visit these Loudon troops who will be selling cookies in March: Troop 12356 at Sam's Club on March 1st from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and Troop 12641 at Walmart on March 9th from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. More sale dates and locations are posted at <http://cookielocator.littlebrownie.com/> Thanks for your support! ■

**Learning to climb.****Loudon Police Department News***By Robert N. Fiske, Chief of Police*

Currently we are working on the upcoming D.A.R.E. Pizza Night which will be held on Wednesday, March 19th starting at 5:00 p.m. at the Loudon Elementary School (see D.A.R.E. news on page 13 for more information). We appreciate all the support from the residents and businesses!

We are currently updating our residential and business alarms. If you have any changes to your alarm or building-check forms, we ask that you contact us so we may update our information. You can also access these forms on our website at www.loudonpolice.com.

The child restraint laws have changed for motor vehicles and I encourage you to review them:

Effective January 1, 2014, there will be a change to New Hampshire's Child Occupant Protection Law, RSA 265:107-a, to require all children up to age seven or 57 inches tall (whichever is reached first) to be secured in an appropriate child restraint while traveling in a motor vehicle.

265:107-a Child Passenger Restraints Required. —

I. No person shall drive a motor vehicle on any way while carrying as a passenger a person less than 18 years of age unless such person is wearing a seat or safety belt which is properly adjusted and fastened. Except as provided in paragraph II, no person shall drive a motor vehicle on any way while carrying as a passenger a person less than 18 years of age unless the motor vehicle was designed for and equipped with child passenger restraints in accordance with the safety standards approved by the United States Department of Transportation in 49 C.F.R. section 571.213.

I-a. No person who is less than 18 years of age shall drive a motor vehicle on any way unless such person is wearing a seat or safety belt which is properly adjusted and fastened.

I-b. No person shall drive a motor vehicle on any way while carrying as a passenger a person less than 7 years of age unless such passenger is properly fastened and secured by a child restraint system which is in accordance with the safety standards approved by the United States Department of Transportation in 49 C.F.R. section 571.213. If the passenger is 57 inches or more in height, the provisions of this paragraph shall not apply. (emphasis added)

II. A person shall not be guilty of a violation of this section if the motor vehicle the person is driving is regularly used to transport passengers for hire, is a school bus weighing more than 10,000 pounds or is a school bus weighing less than 10,000 pounds that was manufactured without safety belts, or there is an individualized education program statement contraindicating the use of restraints, is a vehicle manufactured before 1968, is a motorcycle as defined in RSA 259:63, is an antique motor car or motorcycle as defined in RSA 259:4, or is being operated in a parade authorized by law or ordinance, provided that the parade vehicle is travelling at a speed of no more than 10 miles per hour.

III. Any driver who violates the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a violation, and shall be subject to the following fines:

- (a) \$50 for a first offense.
- (b) \$100 for a second or subsequent offense.

IV. A violation of this section shall not be used as evidence of contributory negligence in any civil action.

V. A conviction for violating the provisions of this section shall not preclude prosecution of any other offense for which violation of this section might constitute an element.

VI. [Repealed.]

Source. 1983, 45:1. 1987, 240:1. 1989, 302:1. 1993, 21:1. 1995, 6:1. 1997, 244:1-4. 1999, 227:1. 2000, 19:1. 2003, 55:1, eff. Jan. 1, 2004. 2005, 177:24, eff. July 1, 2005. 2006, 142:1, 2, eff. Jan. 1, 2007; 259:25, eff. one day after passage of state operating budget for biennium ending June 30, 2009. 2007, 263:66, eff. June 29, 2007. 2008, 274:32, eff. July 1, 2008. 2013, 246:1, eff. Jan. 1, 2014.

We thank the residents for their continued support of the Loudon Police Department. As always, if you have any comments or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 798-5521 or via e-mail at loudonpd@loudonpolice.com or chieffiske@loudonpolice.com. ■



Loudon Food Pantry News

Loudon Food Pantry Partakes in the Feinstein Challenge to Fight Hunger

See what you can do to help!

Each year, Alan Shawn Feinstein divides \$1 million amongst participating hunger agencies like the Loudon Food Pantry in order to inspire the public to donate during the months where we run dangerously low on funds and some foods.

To be a part of this effort, donate food or funds between March 1st and April 30th and note that it's for the Feinstein Challenge. Without noting your donation, it cannot be included in this challenge.

Year	Funds Collected	Food Collected
2010	\$1,120.00	\$1,331.00
2011	\$2,256.88	\$1,962.70
2012	\$4,488.06	\$1,339.27
2013	\$5,292.37	\$ 863.45

Mr. Feinstein's challenge has helped to bring in donations that we would not normally receive during the slow months of March and April.

In 2013 our goal was exceeded by \$155.82. **Please help us surpass this year's goal of \$6,500.**

Donations can be dropped off or mailed to Loudon Food Pantry, 30 Chichester Rd., Unit D, Loudon, NH 03307. (Please make checks out to Loudon Food Pantry.) Donations may also be made through our website at LoudonFoodPantry.org. A separate donate button for the Feinstein Challenge will be available from March 1st through April 30th.

We have collection bins at the following locations. Any donations in these bins will be counted towards the Feinstein Challenge.

Business	Town	Collection Type Accepted
Elkins Library	Canterbury	Food
Care Pharmacy	Epsom	Funds
Loudon Post Office	Loudon	Food & Funds
The Hungry Buffalo	Loudon	Food & Funds
Beanstalk	Loudon	Funds
Red Roof Inn	Loudon	Food & Funds
Loudon Village Country Store	Loudon	Funds
Body & Spirit Day Spa	Concord	Funds

Check out our website at LoudonFoodPantry.org to see our progress for this challenge. It will be updated daily during March and April.

Please help us to top last year's collections for this challenge. Remember, even small donations can add up quickly so please give whatever you can afford.

This year Feinstein Takes It One Step Further: The Feinstein Foundation's 2014 National High School Canned Food Drive

The Feinstein Foundation is now offering high school students and schools from across the country a special \$100,000 giveaway to help us kick start our Annual Feinstein \$1 Million Dollar Giveaway to Fight Hunger!

That's FIVE \$10,000 awards for the five students who individually collect the largest number of canned food items as part of their school's overall drive! AND FIVE \$10,000 grants to the schools who collect the most cans!

To find out more, go to www.feinsteinfoundation.org/images/High_School_Can_Drive_2014.pdf.

To everyone who decides to participate, good luck. ■

Sue, Sarah and Bill

BLOOD DRIVE MARCH 28 at Maxfield Public Library

**This Blood Drive is Danielle Ramsey's Senior Project!
Please support this worthwhile cause.**



The Out of Bounds Sports Pub and Restaurant is open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner every day beginning Monday, March 17, 2014

Join Us for Easter Brunch

Sunday, April 20, 2014

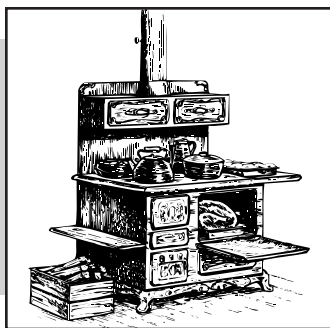
*Brunch will be served from 9:00–1:00.
Reservations recommended.*

Start a new tradition!

- Eggs Benedict
- French Toast
- Scrambled Eggs
- Sausage & Bacon
- Home Fries
- Fresh Fruit Cheese Toast
- Roast Beef
- Ham
- Mashed Potatoes
- Asparagus
- Eclairs
- Petit Fours
- Chocolate-Covered Strawberries
- Bloody Marys & Mimosas



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What's Cookin'!

This month: Food Holidays In March

Jenn Pfeifer

Here are some recipes in honor of some of the random food holidays in March, holidays like National Pig Day (1st), Popcorn Lover's Day (13th), National Potato Chip Day (14th), Poultry Day (19th), National Chip and Dip Day (23rd), and National Clam on the Half Shell Day (31st). I tried to choose some that are good for those of you who attend NCAA Basketball and Hockey parties.

BACON WRAPPED SAUSAGES

March 1st is National Pig Day and what could be better than pig wrapped in pig?

- 4 large sweet or hot Italian sausages
- 3 12-ounce cans light beer
- 5 tablespoons brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 8 slices bacon, cut in half

Poke the sausages several times with a small fork, and place into a saucepan with the beer. Bring to a boil over high heat, then reduce heat to medium, and simmer for 15 minutes. Remove the sausages from the beer, and allow to cool to room temperature. Preheat oven to 425°F. Line a baking sheet with aluminum foil, and place a wire rack on top. Toss the brown sugar and cayenne pepper together in a large bowl and set aside. Cut each sausage into four pieces, wrap each piece with half strip of bacon, and secure with a toothpick. Toss the sausage with the cayenne mixture to coat, then place onto the prepared baking sheet. Bake in preheated oven until the bacon is brown and crisp, 25 to 35 minutes. This recipe can easily be doubled.

SAVORY CHEESY HERB POPCORN

March 13th is Popcorn Lover's Day. We air-pop our popcorn in the microwave now in a glass bowl with a silicone cover and no oil, but I included Alton Brown's (Food Network) method because it's pretty easy. You can also use store-bought microwave if that is easier for you.

- 3 tablespoons peanut oil
- 3 ounces popcorn kernels, approximately 1/2 cup
- 1/2 teaspoon popcorn salt
- 1 teaspoon finely chopped fresh thyme leaves
- 1 teaspoon finely chopped fresh rosemary leaves
- 3 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 1/4 cup finely grated Parmesan cheese (Kraft in the green container works best)

Place the oil, popcorn, and salt in a large, 6-quart, metal mixing bowl. Cover with heavy-duty aluminum foil and poke 10 slits in the top with a knife. Place the bowl over medium heat and shake constantly using a pair of tongs to hold the bowl. Continue shaking until the popcorn finishes popping, approximately 3 minutes. Remove the bowl from the heat and carefully remove the foil. Stir in any salt that is on the side of the bowl. Sprinkle the herbs on the popcorn and gently stir to coat. Melt the butter in the microwave. Slowly drizzle over the popcorn, while spinning the bowl and stir to combine. Sprinkle with cheese and serve immediately.

MICROWAVE POTATO CHIPS

March 14th is National Potato Chip Day and you will not believe how easy it is to make your own chips in the microwave. You can make these chips without the oil but it really does add to the flavor the chips take on. A mandoline is almost essential in slicing the potatoes paper thin.

- 1 tablespoon peanut oil
- 1 potato, sliced paper thin (peel optional)
- 1/2 teaspoon sea salt, or to taste

Pour the oil into a plastic bag (a produce bag works well). Add the potato slices, and shake to coat. Coat a large dinner plate lightly with oil or cooking spray. Arrange potato slices in a single layer on the dish. Cook in the microwave for 3 to 5 minutes, or until lightly browned (if not browned, they will not become crisp). Times will vary depending on the power of your microwave. Remove chips from plate, and toss with salt. You can also add pepper or any of your other favorite seasonings. Let cool. Repeat process with the remaining potato slices. You will not need to keep oiling the plate.

GLUTEN-FREE TURKEY MEATBALLS WITH FRESH HERBS, GINGER AND LIME — <http://glutenfreegoddess.blogspot.com>

March 19th is Poultry Day and anyone who knows me knows we had to pretty much cut red meat out of the Pfeifer household a few years ago. We thought this was going to be a tough transition to make but ground turkey burger is a perfect substitution for any recipe that calls for ground beef. Our new favorite meal has

been Greek Meatballs Gyros so when I saw this recipe I knew we had to try it... It is delicious. You can eat the meatballs as is or look up this recipe on the blog to find a great noodle recipe to go with it.

- 2 pounds free range organic ground turkey
- 1 1/2 cups gluten-free bread crumbs
- 1 large spring onion or scallion (or 2 small), diced fine
- 1 medium large carrot, processed or diced very fine
- 2 cloves fresh garlic, minced
- 1 teaspoon grated fresh ginger
- 2 tablespoons fresh chopped parsley
- 2 tablespoons fresh chopped mint leaves
- 2 tablespoons fresh chopped cilantro leaves
- 1 organic free-range egg, beaten
- Juice from 1 fresh medium lime
- 1 tablespoon molasses or wheat-free tamari sauce
- 1 tablespoon raw agave nectar or real maple syrup
- Sea salt and ground pepper, to taste (use less salt if you use tamari sauce)

Preheat the oven to 350°F. Line a baking sheet with a reusable Exopat or Silpat. Or double up baking sheets and line the upper pan with parchment paper.

In a large mixing bowl, break apart and blend the ground organic free-range turkey with the gluten-free bread crumbs, using a sturdy metal spoon. Add in the diced spring onion, processed carrot, minced garlic, grated ginger, and fresh herbs. Mix just until blended. Add in the egg, fresh lime juice, molasses (or wheat-free tamari), agave. Mix lightly. Season with salt and pepper as you go — but don't add too much salt, especially if you use tamari sauce, which is already salty.

Form 28 meatballs using the palms of your hands to roll and round spoonfuls of the mixture. They should be roughly the size of a golf ball. Place the turkey meatballs on the lined baking sheet as you roll them. Wash your hands in hot soapy water — you know this, right?

Bake the meatballs in the center of a pre-heated oven for about 20 to 30 minutes until no longer pink inside. Place the baking sheet on a cooling rack and brush them with a little olive oil.

Serve immediately with Asian style noodles, recipe at glutenfreegoddess.blogspot.com.

GARLIC AND HERB YOGURT DIP — The CarbLovers Diet, Health January 2011

March 23rd is National Chip and Dip Day. Now that you have a quick and easy homemade chip recipe, here are a couple of quick and easy dip recipes to go with them. Another switch our household has made is from sour cream to Greek yogurt, it is high in protein, low in fat and just a delicious. (I actually made the switch a year or more before husband figured it out.)

- 3/4 cup plain 2% reduced-fat Greek yogurt
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 2 tablespoons chopped chives
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon dried dill
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 4 ounces baked potato chips

In a small bowl, combine Greek yogurt, minced garlic clove, chopped chives, salt, pepper, dried dill, and lemon juice; serve with baked potato chips.

ROASTED RED PEPPER AIOLI — By Oikos®

Sweet, savory and tangy! Try this aioli as a dip, sandwich spread or condiment for anything.

- 1 cup Oikos® Greek 0% Plain
- 1 roasted red peppers, finely chopped (1/2 cup)
- 1 Tbsp. olive oil
- 1 Tbsp. lemon juice
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- Salt and ground red pepper to taste

In a bowl combine all ingredients and mix until blended. Use as a dip, sandwich spread or condiment for grilled meats or vegetables.

BAKED STUFFED CLAMS — By Danielle Merk

March 31st is National Clam on the Half Shell Day. Clams on the half shell are usually served as is with a little lemon or cocktail sauce. They can be an acquired taste,

Loudon Police Department — D.A.R.E. News

By Cpt. Jason S. Fiske

We are nearly halfway through the D.A.R.E. program. The students are actively participating in the classes and are excited about the upcoming D.A.R.E. events.

The **Annual D.A.R.E. Pizza Night** will be held on **Wednesday, March 19th** at the Loudon Elementary School. Dinner will be served from 5 p.m.–6:30 p.m. The dinner includes a slice of pizza, salad, dessert, and a beverage for \$3.00. Additional slices may be purchased for \$1.00 a slice. The famous raffle will begin at 6:30 sharp. Tickets can be purchased for 3/\$1.00 or 20/\$5.00. We will be **selling tickets starting at 4:30**. However, the doors will not be open to the raffle until 5:00 p.m. You do not need to be present at the raffle. A.J. Dukette from 93.3 The Wolf will be here for event once again! Don't miss the fun!

We will be taking the students to see the Manchester Monarchs on Saturday, April 5, 2014 for another exciting game. They will be playing against the Hartford Wolfpacks.

The D.A.R.E. students will have a community clean-up day as part of this program in the Spring and then we will finish off the year with the D.A.R.E. Graduation on a date to be announced in May.

We appreciate the outpouring of support from our local businesses and residents. This program continues to be a success with the continued support from the community.

If you have any comments or suggestions, I would appreciate hearing from you. You may contact me at 798-5521 or via e-mail at jfiske@loudonpolice.com. ■



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; or for some, it's their texture and the fact that they're raw. So keep everyone happy and try this version instead.

- 24 Clean Clam Shells (Note: if you don't have clam shells, form tin foil into clam shaped cups, and proceed as directed.)
- 2 6.5-ounce cans minced clams, drained with juice reserve
- 1 6-ounce can crab meat, drained
- 4 cups fresh bread crumbs
- 1/4 cup minced sweet onion
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 tablespoons chopped Italian flat leaf parsley
- 4 tablespoons butter
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- lemon pepper to taste
- paprika to taste
- 2 lemons, quartered

Preheat oven to 400°F. In a large frying pan, melt butter with olive oil over medium heat. Stir in onion, and cook until translucent. Stir in clams, crab meat, parsley, lemon pepper, and bread crumbs. Reduce heat to low, and slowly pour in clam juice until mixture is slightly sticky, but not wet. The bread crumbs will continue to absorb moisture, so be careful not to add too much clam juice. Fill each clean clam shell with mixture, pressing tightly into shell. Arrange on a baking sheet, and sprinkle lightly with paprika. (Stuffed shells may be covered and frozen at this point for later use.) Bake in the preheated oven for 20 minutes, or until golden brown and sizzling. If frozen, bake at 350°F for 30 minutes, or until warmed through. Serve warm on a platter with lemon wedges.

If you have any questions, comments, recommendations or suggestions please e-mail me at jtpfeifer@comcast.net.

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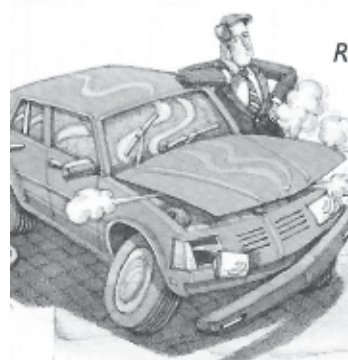
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04/14/14 & 04/16/14	06:00–9:30 P.M.	Dover HS, Dover
04/28/14 & 04/30/14	06:00–9:30 P.M.	Dover HS, Dover
05/05/14 & 05/07/14	06:00–9:30 P.M.	Bridgewater, Bridgewater
05/05/14 & 05/07/14	06:00–9:30 P.M.	Exeter Library, Exeter
05/12/14 & 05/14/14	06:00–9:30 P.M.	Dover HS, Dover

Boy Scout News

Winter has been busy for the Cub Scouts of Pack 247. Congratulations to all of the scouts who received advancements at the January meeting.

Bobcat Badge — Quentin Fairo

Citizen — Liam Mercado, Jackson Mercer, Tim Laughlin, Ashton Radcliffe, Cameron Corcoran, Abraham Dunn, Wade Fisher, Nick Sedgley, Clyde Thurber-Wells, Logan Drew

Recruiter Badge — Nick Sedgley

Science Beltloop — Liam Mercado, Jackson Mercer, Tim Laughlin, Ashton Radcliffe, Cameron Corcoran, Abraham Dunn, Wade Fisher, Nick Sedgley, Clyde Thurber-Wells, Logan Drew, Russell Holland

Bicycle Beltloop — Quentin Fairo

For our February Pack meeting, Pack 247 hosted the annual Blue and Gold Banquet. The highlight of the night is the cake auction. Boys and their parents work together to create cakes that the pack sells to raise funds for pack events and Friends of Scouting. This year's theme was Space and we had some wonderful contributions. Thank you to everyone who attended and supported scouting.

Our annual Pinewood Derby took place the first weekend in March. We'll have the results for the April *Ledger*.

It's not too early to start thinking about summer camp! Visit www.nhscouting.org for more information about day and sleepover camps! ■



Highlights of the Blue and Gold Banquet included a cake auction.

The boys worked with their parents to create some incredible space-themed cakes that were auctioned to raise funds for Pack events and Friends of Scouting.

There are some pretty talented cake decorators in this group!

Loudon Farms: Buy Locally!

The Loudon Agricultural Commission has compiled this list of local farms. If you have a farm in Loudon or know someone who has a farm that is NOT included please write to cas@milessmithfarm.com.

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Liliana Flower Farm
140 Beck Road. Perennials and pesticide-free vegetable plants. Wed-Sun 10-5 p.m. www.lilianaflowerfarm.com. 783-9268

Lyon Berry Farm
986 Route 129. Highbush blueberries. 435-7640

Maple Ridge Farm
416 Bumfagon Road. Fresh Vegetables, Maple Syrup. 435-8183

Meadow Ledge Farm
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Merrimack Valley School District News

Loudon Elementary School

From Principal Jette

“There’s one good thing about snow, it makes your lawn look as nice as your neighbor’s...”

— Clyde Moore

“Don’t knock the weather; nine-tenths of the people couldn’t start a conversation if it didn’t change once in a while.”

— Kin Hubbard



Peer Mediators

The LES Peer Mediators have now completed their training and are ready to help the students at LES with peer relations. The mediators have learned to resolve conflict through active listening; encouraging “I statements”; paraphrasing and summarizing; and finally helping others to brainstorm for solutions.

These students were selected in 4th grade because they show skills in: Leadership, Communication, Problem Solving, Flexibility and Organization. We are proud of them.

They are helping LES to stay a safe school by encouraging positive peer relations and being great role models!

Social Studies: Immigration to America

Grade five has started their unit on immigration to America. This learning is offered in part through role-playing. The students take on the identity of an immigrant going through Ellis Island in hopes of remaining



in the United States. The process started with the imaginative boat ride from Europe and the unpleasant experiences that transpired on the cross-Atlantic journey.

The picture above shows Mrs. Painchaud as a doctor who is examining possible immigrants. She determines who is healthy enough to remain in the States. Some students make it through, while others have the misfortune of being sent away.

Throughout the entire unit, our fifth-grade students will enhance their learning experience by reading, writing, discussing, debating, and playing the part of immigrants.

They will also compare and contrast the immigrant experiences in America to modern immigration in other countries throughout the world. Students will



investigate reasons why people immigrate and the impact it has on individuals and communities.

In the picture above, a student plays the part of a Swedish born citizen waiting to go through the required stations of citizenship.

Positive Results from Reading RtI

Several months ago I shared our shift to a more systematic Response to Instruction (RtI). We recently completed our first eight-week session of RtI. Based on student performance, every student was placed in a level of academic support depending on how much they needed. Students who are already demonstrating mastery of expected levels of learning for their grade level were put in a “benchmark” group. “Strategic” and “intensive” small groups are for students who have not yet made that benchmark reading growth. Our goal is to have every LES student performing at benchmark.

Most of our students began in benchmark, but approximately 30% of the students did not. As the first session was concluding, we reassessed the reading levels of the students who were in a strategic or intensive group. Due to the diligence of the staff and the hard work of the students, we found growth in all our students. Twenty-seven improved significantly

enough to be moved to where their need for intervention support decreased.

I am proud of the staff and students for a job well done!

NH Fishercats Visit LES to Promote Literacy

On January 29, a representative of the Fishercats and their mascot, Fungo, came to LES. There was a read-aloud and comedy relief from Fungo the Fishercat. They presented a reading challenge that provides each student with two free tickets to a game if they read five books.

February LES News

“America will never be destroyed from the outside. If we falter and lose our freedoms, it will be because we destroyed ourselves.”

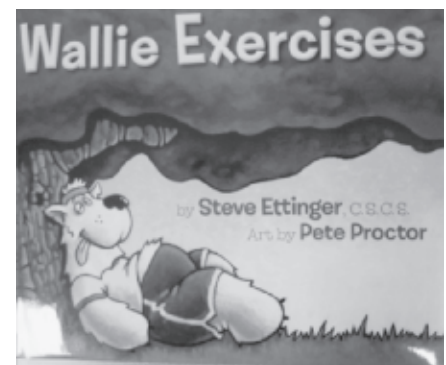
— Abraham Lincoln

“Associate with men of good quality if you esteem your own reputation; for it is better to be alone than in bad company.”

— George Washington

Grade 1 and Children’s Author Connect

In October, an author named Steve Hettinger wrote a letter to Loudon Elementary School requesting ideas from first grade students for his new book. He asked first graders to tell him things they do to make themselves happy and things they could do to make others happy. The students used this as a lesson in letter writing and incorporated goals such as writing on topic, using complete sentences, and proper punctuation. The letters were mailed to the author.



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Fungo, NH Fisher Cats’ mascot, paid a visit to Loudon Elementary School to promote literacy.



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Recently, the author sent a return letter of thanks for all the ideas. He told the students he tried to use many of their suggestions in his latest book. We were so excited because he mailed us an autographed copy of his recently published book *Wallie Exercises*.

March 6 School Budget Meeting

On Thursday, March 6 at 7 p.m. in the MV High School's auditorium, the annual School Budget Meeting will take place. The polls for MVSD School Board

open at 6 p.m. The MVSD Annual Reports are available at several Loudon locations, including LES. It is also posted on the District's site. This report contains the proposed school budget for 2014–2015 and all warrant articles.

LES Chorus at the Monarchs

On Friday, February 14 the LES chorus performed the National Anthem before the Manchester Monarchs game at the Verizon Center.

Leaving LES

I have been fortunate to be the Principal of Loudon Elementary School for ten years. Next year I will take the role of Principal at Winnisquam Regional High School. I am excited about the new challenges and working with high school students. I started my career as a high school math teacher.

Although I am happy about the change, I will depart with sadness knowing that I'm leaving a great

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On Friday, February 14, the Loudon Elementary School's Chorus sang the "National Anthem" at a Fisher Cats' game.



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school and community. The staff, students, and parents of LES have always treated me well. I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for your support of education and the well being of all LES students.

I have appreciated the many experiences I have encountered as the LES Principal. I couldn't have asked for a better group of people to work with and a caring community to work for. I will be here for the remainder of the school year.

Info...

- On March 7 the LES PTA will host its annual Luau. Grades K-2 will run from 5:15 to 6:30. Between 6:45 and 8:00 grades 3-5 will have their time together.
- Report cards were originally scheduled to be issued on March 20. The date is being pushed back one week to the 27th because of previous snow days.

MVHS News



Anna McFarlin

Future Medical Leaders

We announce with pride that Anna McFarlin, daughter of Jessica and Jack McFarlin of Penacook, and Dakota Shedd, daughter of Jennifer Michael of Penacook and Jeremy Shedd of East

Andover, will represent Merrimack Valley High School at the 2014 Congress of Future Medical Leaders this weekend in Washington D.C.

This is a three-day intensive conference for high achieving high school students interested in the field of medicine. Students will attend workshops with leaders in the fields of medicine and medical science including Nobel Prize recipients and National Medal of Science recipients.

They will learn about the latest breakthroughs in medical science, including genetics, cancer research and prosthetics.

Both of these students were nominated based on their commitment to academic excellence and their passion for the field of health science.

In addition, Anna is the recipient of a scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.00 to help defray costs to attend this event.

Emerging Artist Seminar Nominees

Merrimack Valley High School has nominated the following four juniors to participate in the Emerging Artist Seminar: Cody Gilbert, son of Shannon Gilbert of Webster; **Emily Masse**, daughter of Jason and Amanda Masse of Loudon; **Thomas Schneider**, son of Tracy Schneider of Loudon; and **Heather Stevens**, daughter of Wayne and Robin Stevens of Loudon.

The Emerging Artist Seminar is a redesign of the former Art Allstate Festival and is intended to support and encourage students who are considering profes-



Dakota Shedd

sional careers in the visual arts. The New Hampshire Institute of Art is sponsoring this seminar, an educational program for talented high school juniors that provides an opportunity for students to expand their creativity and critical thinking by working with professional artists in a college setting. Teachers from all over the state have nominated students and approximately 120 will be chosen to participate.

NHBDA Chamber Music Festival Invitee

Aliza Cilley, a senior at Merrimack Valley High School, had the opportunity to participate in the New Hampshire Band Directors Association (NHBDA) Chamber Music Festival on January 4th. This is an invitation only festival, with students invited following an audition. To be invited, students need to be one of the top ten scores in the state in their respective instrument or voice. Aliza was selected for Alto voice.

Students from around the state participated in the all day event at Timberlane High School in Plaistow. Aliza is the first MVHS student in recent memory to participate in this festival. She is the daughter of Eric and Ellen Cilley of Webster. Great job, Aliza!

Student Athletic Leadership Conference Attendees

Merrimack Valley High School announces with pride that four of our students have been selected to participate in the Student Athletic Leadership Conference sponsored by the New Hampshire Athletic Directors' Association and New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association.

Congratulations to Nathan Mulleavey, son of Tina and Leo Mulleavey of Loudon, Meredith Ramsey, daughter of Theresa and David Ramsey of Penacook, Cassidy Huckins, daughter of Tracy and David Huckins of Loudon, and Cole Remillard, son of Deb and Jeff Remillard of Loudon.



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Elizabeth West of Loudon is being recognized as a NH Distinguished Finalist by the Prudential Spirit of Community Award Initiative. This is a nationwide program honoring young people for outstanding acts of volunteerism. For her project, she designed and implemented a sun safety campaign at all outdoor school events.



Elizabeth West

Elizabeth, daughter of Gary and Micheline West of Loudon, is a grade 9 student at Merrimack Valley High School.

Graduation Date Has Been Set!

June 21st at 10:00 a.m., outside on the MVHS multipurpose field, rain or shine.

Competency-based Grading:

Report cards were recently released and are the first to be issued under our new competency-based grading system. Awarding credit based upon demonstration of competency was a new requirement from the NH Department of Education in 2009. As most parents know, the MV School District has moved to a standards (or competency) based report card for all grades, K–12. At the K–8 levels, this report card uses the numbers 1–4 to report on a student's progress toward each defined standard. In the earlier grades, there are numerous standards for each subject so the resulting report card contains a lot of information and is not summarized to a final grade for each student. At the HS level, it was important to combine the scores earned on competency-based rubrics (1–8) with traditional letter grades (A, B, C & F) in order to make sure MV students had report cards and GPAs that would allow them to be compared to students from other schools during the college admissions process.

Another factor to consider is the new rubric system from the International Baccalaureate Programme. These rubrics are quite rigorous and have raised the standards for our students. The high school faculty has engaged in countless trainings and discussions about how to best use these rubrics to report on student achievement. During the transition to the new grading system, we have worked together to holistically consider the evidence we have gathered on how each student has demonstrated attainment of each competency.

Perhaps the biggest challenge we have encountered in the new grading system is the belief by some students that formative assessments do not count. Therefore, they often do not put forth the required effort and come to rely upon re-takes of summative assessments to demonstrate competency. The reality is that formative assessments do count! They inform the student and teacher PRIOR to a summative assessment about what needs to be learned in order to perform well on the summative. The biggest request we have for semester 2 is for students to complete each assignment carefully and to always show what they know and can do. Formatives are practice, and if done well should reduce the need for re-takes. For grading information, please refer to the course disclosures that were sent home at the start of each course.

News from the Nurse's Office:

There has been an increase of illness in the health office. This includes the Norovirus (nausea, vomiting, and occasionally diarrhea) and flu like symptoms. As a reminder: Students who have a fever or flu-like symptoms should remain home for at least 24 hours after fever/symptoms have subsided (the fever should be gone without the use of fever-reducing medica-

tion). The Center for Disease Control is predicting a very busy flu season, so limiting exposure to those with the flu is essential.

Community Partner Program at Merrimack Valley High School

MVHS is seeking interested area businesses to become "Community Partners" in an exciting new initiative implemented through the New Hampshire Next Steps program. We are looking to partner with large or small businesses, new start-up companies or long-established fixtures in our community. The goal of this program is to create effective and practical Extended Learning Opportunities (ELO's) for the "at-risk" or "educationally disabled" portion of the high school student population. For more information call Elizabeth Jewell, Employment Coordinator, at 753-1427.

Political Action Club:

During the fall semester, the Political Action Club hosted speakers who spoke to students about our political process and how young people can make a difference. For more information on the club or our activities, please see Ms. Ean in room 204. — *Submitted by Pam Ean, Advisor*

Update from the Wellness Center:

NHTI Dental Clinic. Appointments with the dental clinic will be available for evaluations and cleanings, please see Mr. Smith in the Wellness Center. Appointments are made on most Mondays and Fridays through April.

Spring Sports Physicals. For information about appointments for Spring sports physicals, see Mr. Smith about options through MVHS and/or Convenient MD in Concord.

Dressing for the weather. There seems to be a trend for many students to wear as little as possible during dangerously cold weather. It's not uncommon to see students wearing shorts, t-shirts, and sneakers regardless of sub-freezing temperatures. Frostbite and hypothermia will occur quickly when temperatures dip to single digits. Use common sense and a weather forecast to avoid these conditions.

Senior Project Showcase News:

Mark your calendars for March 19th from 6:00–8:00 p.m. for the Senior Project Showcase 2014. This event is open to the community and is an excellent way for underclassmen and their families to see what the senior project is all about.

Community Judges Needed for Senior Project:

If you are interested in being a community judge for this year's senior project and do not have a student in this year's graduating class, please contact Carisa Corrow at ccorow@mv.k12.nh.us. Community judges must be available March 13, 2014 for training from 7:00–8:00 p.m. and on the morning of March 21, 2014 from 7:45–10:30 a.m.

Unified Basketball Team News:

MVHS is once again participating in the NHIAA "Unified Basketball" league during the winter athletic season (2013–2014). The Unified Program is an NHIAA "varsity" team that is co-sponsored and grant

funded through Special Olympics. The concept of the program is to match students with and without disabilities hopefully resulting in new relationships being formed. Students with disabilities are referred to as "Unified Student Athlete" and students without disabilities are referred to as "Unified Student Partner." The program also gives students with disabilities an opportunity to experience athletics at the high school level. The MV team will play a schedule consisting of games against other high schools and will have an opportunity to compete in a state tournament. We are very excited about this opportunity and believe this program will be a great experience for all MV students participating. Go MV Unified!

Extra Special English Classes

The British Literature and Humanities classes would like to thank Kristen Pinard Kenney and the seniors at the Penacook Community Center for making our English classes extra special this semester. In November, the British Literature class went to PCC to have a Senior/Senior Luncheon where we listened to a story, talked about changing values and how school has changed over the years. A lot was learned from Joe the Barber and the Red Hat Ladies. Students used this luncheon as a springboard to help them answer the unit's essential question, "Are British values more similar or more different than American values?" In January, the seniors came to the high school to watch the students' presentations of their findings.

Members of the PCC's senior program also came to watch the Humanities final projects that answered the course essential questions: "Who am I? Why am I here? and Where am I going?" Thanks again, PCC!

Writing Contests

DID YOU KNOW the English Department holds monthly writing contests? See the bulletin board near room 210 for info.

ELOs

Extended Learning Opportunities or ELOs are just another way to earn high school credit. This year students have earned ELO credits for Hunter Safety, EMT courses, Fire Explorers, art, and by completing online courses offered free through Virtual Learning Academy (VLACS.org). There are also dual credit opportunities at VLACs where students can earn college credits at a reduced cost. If you are behind on credits, want to get ahead or are interested in earning credit for a learning activity or program that you already do outside of the school day, please contact Mrs. Corrow to learn more.

Up Coming Events:

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| 3/7 | Red Cross Blood Drive. Students & Staff only |
| 3/10–3/15 | Winter Carnival Events |
| 3/12 | Chorus Concert. 7:00 p.m., Aud. |
| 3/15 | Winter Carnival Dance. 7:00–10:00 p.m., Gym |
| 3/19 | Senior Project Evening Showcase. 5:30–8:00 p.m. |
| 3/21 | Senior Project Presentations. 8:00–11:00 a.m. |
| 3/26 | Instrumental Concert 7:00 p.m. ■ |

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Loudon American Legion Post 88

By Shawn Jones, Post Commander

Greetings from your local Legion Post,

The deadline for March's Ledger is the week before our next meeting so I will report on February's meeting in the April edition. Since my last article I was able to attend the American Legion's mid-winter conference held in Rochester. It was well attended by the Legion Family consisting of the American Legion, Sons, Auxiliary and Riders. Candidates for upcoming Department Officer elections were announced. Membership and participation in Legion events was discussed along with a variety of other topics.

I attended the annual AL Senior Oratorical Contest held at Saint Anselm's College in Manchester on February 8th. I was amazed by the quality of this year's students from around the state who spoke on the US Constitution and the 4th Amendment. The top prize-winner will go on to Indianapolis to compete at the national level with students from around the country. Your Department of the American Legion provides an all expense paid trip for the student and one chaperone. Students on the national stage compete for a large sum of prize money to help further their education. Both the Legion's oratorical contests and Boys State/Girls State programs help our young people by providing a better understanding of our form of government. These programs also assist in building up our future leaders. I hope to work with members in the post and faculty at Merrimack Valley Middle and High Schools to identify potential students for future Jr. and Sr. Oratorical contests as well as the week long Boys State program held at Saint A's. If any parent or school official wants to learn more about these programs, please get in touch with me for more information. The Legion sends out a packet of information to our area schools announcing the competitions.

We have reached our 100% membership goal of 61 members. We will be turning in some recently received 2014 renewal notices by the end of the month that should put us over 100%.

Our all time high for membership was 87 members. I sure would like to reach that number again. I know there are eligible veterans in the town of Loudon and surrounding communities who I would like to talk with about joining. I thank all post 88 members for their timely payments that helped get us to the 100 percent mark so quickly. Now my wish is to have some more of our membership come to your monthly meetings.

On February 22nd I'm planning on attending Department LEAD Training with the Veteran's Home in Tilton being our hosts for this 8-hour training. Instructors from National will be presenting four 2-hour training modules to help post leadership. This training is open to any member of the Legion family.

I'm looking forward to this training and am hoping to leave the training with something that I can use to help our post prosper.

Please consider attending an upcoming meeting and getting involved with your post. At the February 19th meeting we are expecting a visit from Department Vice Commander Deb Demers and in April, Department Commander Maurice Anderson will be coming for our post installation of the 2014-2015 officers. I hope for a great turnout in April. In my four years of belonging to Post 88 I cannot recall our post being visited by the Department Commander or a Vice Commander. Our March meeting will be held on the 19th at 7 p.m. This is the same night as the Loudon Police Department's DARE Pizza night. I hope many Legion members will attend this worthwhile fundraising event for the DARE Program and then come down to our meeting at Charlie's Barn. Closing of post officer candidate announcements will take place at this meeting. ■

Registration Opens For Bow Turkey Hunting Workshop

Women who want to learn how to hunt turkeys can get the basics by signing up for the N.H. Becoming an Outdoors-Woman "Introduction to Turkey Hunting Workshop." Sharpen up your skills for the spring gobbler season!

A mail-in application and brochure are available now at www.nhbow.com. Registration opened February 10, 2014. Only mail-in applications will be accepted.

The one-day workshop will be held on March 22, 2014, at N.H. Fish and Game's Owl Brook Hunter Education Center in Holderness, NH. Participants will learn about wild turkey habitat and behavior, shotgun handling tips, scouting, calling, safety and ethics, plus how to clean and care for your turkey.

The cost of the session is \$55, which includes lunch. This is an introductory class. No hunting license is required, and there will be no live firing.

To see a 3-minute video of BOW volunteer Shirley Johnson on a spring turkey hunting adventure, visit www.wildnh.com/Newsroom/2014/Q1/BOW_turkey_hunt_020614.html

New Hampshire BOW programs are co-sponsored by the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department and the New Hampshire Wildlife Federation (www.nhwhf.org), a nonprofit group that advocates for the promotion and protection of hunting, fishing and trapping, as well as the conservation of fish and wildlife habitat. ■



Secrets of Successful Sellers

By Jack Prendiville

Century 21 Thompson Real Estate

While there is no definite, absolute rule to sell your property, here are some tried-and-true practices that may make the difference between a property languishing on the market and selling efficiently.

- 1. Be realistic.** When it comes to pricing your home, work with your agent to decide on an accurate and fair price. Comparable properties in the area coupled with your agent's experience are helpful when listing.
- 2. Spic and span.** Your home should be in pristine condition when buyers view your home. Buyers should be focused on your beautiful windows, not fingerprints on the glass. If necessary, shampoo carpets and refinish the wood floors.
- 3. Eliminate the excess.** Remove any furniture that is unnecessary. Consider storing furniture that clutters a room. Oversized items may make a space feel smaller than it actually is.
- 4. Take yourself out of it.** Store or swap out any family pictures. This is a great opportunity to showcase the property in other seasons. If you are having an open house in winter, have pictures of the backyard or façade of the home from the spring or summer.
- 5. Quick fix.** Before showing your home, complete all those home fixes you've been meaning to get to. The squeaky step or floorboard, the grout in the bathroom or leaky faucets should all be repaired before potential buyers notice them. ■

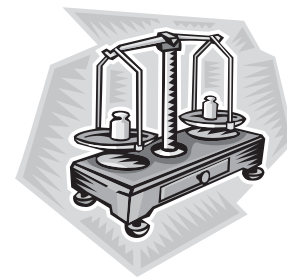
UNH Extension Offering: Scale Clinic

The NH Dept. of Agriculture, Markets & Food, Division of Weights and Measures will be hosting a SCALE CLINIC at our office on Wednesday, March 19, 2014 from 12 noon to 3:30 p.m.

Our office is at 315 Daniel Webster Highway, Boscawen, NH (Rte. 3).

This clinic is for anyone who grows and sells their own agricultural products AND who uses a scale commercially at farmers' markets or at a farm stand in New Hampshire. The inspection & certification is free to growers who have three or fewer scales under 100 lb. capacity and no other commercial devices. In addition to the inspection, Weights and Measures staff will provide information or answer questions with regard to method of sale, taking a tare, registered service companies, and the licensure process.

Call the Weights and Measures office with questions at 603-271-2894. ■



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OBITUARIES

SHANNA M. PLOUFF

Shanna M. Plouff, 34, of Loudon, passed away at Concord Hospital Saturday, Feb. 1, 2014.

She was born in Lynn, MA on June 5, 1979. She was a loving wife, mother, and daughter. She was passionate about spending time with her family, especially at her summer camp on Lake Ossipee where she enjoyed swimming, camping, fishing, and socializing with the camping community.

Family members include her husband, Justin Plouff; two sons, Gavin Plouff and Brayden Plouff, both of Loudon; her mother, Tammy Spaneli and her husband, Michael, of Lynn, Mass.; her step-father, Arthur Chires and his wife, Robyn, of Lynn, Mass.; and several aunts, uncles, and cousins. She also leaves behind her dog, Bella. ■

PATRICK A. PICARDI

Patrick A. Picardi, 86, passed away Feb. 13, 2014, at his Loudon home. He was formerly of Boston's North End.

Pat was born in Chelsea, Mass., Jan. 18, 1928, the son of Angelo and Grace (Dello Russo) Picardi.

He is survived by his wife, Denyse Merullo; brother Angelo and wife, MaryAnn, of Boston; ex-wife, Shirley, and their son Marc; daughter-in-law Priscilla (Walsh) Picardi-Haswell; four grandchildren, three nephews, three nieces, four grand-nephews and two grandnieces. ■

PAULA (MAXFIELD) MILLER

Paula (Maxfield) Miller, 73, died Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2014, at Concord Hospital.

She was predeceased by her parents, Wilber S. Maxfield and Mary E. (Chase) Maxfield; as well as her brother, Craig Maxfield of Loudon.

She is survived by two sons and two daughters, Wanda Foote of Penacook, Leon Miller of Portsmouth, Jeffrey Miller of Loudon and Susan Cormier of Loudon; a brother, Wilbur "Maxi" Maxfield; grandchildren, Christina Ghallami of Penacook, Daniel Foote of Penacook, Krystle Cormier of Loudon, Jacqueline DuBois of Franklin, Kimberly Cormier of Loudon and Ruby Miller of Portsmouth; eight great-grandchildren; and her cat, Molly.

Condolences may be sent to the Miller Family, 18 Meter St., Penacook, N.H. 03303. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Heart Association in her memory. ■

JAMES R. VENNE

James R. Venne of Loudon died Sunday, Feb. 16, 2014, at Concord Hospital from complications of Leukemia. He was 68 years young.

Jim was born on Nov. 5, 1945, in Concord, to the late Ralph Venne and Anita (Mayo) Venne Schofield. He graduated from Concord High School in 1963. He

joined the Army and was stationed at the Herzo Military Base in Germany, serving as a motor pool repair specialist. Returning home, Jim worked at Beede Electrical Instrument Company for more than 30 years, beginning in the stock room and ending his career as plant manager. He then fulfilled his dream of being a small business owner and built Venco Wings LLC, a Honda Goldwing motorcycle repair and retail shop. He was well known and respected for the quality of his work and business ethic.

Jim was a lifetime member of the Gold Wing Road Riders Association and rode many miles touring the country with Sue. He volunteered many hours working with the New Hampshire Chapter of the Multiple Sclerosis Society, planning and escorting routes for their bicycle tour fundraisers. More recently, he became an avid supporter of the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation and their "Ride for Kids" fundraisers.

Jim leaves his wife of 35 years, Sue; stepdaughter, Shane Harris and her husband, Will, along with grandchildren, William and Jaqueline, all from Salisbury, N.C. He also leaves brothers, Jerry and his wife, Linda, of Concord and Peter and his wife, Nila, also of Concord; his sister, Linda Hovan and her husband, Bill, of Dunedin, Fla.; and many beloved nieces, nephews and friends.

Jim was a good, honest and decent man who will be missed by many.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society at P.O. Box 4072, Pittsfield, Mass., 01202; or a charity of your choosing. ■

MVSD School Board Meeting Minutes — January 13, 2014

Roll Call and Call to Order:

The regular meeting held at Merrimack Valley High School was called to order by Vice-Chairman Normandie Blake at 7:18 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Caroletta Alicea, Normandie Blake, Lorie Carey, Audrey Carter, Troy Cowan, Mark Hutchins, Jim Lavery, Seelye Longnecker, Will Renauld, Laura Vincent

Administrators Present:

Superintendent Mike Martin; Assistant Superintendent Chris Barry; Business Administrator Robin Heins; Human Resources Manager Kathleen Boucher; Principals Mike Jette, Pat Severance, Jeff Drouin, Stephanie Wheeler; Assistant Principals Pam Hill, James Tremblay, Catherine Masterson; Administrators for Special Education Maureen Gross, Mary Paradise; Facilities Director Fred Reagan, MVLC Administrator Julie Gaudette

Others Present:

Karin Page, Sarah Chalsma, Webster Parents; Martin Fraser, Janine Fraser, Alisha Kingsbury, Caryn Leclerc, Roy Merrill, Loudon Residents

Pledge of Allegiance:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chairman Normandie Blake.

Minutes of Previous Meetings:

Motion by Caroletta Alicea, second by Seelye Longnecker, to approve the December 9, 2013 Public-Session Board Meeting minutes (pages 1-4 in the packet) as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Laura Vincent, second by Caroletta Alicea, to approve the December 9, 2013 Non-Public-Session Board Meeting minutes (page 5 in the packet) as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

SAU Report on Business & Finance:

Robin Heins reported on the following citizen correspondence (page 22 in the packet).

12/06/13 Louise Andrus. PCC wanting to purchase WSS and relocat-

ing the programs already in the building

12/09/13 Louise Andrus. Question on Warrant for 2014 and Transportation question

12/12/13 Ken Ross-Raymond. Question on snowplowing

12/30/13 Louise Andrus. Accounting questions

12/30/13 Louise Andrus. Question re: superintendent search committee minutes

Robin reviewed the overages detailed in the 2013-2014 FINANCIAL REPORT (page 6 in the packet). *Motion by Troy Cowan, second by Will Renauld, to accept the 2013-2014 financial report as presented (pages 7-20 in the packet). Motion passed unanimously.*

Public Participation:

Roy Merrill, Loudon resident, asked the board why the facilities committee met in non-public session. The board responded that the sale and purchase of property was being discussed.

Good News:

Administrators reported on good news items and upcoming events in their buildings and throughout the district. Normandie Blake mentioned the article about Kevin O'Brien (Administrator for Athletics and Activities) in today's Concord Monitor.

Committee Reports:

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE:

The December 9, 2013 Curriculum Committee meeting minutes are included in the packet (page 36) for Board review. Laura Vincent reported on tonight's Curriculum Committee meeting (minutes will be in next month's packet). *Motion by Lorie Carey, second by Seelye Longnecker, to include an article for full-day kindergarten on the warrant. Motion passed unanimously.*

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Troy Cowan reported on the December 16, 2013 Finance Committee meeting (minutes on pages 37-38 in the packet). *Motion*



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by Troy Cowan, second by Mark Hutchins, to approve a proposed budget of thirty seven million, eighty one thousand, nine hundred eleven dollars (\$37,081,911). Motion passed unanimously.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE:
None**SECURITY COMMITTEE:**

The board scheduled a Security Committee meeting for Wednesday, January 29, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the high school library.

The board scheduled a Policy Committee meeting for Monday, February 3, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at the SAU Office.

The board scheduled a Long Range Plan Committee meeting for Monday, February 3, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the SAU Office.

The board scheduled a Facilities Committee meeting for Monday, January 27, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at the SAU Office.

Old Business:**2014-2015 SCHOOL CALENDAR:**

Chris Barry and the board reviewed the draft 2014-2015 school calendar (page 39 in the packet). Motion by Troy Cowan to approve the 2014-2015 school calendar as presented.

There was no second. Motion by Laura Vincent, second by Mark Hutchins, to approve the 2014-2015 school calendar with the following changes (no school on December 22nd and 23rd, school in session on June 15th and 16th). Motion passed with one no from Troy Cowan.

REVIEW MEETING SCHEDULE:

Mike Martin and the board reviewed and updated the schedule of upcoming meetings (page 40 in the packet).

SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH COMMITTEE:

Lorrie Carey reported on the status of the superintendent search.

EXIT INTERVIEW PROCESS

Chris Barry reviewed the Exit Interview Process and Exit Interview Survey included in the packet (pages 42-43).

New Business:

Will Renauld reported on attending the NHSBA Delegate Assembly.

Manifests/Journal Entries to Sign:

Motion by Troy Cowan, second by Caroletta Alicea, to approve the manifests and journal entries. Motion passed unanimously. Manifests and journal entries were circulated for board member signatures.

Board Chairman's Report:

None

Assistant Superintendent's Report:

Chris Barry noted that this month's list of recognition letters is included in the packet (page 44) for board review.

Chris updated the board on the culture and climate study at the high school. The report is due this week.

Chris thanked the Full-Day Kindergarten Committee, the principals, Laura Vincent, Seelye Longnecker and everyone who participated in the public forums.

Superintendent's Report:

Mike Martin discussed the three consecutive snow days.

Public Participation:

Roy Merrill, Loudon resident, asked about printing employee salaries in the Annual Report. The board responded that the decision was to put the salaries on the website instead of printing them in the Annual Report. Roy then asked that the board to prepare a 10-year history of the budget and percentage of increase and a 10-year history of salaries and percentage of increase for the handout at the Annual Meeting.

Topics for Next Board Meeting:

None

See Non-Public Session.

Motion by Mark Hutchins, second by Caroletta Alicea, to go into non-public session at 8:32 p.m. in accordance with RSA 91-A: 3II (a) and (c). Motion passed unanimously on a Roll Call Vote.

Roll Call:

Caroletta Alicea, Normandie Blake, Lorrie Carey, Audrey Carter, Troy Cowan, Mark Hutchins, Jim Lavery, Seelye Longnecker, Will Renauld, Laura Vincent

Return to Public Session

Motion by Caroletta Alicea, second by Mark Hutchins, to go out of non-public session at 9:03 p.m. Motion passed unanimously on a Roll Call Vote.

Roll Call:

Caroletta Alicea, Normandie Blake, Lorrie Carey, Audrey Carter, Troy Cowan, Mark Hutchins, Jim Lavery, Seelye Longnecker, Will Renauld, Laura Vincent

Action from Non-Public Session if Needed**RESIGNATION:**

Motion by Laura Vincent, second by Lorrie Carey, to accept the resignation of James Williams, with the breach of contract penalty. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Caroletta Alicea, second by Mark Hutchins, to go back into non-public session at 9:05 p.m. Motion passed unanimously on a Roll Call Vote.

Roll Call:

Caroletta Alicea, Normandie Blake, Lorrie Carey, Audrey Carter, Troy Cowan, Mark Hutchins, Jim Lavery, Seelye Longnecker, Will Renauld, Laura Vincent

Motion by Will Renauld, second by Caroletta Alicea, to go out of non-public session at 9:24 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment.

Motion by Will Renauld, second by Caroletta Alicea, to recess the meeting until after the Public Hearing on January 28, 2014. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting recessed at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sally Welch, Clerk

MVSD School Board Meeting Minutes — January 28, 2014

PUBLIC SESSION**Roll Call and Call to Order:**

The meeting held at Merrimack Valley High School was reconvened (from the recessed meeting of January 13, 2014) on a motion by Mark Hutchins, second by Laura Vincent, at 9:36 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Board members present:

Caroletta Alicea, Lorrie Carey, Audrey Carter, Troy Cowan, Thomas Godfrey, Mark Hutchins, Jim Lavery, Seelye Longnecker, Will Renauld, Laura Vincent

Administrators present:

Superintendent Mike Martin; Assistant Superintendent Chris Barry; Business Administrator Robin Heins; Human

Resources Manager Kathleen Boucher; Principals Mike Jette, Pat Severance, Tom Laliberte, Chris Foley, Jeff Drouin, Stephanie Wheeler; Assistant Principals Pam Hill, James Tremblay; Administrator for Special Education Maureen Gross; Facilities Director Fred Reagan

Others present:

Roy Merrill, Cindy Merrill, Loudon Residents; Jeni Bailey, Loudon Elementary School Teacher; Kathy Arseneau, Boscawen Resident

Chairman Godfrey explained there would be no public participation at tonight's meeting.

Motion by Troy Cowan, second by Mark Hutchins, to approve the budget of thirty seven million, eighty-one thousand, nine

hundred eleven dollars (\$37,081,911) as presented at the Public Hearing. The board discussed comments, questions and concerns from the public hearing. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Laura Vincent, second by Lorrie Carey, to approve the warrant as presented. After a brief discussion about full-day kindergarten, the motion passed unanimously.

The board scheduled a Facilities Committee meeting for Monday, February 3, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the SAU office. The Long Range Plan committee meeting currently scheduled for that time will be rescheduled.

Chairman Godfrey read the petition warrant articles presented to the board at the Public Hearing.

Kathleen Boucher discussed including committee work in the Annual Report. Motion by Lorrie Carey to put committee summaries in the Annual Report. There was no second.

The questions from Bill Murphy will be on the agenda for the next board meeting.

Motion by Troy Cowan, second by Will Renauld, to adjourn. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sally Welch
Clerk

MVSD Public Budget Hearing Minutes — January 28, 2014

Board Members Present:

Caroletta Alicea, Lorrie Carey, Audrey Carter, Troy Cowan, Thomas Godfrey, Mark Hutchins, Jim Lavery, Seelye Longnecker, Will Renauld, Laura Vincent

Administrators Present:

Superintendent Mike Martin; Assistant Superintendent Chris Barry; Business Administrator Robin Heins; Human Resources Manager Kathleen Boucher; Principals Mike Jette, Pat Severance, Tom Laliberte, Chris Foley, Jeff Drouin, Stephanie Wheeler; Administrator for Special Education Maureen Gross; Assistant Principals Catherine Masterson, Pam Hill, James Tremblay; Facilities Director Fred Reagan

Others Present:

Approximately seventy people from the public were present. Chairman Thomas Godfrey opened the Public Hearing at 7:02 p.m.

Chairman Godfrey began by summarizing Articles I, II, III & IV on the draft Warrant on pages ten through eleven in the information packet.

Chairman Godfrey introduced Troy Cowan to discuss Article V. Troy reviewed the detailed breakdown of the budget on pages two through seven in the information packet and explained the increases and decreases from the previous budget. While reviewing the budget, Troy, along with other School Board members, Superintendent Mike Martin and other district administrators, answered questions and addressed

comments and concerns from the floor. Many of the questions from the public centered around costs for transportation and health care and saving money in other areas.

Bill Murphy, Boscawen resident, presented a list of questions and three petition warrant articles to the board.

Chairman Godfrey introduced Audrey Carter to discuss Articles VI & VII. Audrey began by summarizing negotiations and the agreements with the Merrimack Valley Education Association and Merrimack Valley Administrators Association. Audrey, along with others, answered questions and addressed comments and concerns from the floor.

Chairman Godfrey introduced Seelye Longnecker to discuss Article VIII. Seelye discussed the Full Day Kindergarten Pro-

posal handout. Seelye, along with others, answered questions and addressed comments and concerns from the floor.

Chairman Godfrey introduced Mark Hutchins to discuss Article IX. Mark discussed Article IX. Mark, along with others, answered questions from the floor.

Chairman Godfrey continued by reviewing Articles X, XI & XII. Mark Hutchins updated the public on the status of the Beede Property.

After all questions and comments from the public were completed, Mark Hutchins made a motion, second by Will Renauld, to adjourn. The Public Hearing was adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sally Welch, Clerk

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — January 14, 2014

Present: Chairman Krieger, Selectman Ives and Selectman Bowles.

Also present was Zoning Board Chairman Dave Powelson, Fire Chief Rick Wright and Police Chief Bob Fiske, and Planning Board Vice-Chairman Stan Prescott.

Chairman Krieger called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Chairman Krieger opened the Board of Permit.

Chief Fiske explained that he received a letter from Millennium Running looking for approval for a 13.1 mile marathon that starts at NHMS goes to Shaker Road and Old Shaker Road into Concord on September 28, 2014. Chief Fiske said they expect it to take 5 minutes for the runners to cross the road from the track onto 106. Chairman Krieger said Chief will need people at NHMS for crossing 106, at Shaker and 106, Old Shaker, Shaker Road onto Old Shaker Road at Clough Pond, Flagg Road, Lovejoy Road and Hoit Road. Selectman Ives noticed that the number of anticipated runners is not indicated. Chairman Krieger said there is also the Fire Department side of it; runners might get hurt. Chief Fiske stated that Speedway Children's Charities will be one of the beneficiaries of the event. The Board discussed the number of events being held at the track including the Timberman Triathlon, the Color Vibe, the Color Run, the Tough Mudder, and NASCAR races and how it affects the residents in town. The Board is concerned with the number of weekend's events are being held. Chairman Krieger stated that before he signs an approval he wants someone to come in; they need more information. Chief Fiske will notify the event coordinator that the Selectman would like to meet with him.

Chief Fiske explained the Timberman Triathlon wants to do the same thing as last year. He explained that traffic was stopped at 106 and 129 for a considerable amount of time. Selectman Ives said he understands that it is a timed race but it shuts down 129 for basically an hour. Chairman Krieger said this event has been going on in town for years and they have been decent. Selectman Bowles said he knows it's an inconvenience, but they've done it in the past. Chief Fiske said they've been doing it for 8-10 years. Chairman Krieger suggested that they allow it again, take really good notes, see how it goes this year; put them on notice that if it doesn't go good it might have to be re-routed next year. Selectman Ives asked Chief Fiske to discuss the Boards reservations and concerns with the event coordinator. *Selectman Ives made a motion to approve the Timberman Triathlon on August 17, 2014 starting at 8:00 a.m. and ending at 1:00pm. Seconded by Chairman Krieger.* Selectman Ives reiterated that they have reservations with the inconvenience for the towns people by closing down the 129/106

intersection for an indeterminate amount of time. *All in favor. Motion carried.*

Chief Fiske explained that he briefed through the NH and FBI Criminal History Record Checks for Hawkers and Peddlers information. Chief Fiske said it would be a time consuming and costly process to fingerprint and do a criminal record check on every vendor that comes into town. Chief Fiske said that the Town of Loudon already requires a state Hawker and Peddlers license before someone can get a town Hawker and Peddler permit. Mr. Prescott asked if our requirement or ordinance is in writing. Chief Fiske said it is in writing. Chairman Krieger read in the information that it is a requirement to pass an ordinance that requires background checks. Mr. Powelson suggested that our requirement be clarified and wondered if this is something that we have to do to be compliant with the state. Chairman Krieger suggested that this be looked into further.

Chief Fiske submitted a Town of Loudon Policy for Flagger and Uniformed Officer in Work Zones. The Board reviewed the policy. Selectman Bowles asked where this policy will end up. Chief Fiske said it will be with the Police Departments policies. Selectman Bowles asked that a copy be forwarded to the Selectmen's office. *Selectman Ives made a motion to adopt the written policy for Flagger and Uniformed Officer in Work Zones as submitted by the Police Chief. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.*

Chairman Krieger closed the Board of Permit meeting at 6:47.

The Board met with Fire Chief Rick Wright.

Chief Wright explained that the generator at Station 1 had a switch and wiring burn, a new switch was installed and the generator is back in service.

Chief Wright submitted a Heat off Warning Light estimate in the amount of \$750.00 for Station 2. Chairman Krieger stated that it is an inexpensive insurance policy. The Board agreed that the Light should be installed.

Chief Wright said that the furnace at Station 1 was not working a new thermostat was purchased and installed.

Chief Wright said that NH DES and the owner of 92 Loudon Ridge Road gave approval for the dry hydrant project. The drain down of the pond began and installation of the work is scheduled to begin.

Chief Wright explained that the Loudon Fire Department will be hosting an EMT-B course at Station 1, February 4 through June 3, 2014 on Tuesdays and Saturdays. He said that anyone interested in attending should contact the Fire Department for more information. The cost will be \$750.00.

Chief Wright said that Captain Dena Leonard has announced her retirement from the Loudon Fire Department, effective the

middle of March 2014. He said that she plans to remain a member of the Fire Department Auxiliary. Captain Leonard joined the Fire Department December 8, 1997.

Chief Wright said the new Community Building door does not meet fire code. Selectman Bowles said he has been working with the person they bought the door from regarding that.

Chief Wright said that he, Deputy Lake and Lieutenant Reese met with the Young at Heart group. Chief Wright said he offered the group free smoke detectors that were donated to the Fire Department by Lowe's Home Improvement Store. He explained that Lieutenant Reese went over the proper use of the AED device and Deputy Lake did a lesson in kitchen safety and proper fire extinguisher use. Chief Wright said they offered a more extensive fire extinguisher class or CPR/AED class to the group if they are interested. Chief Wright said it was a good meeting and they would like to meet with the Young at Heart again.

Chief Wright explained that they attempted to get water from the dry hydrant at the dam on South Village Road and they believe it is frozen.

Selectman Bowles stated that he, Chief Wright and George Saunderson attended the Canterbury Zoning Board meeting last week regarding the campground.

Chairman Krieger recognized the Library Trustees; Molly Ashland, Ken Krzewick and Steve Del Deo. The Trustees explained that they have revised their proposed budget; removing the proposed full-time person. Selectman Bowles said it looks like the part-time line has been increased. They explained that it has, they have increased the hours for the person they were proposing to hire full-time. Mr. Del Deo said that he believes they will need to move forward with that full-time position sometime in the future because they will need someone that has a good handle on the modern library; which is heavy on electronics. Selectman Ives said he appreciates what they have done. Chairman Krieger suggested they take a good hard look at it next year. Selectman Ives said next year they should meet a month or two before budget meetings start and take a look at it. Selectman Bowles thanked the Trustees for their hard work on the proposed budget.

Selectman Bowles moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, January 7, 2014 as written. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received a letter from NH Highway Safety Agency regarding FY 2015 Financial Assistance. The information will be forwarded to Chief Fiske.

The Board received information regarding the biennial bridge inspection report for

town owned bridges. The information will be forwarded to the Road Agent.

The Board received a memo from Dave Wiley regarding Elderly and Disability Exemption Amounts and draft warrant articles regarding the Exemptions for the Board to consider. The Board agreed to include the articles, as written, on the warrant for the town to vote on.

The Board received a memo from Brenda regarding the NHMS Racetrack Bond. The bond will be rolled over for 2014.

The Board received a letter from a resident requesting refund of a vehicle registration that was registered in error. The Town Clerk and the Board agreed to the refund.

The Board received a letter from CRSW/RRC regard representatives to the Board. The Board agreed that Steve Bennett and Dave Rice will continue as representatives.

The Board received a Notice of Decision from the Town of Canterbury ZBA Clerk Lisa Carlson regarding a commercial campground approval.

The Board received a Notice of Decision from Town of Canterbury ZBA regarding a store and laundromat approval.

The Board received a Notice of Continued Hearing from the Town of Canterbury ZBA to be held February 5, 2014 at 7:00 pm.

The Board received construction plans for Route 106 paving from Gues Meadow Road to Route 129 from NH DOT. Selectman Ives stated that he would like to give Mr. Leombruno the contact information for this project. He explained that Mr. Leombruno would like to discuss widening the road for a turn lane at the golf course.

The Board received an invitation to a public reception for MVSD superintendent candidates.

The Board received information from the Friends of the Suncook River. A meeting will be held January 22, 2014 at 6:30 pm at the Pembroke Public Library. Eric Orff a wildlife biologist will be the speaker.

The Board received a letter from M.A. Bean offering assistance with bridges.

The Board received miscellaneous correspondence.

The Board received a reminder that Thursday, January 16 at 7:00 p.m. is the Loudon Zoning Amendment Public Hearing and Planning Board meeting.

Selectman Bowles moved to adjourn at 7:45 P.M. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

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Selectmen's Meeting Minutes and Budget Hearing — January 21, 2014

Present: Chairman Krieger, Selectman Ives and Selectman Bowles.

Also present was Fire Chief Rick Wright, Deputy Chief Bill Lake and Road Agent Dave Rice

Chairman Krieger called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Selectman Ives moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, January 14, 2014 as written. Seconded by Selectmen Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Krieger stated that he looked into the Hawkers and Peddlers Ordinance that was discussed at last week's Board of Permit meeting. He said the law says you may adopt it not that it shall be adopted. Chairman Krieger said he read both of the RSA's regarding it and both say shall.

The Board met with Road Agent Dave Rice.

Mr. Rice explained that they have replenished most of the salt/sand. He said this is the first year he can remember emptying the salt shed before February.

Mr. Rice said the signs have been replaced at the bridges where they were needed.

Chairman Krieger asked how the new employee is working out. Mr. Rice said he's working out real well; fitting in, jumping right in when there is something to do.

Chairman Krieger asked Mr. Rice to give the guys his thanks for working the weekends, unfortunately that's the way the storms have been falling.

Selectman Ives asked if the dry hydrants are accessible. Mr. Rice said they are trying to keep up with them. Chief Wright said they coordinate with Mr. Rice so they are all in good shape.

The Board met with Fire Chief Rick Wright.

Chief Wright explained that he got approval from the Department of Labor allowing on call personnel that don't work a particular schedule to be paid monthly instead of weekly.

Chief Wright said that fire hydrant to the dam on South Village Road is not frozen anymore. Chief Wright said that the Best Septic guys; Paul and Eric Johnson and Greg Wells came up with their pressure washer with a long hose and nozzle and bored through the ice. They put water down with the forestry truck hose. Chief Wright said they then went down with the engine and back flushed it; it broke through and opened up.

Chief Wright said the dry hydrant on Loudon Ridge Road is installed. There will be some touch up to the ground work when the weather warms up.

Chief Wright said the Engine 1 went to Valley Fire Equipment yesterday because the fire pump went. Chief Wright said he picked it up today and it is back in service.

Chief Wright said they had an oven fire today, a house full of smoke, at Freedom Hill Cooperative. The fire never got outside the oven.

Chief Wright said the heat in the office at Station 1 quit again today. Eastern came in, replaced two parts and its working again.

Chairman Krieger thanked Chief Wright and his department for his work in this weather.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received a letter from DRA that stated that the equalization ratio is 106.3%.

The Board received six (6) overdue ambulance bills for their review. *Selectman Bowles made a motion to send the following ambulance bills to collection: account #2046 in the amount of \$200.00, account #3144 in the amount of \$163.56, account #3198 in the amount of \$645.20, account #3455 in the amount of \$611.10, account #3784 in the amount of \$687.20 and account #3281 in the amount of \$578.70. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.*

The Board received a letter of Intent forwarded from the Code Enforcement Office regarding TDS placing new conduit in various locations in Town. Locations to include Hemlock Hill, Ilona Lane, Bert Lane, and Plateau Ridge and the intersection of East Ricker and Chichester Road. Chairman Krieger asked that a copy of the letter be forwarded to the Highway and Fire Departments. The estimated work date is 4/15/14 through 7/25/14.

The Board received a letter from the Town of Canterbury ZBA. Mourning Dove Holdings, LLC has withdrawn their application for a special exception; there will not be a hearing on February 5, 2014.

The Board received a letter from Town Council regarding NHMS.

The Board received a Cate Van driver certification for their review. Tom Bellandi from Canterbury has volunteered to be a driver. Selectman Ives stated that he appreciates anyone that volunteers for the services the town provides.

The Board received a letter from HealthTrust regarding the Supreme Court decision about repayment from Property-Liability Trust to HealthTrust.

The Board received a Bankruptcy Court order regarding a Loudon resident.

The Board received the Annual Customer notice from Xfinity. If there are any questions about the notice you can contact Bryan Christiansen at 224-1871 ext. 202.

The Board received miscellaneous correspondence.

The Board received the following reminders:

Wednesday, January 22, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. is a CIP meeting.

Wednesday, January 22 thru Friday, January 31, 2014 is candidate sign-ups.

Thursday, January 23, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. is a Loudon ZBA meeting.

Monday, January 27, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. is next week's Selectmen's meeting.

Tuesday, January 28, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. is the MVSD public hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING

Chairman Krieger opened the Budget Hearing by reading the following: In accordance with RSA 32:5-1, the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Loudon will hold Public Hearings for review of the Proposed Budget and Warrant Articles for Fiscal Year 7/1/2014 to 6/30/2015. The hearings will be held Tuesday, January 21, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. and Wednesday February 5, 2014 at 6:00 pm at the Loudon Community Building located behind the town offices. The proposed budget will be voted on at the March 2014 Town Meeting.

Chairman Krieger stated they would first go over the 2014-2015 Preliminary Budget — Rev #3.

Chairman Krieger pointed out that the Selectmen's wage lines went up a total of 10.47%. Selectman Bowles explained that the Part-time office help line was dropped and the full-time wage line was brought up. He said this was because there were two part-timers, when one retired the other was made full-time. Selectman Bowles said they are back in cycle after things changing in the last couple of years; they are back to two full-time and no part-time. Chairman Krieger explained that there is no change to the Selectmen's Salaries because although they are giving employees a COLA this year the three Selectmen are not taking it.

Chairman Krieger read through the lines of the remainder of the Selectmen's budget pointing out Data processing, dues/seminars, office equipment went up and postage and publications went down. He explained that the Selectmen's budget went up a total of 43.86%, mostly due to the fact that the office has to replace the computer server.

Mike Labonte from the audience suggested to move things along a lot faster that the Board only read the total of each section and answer questions if anyone has one. Chairman Krieger asked if everyone in the room agreed to that. Selectman Ives stated that they want to make sure that the information gets out. Selectman Bowles said that if anyone has a question about a specific line to ask.

Chairman Krieger read the following:
Landfill Hydro Study — down 25%.
Historical/Conservation — level funded.
Town Clerk — down 7.37%
Election — up 112.05%. Chairman Krieger said the increase is due to the number of elections this year.

Trust Funds — level funded.
Audit — up 8.4%.
Assessment/Maps — down 7.46%.
Tax Collector — up 1.11%
Selectman Bowles stated that the Board gave a 1.75% COLA.

Chairman Krieger continues reading.
Treasurer — up 1.51%.
Legal Services — up 15%. Selectman Bowles stated that this line is not set in stone they might have to increase it more. It might change by the next meeting.

Employee Benefits — up 6.34%.
Planning Board — down 4.28%.
Zoning Board — up 0.73%.
General Government Building — down 3.06%.

Cemeteries — level funded.

Employee Benefits — up 3.07%.

Property Taxes — level funded.

Police — up 1.28%.

Special Events — level funded.

Health — up 2.11%.

Visiting Nurse — level funded.

Ambulance — up 6.07%

Fire — up 1.06%

Compliance — up 2.49%

Emergency Management — level funded.

Forest Fire — level funded.

Highway — up 1.81%

Block Grant — up 0.15%.

Solid Waste/Landfill — up 3.41%

Animal Control — level funded.

Community Action Program — level funded.

Welfare — level funded.

Recreation — level funded.

Library — up 1.09%

Patriotic — level funded.

Economic development — level funded.

TAN Interest — down 90.00%

Contingency fund — level funded.

General Fund — Total Budget — increased 2.56%.

Chairman Krieger asked if there were any questions. He said they worked hard to keep things down.

Chairman Krieger recognized the library folks and said they did an awesome job this year. He said they have plans for the future; maybe adding someone fulltime. He hopes they will be able to support that someday.

Chairman Krieger stated that the Fire Chief is in attendance; he did a great job with his budget, as well as the other departments in town.

Chairman Krieger stated they will go over the Revenues next.

Selectman Ives explained that the revenues are an estimate as to what will be coming in above property taxes. He explained that they estimate on the conservative side.

Property tax interest — level funded.
Land Use Change Tax — level funded.

Yield Tax — level funded.

Gravel tax — level funded.

Cobra — level funded.

Commercial Hauler Fees — level funded.
Building Permits — up 75% (\$3,000.00)

due to economy.

Motor Vehicle Permits — level funded.

Dog Licenses — level funded.

Business Lic., Permits & Fees — level funded.

Rooms & Meals Taxes — down 0.09%.

Highway Block Grant — up 0.15%.

Forest Land — level funded.

Road Toll — level funded.

Restitution — down 4.22%.

Landfill — Septage — down 9.87%.

Sale of Town Property — level funded.

Interest on Dep.-Treasurer — level funded.

Parking fines — down 60.00%

Town Ordinance Violation — down 66.67%

Insurance Reimb. — level funded.

Welfare Reimb — level funded.

Other Rev — local sources — level funded.

Other Rev. — Sate Govt. — level funded.

Sale-Voter Checklist/Postage — level funded.

General Fund — Revenues — down 10.49%. Selectman Ives repeated that they are conservative; they would rather have a surplus than a shortfall at the end of the year. He asked if there were any question; there were none.

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Selectman Bowles explained that there will be one Zoning Amendment on the ballot. He read aloud: *Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment 2014-1 proposed and recommended by the Planning Board for the Loudon Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend Appendix – Definitions – Replace the term “Contiguous Area” with “Contiguous Buildable Area” and add “The main residence and accessory buildings shall be located in the Contiguous Buildable Area” to the definition and amend all other sections of the Zoning Ordinance that reference the term “Contiguous Area” or “Buildable Area” to read “Contiguous Buildable Area”. Reason: The purpose of the amendment is to make the new phrase “Contiguous Buildable Area” consistent throughout the Zoning Ordinance.*

Selectman Bowles said that the Planning Board had a public hearing last Thursday evening and voted to put this on the ballot.

Selectman Bowles read aloud: **ARTICLE 3:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$241,000 for the purchase of an Ambulance and Equipment, with said funds to be withdrawn from the Ambulance /Rescue Equipment Capital Reserve Fund and to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to carry said purpose into effect. *The Selectmen recommend this article.*

Selectman Bowles said that this is the tenth year with ambulance two so it's time to replace it. He said the money is coming out of the Capital Reserve.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$68,000 for the purchase of a cab and chassis dual rear wheel 4x4 with dump body, plow and sander. Funds to be withdrawn from the Highway Department Capital Reserve Fund and further to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to carry said purpose into effect. *The Selectmen recommend this article.*

Selectman Krieger said the one-ton is getting a lot of age and use, it's time to replace it and the money is in the capital reserve for that purpose.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$330,000 for the purpose of grinding and paving 9050 feet of Oak Hill Road. \$175,000 to be withdrawn from the Roadway Improvement Capital Reserve Fund and \$155,000 to be raised by taxes and further to appoint the Selectmen as agents to carry said purpose into effect. *The Selectmen recommend this article.*

Selectman Bowles said that Oak Hill is next on their list of roads to do. They want to grind it, add gravel, pave and do culverts.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$35,000 for the purchase of a road tractor for hauling trash from the transfer station. Funds to be withdrawn from the Transfer Station Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund. *The Selectmen recommend this article.*

Selectman Bowles explained that because this is an expendable trust fund the Selectman have the authority to pull money out of the fund they don't have to put this on the warrant but when they know they are going to do something like this they like to put it on the warrant so the town is aware that they are spending that kind of money. Selectman Ives explained that they are hoping to spend less than \$35,000 however DRA doesn't allow them to put “up to \$35,000” on the warrant.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of purchasing Self Contained

Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) for the Loudon Fire Department and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000.00 to be placed in said fund. *The Selectmen recommend this article. (Majority vote required).*

Selectman Bowles and Chief Wright explained that every 15 years the SCBA need to be replaced. They said that the ones they have now are 8 years old. Selectman Bowles said they are behind so during the budget meetings they figured they better get a CRF going. He explained that because they are on year eight they need to start at \$30,000 to have the \$200,000 it's going to cost to replace these. Once that is done they can lower it to \$15,000 per year.

Mike Labonte asked how much each SCBA is. Chief Wright said about \$8,000.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to modify the provisions of RSA 72:37-b for any person who is eligible under Title II or Title XVI of the federal Social Security Act for benefits to the disabled to receive a yearly exemption in the amount of \$25,000.00. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 consecutive years prior to April 1st and own and occupy the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by a spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$25,000.00 if single, or if married, a combined net income of not more than \$35,000.00, and own net assets, tangible and intangible not in excess of \$60,000.00, excluding the value of the person's residence and land up to 2 acres. *The Selectmen recommend this article.*

Selectman Bowles explained that the Board hasn't done anything with disability (article 8) and elderly (article 9) exemptions since 2005. He said that working with the town assessor they discovered that Loudon is at the bottom of the scale for this so they decided to make changes to be more in line with the surrounding towns.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to modify the elderly exemptions from property tax based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 74 years, \$25,000.00; for a person 75 years of age up to 79 years, \$50,000.00; for a person 80 years of age or older, \$75,000.00. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 consecutive years and own and occupy the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by a spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$25,000.00 if single, or if married, a combined net income of not more than \$35,000.00; and own net assets, tangible and intangible not in excess of \$60,000.00, excluding the value of the person's residence and land up to 2 acres. *The Selectmen recommend this article.*

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$461,500 to be placed in previously established Capital Reserve Funds:

Fire Department Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund \$100,000
Highway Department Capital Reserve Fund \$50,000
Bridge Capital Reserve Fund \$30,000
Recreational Facility Maintenance Trust Capital Reserve Fund \$2,000
Library Collection Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund \$7,000
Roadway Improvements Capital Reserve Fund \$100,000
J.O. Cate Memorial Van Capital Reserve Fund \$2,500
Ambulance/Rescue Equipment Capital Reserve Fund \$40,000

Conservation Commission Land Capital Reserve Fund \$30,000

Town Office Building Capital Reserve Fund \$100,000

(Majority vote required) The Selectmen recommend this article.

Selectman Bowles explained that the amounts going into each of the funds is the same as last year.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$60,000 to be placed in the previously established Expendable Trust Funds:

Transfer Station Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund \$20,000

Septage Lagoon Expendable Trust Fund \$10,000

Highway Equipment Expendable Trust Fund \$30,000

(Majority vote required) The Selectmen recommend this article.

Selectman Bowles explained that the money in these funds is the same as last year.

Chairman Krieger recognized Steve Del Deo from the audience. Mr. Del Deo said the town has a Veteran's credit and asked if they have been keeping up with that as well. Selectman Bowles said he thinks they are in line with that credit but they will check on that before the next hearing.

Alice Tuson mentioned that Article 8 says... *To qualify, the person must have*

been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 consecutive years prior to April 1st but Article 9 says... To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 consecutive years but doesn't say prior to April 1st. The Board will check into this wording for the next hearing. Selectman Ives said that some of the verbiage comes from the state.

Chairman Krieger asked if there were any more questions. There were none. He thanked everyone for coming out in the cold.

Selectman Ives thanked the department heads and all the committees in town that presented the Board with this budget, he said everyone did a really good job as far as meeting their needs and giving them a budget that he thinks will pass before the town. Selectman Ives said they've been keeping the budget tight for years and he thinks the taxpayers are pleased with the work that everyone has done. Selectman Bowles especially thanked those committees that do this on a volunteer basis.

Selectman Ives moved to adjourn at 7:02 P.M. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.

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Dustin J. Bowles, Selectman

Deadline for the April 2014 issue of the “Loudon Ledger” is Friday, March 21, 2014

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — January 27, 2014

Present: Chairman Krieger, Selectman Ives and Selectman Bowles.

Also present was Fire Chief Rick Wright and Tax Collector Helen McNeil.

Chairman Krieger called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Selectman Bowles moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, January 21, 2014 as written. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board met with Fire Chief Rick Wright.

Chief Wright explained that a letter was submitted to the Board from Lieutenant Reese regarding a subdivision on Pittsfield Road. Chief Wright said this is regarding a

certificate of occupancy (CO) request coming up and the fact that there is no cistern in the ground yet. Chief Wright said that Lieutenant Reese said that previously cisterns are put in before houses are built, although the ordinance doesn't specify that, it's just been handled that way. Selectman Bowles said he can't remember what the Planning Board decision was; sometimes it is put in the minutes that the cistern will have to be in before occupancy, he asked Chief Wright to check with Donna about that. Chief Wright said he heard indirectly that the plan is to build all four houses and then put in the

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cistern. Chairman Krieger said that once the CO's are given there is nothing to hold them responsible for doing it. Selectman Bowles said that they have always requested that the cistern be put in and operable. Chief Wright said they chose to do cisterns rather than sprinklers in the houses so once they start to build the houses without sprinklers there is no fire protection. Selectman Ives stated that in other developments the cistern has gone in before the CO. Chief Wright said they haven't got any submittals other than the site plan that shows the cistern. He said they haven't received any of the typical cistern submittals or detail drawings. Chairman Krieger said he doesn't think they should get a CO until the cistern has been put in. Chief Wright said he doesn't want to set a precedent either way. Selectman Ives said the precedent has been set by them by not giving CO's until the cistern has been put in. Chairman Krieger asked if there is a bond for the cistern. Selectman Bowles said no; they've bonded roads but not cisterns. Selectman Ives said they haven't bonded cisterns because they don't allow occupancy until the cistern is in place. Chairman Krieger said that maybe they need to be bonded if they can fall through the cracks.

Selectman Bowles asked Chief Wright to ask Donna for the final decision to see if it's stated in there and also ask her to look through the Planning Board minutes; he's sure the cistern would have been brought up at the meetings because of the size of the subdivision. He said there also might be a note on the final plan. Chief Wright asked if at this point the CO. should be issued. Selectman Bowles said no CO.

Chief Wright said that the lease agreement between the Town of Loudon and the Town of Chichester for old Engine Two runs out February 7. He said he heard they might want to keep it until the middle of March so he spoke to the Chief about it; reminding him the lease would have to be extended if that's what they intended to do. Selectman Ives asked if there's any word as to what they intend to do long term. Chief Wright said their engine with the cracked frame is getting repaired and they expect it back sometime in March.

The Board met with Tax Collector Helen McNeil.

Mrs. McNeil explained that she wanted to discuss properties that the Town can deed. She gave the Selectman information about the properties that can be deeded. Mrs. McNeil explained that she noted on each property when the last payment was

made. Selectman Ives asked if they have to take all or none. Mrs. McNeil explained that if a property proves to be a liability they don't have to take it, if someone is on a payment plan they don't have to take it. Mrs. McNeil explained that if they deed a property and try to sell it within three years the owners have first option to buy it. She said if it does go for sale the town would keep only what is owed plus any expenses such as attorney fees and cleaning of the property. Mrs. McNeil also explained that they can file a claim in small claims court instead of deeding the property. Mrs. McNeil explained the paperwork that would need to be filed for small claims court. Chairman Krieger stated that they owe it to the rest of the taxpayer's to start collecting this. Selectman Ives agreed that they will start deeding properties. The Board will review the information Mrs. McNeil gave to them.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received a letter from a resident regarding his property taxes. Chairman Krieger will contact the resident and ask him to come in to speak to the Board.

The Board received an email from the recreation department regarding their Winter Carnival to be held on February 22.

The Board received an email from Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission regarding a Broadband Meeting that is open to the public. They will be discussing the status and improvement of broadband internet in the region. The meeting will be held February 10, 2014 at 6:30 pm.

The Board received ESMI's self report for December 2013.

The Board received miscellaneous correspondence.

The Board received the following reminders:

Tuesday, February 4, 2014 at 6:30 pm
Bryan Christiansen from Comcast will meet with the Selectmen to discuss the franchise agreement.

Wednesday, February 5, 2014 at 6:00 pm
is the 2nd budget hearing.

Tuesday, January 28, 2014 at 7:00 pm
is the MVSD public hearing.

Selectman Ives moved to adjourn at 6:56 P.M. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.

LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Dustin J. Bowles, Selectman

Planning Board Meeting Minutes — January 16, 2014

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Tom Dow.

Attendance:

Chairman Tom Dow, George Saunderson, Tom Moore, Bob Cole, Alternate Bob Ordway, Ex-Officio Dustin Bowles

Acceptance of Minutes:

December 19, 2013 Regular Meeting —
Bob Ordway moved that the minutes be accepted as read and placed on file; seconded by George Saunderson. All were in favor.

November 30, 2013 Site Visit —
Tom Moore made a motion to approve the Lovejoy Farm site walk minutes; seconded by Bob Cole. All were in favor.

New Business:

Application #14-01, Bumfagon, LLC —
Lot Line Adjustment on Bumfagon Road in the AFP District, Map 52, Lots 5 & 5-1.
Tom Dow stated that he is a direct abutter and would be recusing himself from the Board. He appointed Bob Cole to take over as chairman. Tom Moore said he is also an abutter and recused himself from the Board. Web Stout of FWS Land Surveying represented the applicant.

Mr. Stout presented a new plan to Board members, noting that the lot numbers were

reversed on the original plan. He explained the location of the property and the history of a subdivision done in 2006 where approximately twelve acres was cut from the main lot. Mr. Stout explained that this lot line adjustment is due to a settlement agreement among the owners of the property. He pointed out that Lot 5 would have 400' of frontage and 5.058 acres after the adjustment. Lot 5-1 would have 746' of frontage and 239 acres. Mr. Stout stated that Lot 5 is over five acres so there would be no need for State approval.

Acting chairman Bob Cole asked if there were any abutters wishing to speak on the application. Joe Bohi stated that he is one of the owners of the property and was just notified of this meeting forty-eight hours ago. He said he wanted the lot line closer to the septic system (marked with an X on the plan) as there is a retention area there. Mr. Bohi said it needs to be on Lot 5-1 as an area for water when a road is put through that area; otherwise an easement on Lot 5 would be necessary. Mr. Stout checked the elevations in the area pointed out by Mr. Bohi and explained that there is a 2' difference in contour. He said it is not showing a depression but a knob. Mr. Stout said he could flag the line if need be. Mr. Bohi

asked if the leach field was State approved. Mr. Stout said he did not find an approval. Mr. Bohi said he saw this plan three years ago; he did not like it then and does not like it now.

Mark Plantier stated that he is another owner. He said the smaller lot should be five acres, not 5.058. He said he was not notified of this hearing just as he was not notified when the subdivision was done. Mr. Plantier said he is opposed to this proposal.

Acting chairman Cole said if the lot line was flagged the parties could view it and discuss their concerns. Mr. Stout said he can flag the line and have Mr. Bohi and Mr. Plantier look at it. He explained that the frontage and acreage has to stay in order to meet zoning requirements. Abutter Tom Dow asked how Mr. Stout determined the proposed configuration. Mr. Stout explained how the lot was initially configured at the time of the subdivision, based on the wetlands. He said the back line of the lot is the only line being changed from the subdivision lines. Mr. Stout stated that he is not sure of the exact location of the septic system without digging so would not want to put the line too close. He explained that the wetland gets much larger out behind this lot. Mr. Dow said he likes that the proposal stays with the walls.

Abutters William and Linda Cote of Map 53, Lot 22 stated that the property at Map 53, Lot 24 sold within the last month and they weren't sure if the new owners were notified of this hearing. Donna explained that names and addresses are verified at the time of mailing, and if the town had not received the new deed at that time then the mailing would go to the owner on record.

Hearing no further comments from the public, Mr. Cole closed the hearing to the public and opened it to the Board only.

Dustin Bowles asked Bob Cole if he was thinking this is more of a civil matter based on his recommendation earlier. Mr. Cole said he was thinking that it would be best that the parties look at the proposal, come to an agreement, and come back to the Board. He said Mr. Stout offered to flag the line.

George Saunderson asked if it was confirmed that everyone was notified that should have been. Donna said all notifications were correctly done.

George Saunderson made a motion to continue this hearing for a month to allow time for the parties to come to an agreement; seconded by Bob Ordway. All were in favor. The hearing will be continued to February 20, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Building. There will be no further notification.

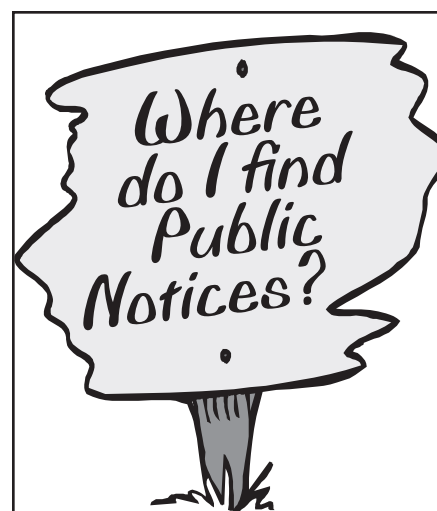
Bob Cole stepped down from the role of Chairman; Tom Dow and Tom Moore returned to the Board.

Board Discussion:

Mills plan wording — Donna explained that the Board had approved a subdivision/lot line adjustment for the Mills property on Old Shaker Road last fall. One condition of approval was that wording relative to the lot numbers be added to the plan. Web Stout submitted proposed wording for approval. The Board reviewed the wording and agreed that it would satisfy the condition.

Nichols ZBA application — Donna explained that the Board approved a lot line adjustment for the Nichols property on Loudon Ridge Road last fall. The Nichols have since discovered that the area where they want to build their new home is within the wetland buffer so will be going to the ZBA next week for a variance. Web Stout explained that most people would consider the buffer from the edge of the pond but it is actually calculated from the edge of the wetland. He pointed out the various markings on a plan that he has created, including the edge of the wetland, the 25' no touch section, and the 50' natural wetland buffer. He said he had Peter Schauer delineate the wetland. Mr. Stout discussed some of the findings when that delineation was done. He said they met with the Conservation Commission on January 6th and he has since created a plan that shows where the Nichols want to put the house, where the Conservation Commission would like the house, and

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a third position that would be a compromise of the first two. He pointed out that the septic system would be in the natural buffer as well, which is permitted by the state. Mr. Stout explained that the Nicholls want a one floor home with a walk-out and no long driveway to maintain as this is to be their retirement home. He said the house location would still allow access to the back of the property and their tree farm.

George Saunderson stated that he has been there and this is an ideal layout for the property. He said the Nicholls are stewards of the land and have done everything by the book with regard to permits and management of the property. After brief discussion, it was agreed that the Board has no real issue with the proposal going before the ZBA.

Capital Improvement Program — The final committee meeting is scheduled for

Wednesday, January 22nd. Once the committee finalizes and approves the revision Donna will get the final draft to Board members for review. A public hearing on the CIP revision will be scheduled for next month.

Report of the ZBA:

There is an application for a variance on this month's ZBA agenda.

Report of the Board of Permit:

Dustin Bowles reported the following: Charity runs at the track at the end of September; will go from the track to the State capital. He said there were concerns of tying up Route 106 every weekend during the summer.

Timberman Triathlon — this ties up traffic at a standstill because of the bikes; it was agreed to let it go again this year but take a hard look at it for the future.

There was discussion about doing fingerprinting and background checks for

Hawker & Peddler permits as part of FBI enforcement. Selectman Krieger is looking into the matter.

Zoning Amendment Public Hearing:

Because there was nobody present for this public hearing it was moved from the beginning of the meeting to this point on the agenda. Chairman Dow announced the purpose of the hearing and read the proposed zoning amendment as follows:

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment 2014-1 proposed and recommended by the Planning Board for the Loudon Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend Appendix — Definitions — Replace the term "Contiguous Area" with "Contiguous Buildable Area" and add "The main residence and accessory buildings shall be located in the Contiguous Buildable Area" to the definition and amend all other sections of the Zoning Ordinance that reference the term "Contiguous Area" or "Buildable Area" to read "Contiguous Buildable Area."

Reason: The purpose of the amendment is to make the new phrase "Contiguous Buildable Area" consistent throughout the Zoning Ordinance.

The chairman asked if there was anyone in the audience wishing to speak in favor of or against the amendment. Hearing none, he closed the hearing to the public and opened it to the Board only. There was brief discussion about the wording; Donna reported that town counsel has reviewed the amendment. *George Saunderson made a motion to approve the proposed amendment to be placed on the ballot; seconded by Bob Cole. All were in favor.*

Adjournment:

Dustin Bowles made a motion to adjourn at 7:55 p.m.; seconded by Tom Moore. All were in favor.

*Submitted by,
Donna White
Administrative Assistant*

Zoning Board Meeting Minutes — January 23, 2014

Chairman Dave Powelson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Chairman Dave Powelson, Roy Merrill, Vice Chairman Ned Lizotte, Earl Tuson, and alternates Jim Venne and George Saunderson.

Jim Venne was appointed as a voting member in the absence of Howard Pearl.

Bob Butler represented the Conservation Commission.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Regular Hearing — *Ned Lizotte moved to accept the minutes of November 25, 2013 as proposed; seconded by George Saunderson.* Earl Tuson stated that he was not at that meeting but, when reading the minutes, he noticed that there seemed to be two statements by Ned Lizotte on page three that seemed contradictory. Mr. Lizotte reviewed the minutes and explained the discussion that was being held at that time. He said he felt the minutes were accurate. *All were in favor.*

PUBLIC HEARING

Application #Z14-01, Paul & Mary Nichols — *Variance, AFP District, Map 65, Lot 6 on Loudon Ridge Road.* Abutter Mitchell Doyon was present. Web Stout of FWS Land Surveying represented the applicants.

Mr. Stout stated that the ZBA granted a special exception for a driveway in the side setback in July, and then the applicants did a lot line adjustment with the Planning Board in September. He said the applicants called him to do a septic design for their new house, noting that the applicants had staked out the house location. Mr. Stout said that most lay people would see the edge of the pond as the edge of the wetland; he explained that the pond is permitted, the area is mowed and well maintained, and the pond was dredged in 2000. He showed pictures of the lot. Mr. Stout stated that he called Peter Schauer to delineate the wetland, which is where the buffer would be measured from. He showed the 25' and 50' lines of the 75' natural wetland buffer. Mr. Stout stated that the applicants' building location would be in the buffer. He said they

met with the Conservation Commission on January 6th to discuss the matter.

Board members reviewed pictures of the area. Mr. Stout showed a diagram with three layers/proposed locations for the house: where the applicants want the house, where the Conservation Commission would be in agreement, and a compromise of the two. He pointed out that the proposed house location allows access to the back of the lot where it is mowed and where the applicants maintain a tree farm. Mr. Stout said he staked the two other locations with the applicants so they could visualize the change. He has done a preliminary septic design. Mr. Stout said the proposed location is the perfect spot for a one story dwelling with a walk-out basement because of the grades. He explained that the state allows septic systems to be within 50' of poorly drained soils so the preliminary design meets the state requirements.

Roy Merrill asked to confirm that the applicants' original proposed location is not within the first 25' of the buffer. Mr. Stout said that was correct. He pointed out that the porch would have a foundation and the deck would be on posts. Ned Lizotte asked if the pond was there originally. Mr. Stout stated that it was a swamp. Mr. Lizotte said he understood that it was dug out to make the area manicured; he reviewed the photos of the pond area and asked the difference between the Conservation Commission's proposed spot and the compromise location. Mr. Stout said it would be a difference of 6½'.

Bob Butler said the Conservation Commission would like the house as far away from the wetland as possible but the compromise spot would be acceptable. Roy Merrill asked Mr. Butler why the Commission is not alright with the original spot. Mr.

Butler said they would like to see it further out of the 75' buffer. Web Stout explained that when ponds are dug the soil is often cast along the edge. He said it is sometimes hard to tell what is original soil if it has been tilled, etc. Mr. Stout pointed out a swale for runoff, noting there is very little because of the type of soil in that area. He spoke about the state's regulations on septic system locations and gave examples of other situations where the system is not as far removed from the wetland.

Chairman Powelson clarified that the application is asking for the "proposed house location." He said it would seem that the Conservation Commission and the applicants are reasonably happy with that location. Mr. Stout stated that the grades work the best there. The chairman stated that the leachfield is included in the request. It was found on page 29, Section 208.5 of the Zoning Ordinance, that the leachfield can be located in the front setback. Earl Tuson asked if the Conservation Commission's proposal would not work with the walk-out plan. Mr. Nichols stated that the elevations would not work.

Chairman Powelson asked if there were any abutters wishing to speak in favor of the application. Mitchell Doyon stated that she is in favor. A letter in support of the request was received from abutters Rhonda Davignon and Charles Benson. The chairman asked if there were any abutters wishing to speak against the application. There were none. Mr. Nichols explained that he and his wife visited all of the abutters and none had objections to the plan.

Chairman Powelson and Mr. Stout went through the points of the application. The chairman stated that the Planning Board is alright with the application; George Saun-

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derson confirmed that the PB had reviewed the plan at their recent meeting and had no concerns. Mr. Powelson stated that the Conservation Commission is alright with the compromise. He asked if a site review was needed. Mr. Saunderson said he has been to the location and is comfortable with the request. Mr. Powelson said he was comfortable with making a decision; others agreed. The hearing was closed to the public and opened to the Board only.

Ned Lizotte proposed a motion to approve the application. Roy Merrill asked that he be allowed to make a motion first. Mr. Merrill made a motion to give the applicants the 75' from the pond since the house location does not come into the first 25' of the buffer. He said Paul and Mary have done a great job with the property and the Conservation Commission should be appreciative of that fact. Mr. Merrill said the applicants created the pond and should have the right to put their house where they want. Chairman Powelson stated that they still have Ned Lizotte's motion to consider. Mr. Lizotte said his motion was truncated by Mr. Merrill's. Mr. Merrill said his motion is to allow the house where the applicants originally wanted it. Mr. Powelson stated that the compromise location puts the corner of the porch right at the 75' line. Mr. Stout said their original location would be 8½' closer to the pond. Roy Merrill said he feels they should have the original proposed location as 8' does not make a difference.

Earl Tuson noted that there is a natural wetland there. Mr. Nichols stated that the stream dries up during the summer. Mr. Merrill said that is why they dug the pond there. He said they far exceed conservation's practices up there and they more than deserve their original location, saying again that 8' does not make a difference. Chairman Powelson stated that there are two conflicting motions on the table. Mr. Lizotte said his motion evaporated; he withdrew his motion. The chairman asked if there is a second to Mr. Merrill's motion. Mr. Lizotte asked if the motion was going to improve anything. Mr. Merrill said the applicants deserve to have the house where they want it. Mr. Lizotte said they seem to have reached a compromise. Chairman Powelson said that he is not hearing a second. He asked to clarify the motion. Roy Merrill said

the original location would be at 67', noting that the state has zero setback. He said the applicants have taken good care of the property and he sees no reason not to be able to put the house there. He said it would be what any other town in the state would allow. Bob Butler said it is not the Conservation Commission's or the Town's position. He said the Commission met with the owners and came up with a compromise that both agree on.

Chairman Powelson stated that the town's opinion is the Zoning Ordinance. He said, as a Board, he does not believe they can state that the Zoning Ordinance is wrong. Ned Lizotte said there is a compromise that is acceptable and fits the town's ordinance. Mr. Powelson said it would fit with a variance. He explained how a variance could grant relief because of the particular lot's conditions. Earl Tuson asked for the dimension from the 50' natural buffer line to the rear of the compromise location. Mr. Stout stated it would be 37'.

Jim Venne said the parties have come to a compromise and he felt the Board should stick with that. Earl Tuson made a motion to grant the variance as written with the addition that the dimension be 37' from the 50' natural buffer line; reducing the buffer for the purpose of the house and septic, the compromise shown as the "proposed house location"; seconded by Ned Lizotte. Chairman Powelson asked if members agreed with all points of the application. The majority said they did. Mr. Powelson noted that the 50' natural wetland should read 75' to match the Zoning Ordinance. This will be noted on the application and Mr. Stout will make the change on the plan. It was confirmed that this would be for a 37' reduction. Earl Tuson asked if that dimension would cover the septic as well. Mr. Stout said it would. Mr. Tuson asked if the compromise location is shown on the septic design. Mr. Stout said it is. A roll vote was taken: Earl Tuson — yes; Ned Lizotte — yes; Dave Powelson — yes; Roy Merrill — no; Jim Venne — yes. 4 — Yes; 1 — No — APPROVED

ADJOURNMENT

Ned Lizotte made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m.; seconded by Earl Tuson. All were in favor.

Submitted by,
Donna White
Administrative Assistant

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