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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 Meeting Day, 2008

By Debbie Kardaseski

The first session of this year's town meeting took place on Tuesday, March 11 with voting on town officials and proposed zoning amendments. Even though it was a clear sunny day, voter turnout was very low, with only 377 votes being cast.

The Selectman's position was the only contested race, with long-time incumbent Roger Maxfield beating Deborah Kardaseski 249-107.

The following positions were uncontested:

Tax Collector: Helen L. McNeil

Treasurer: Melanie C. Kiley

Library Trustee: Susan Kowalski

Planning Board: Stanley Prescott II and Gary Tasker.

Zoning Board: Howard Pearl and David Powelson.

There was no one running for the position of **Trustee of the Trust Funds**. However, there were a few write-ins and no one has agreed to the position yet.

All seven of the proposed Zoning Amendments passed by a wide margin.

Session two was held on Saturday, March 15. For the first time, Town Meeting was held in the new gym at Loudon Elementary School. Moderator Phil Nadeau brought the meeting to order at 9 a.m. The crowd was small this year. The Boy Scouts presented the colors and led the gathering in the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was held for those who had passed away this year as well as for our soldiers on duty around the world.

Before action on the warrant articles took place, the Board of Selectmen honored Arthur Colby with the proclamation shown at right. Arthur was presented with a plaque and his wife Lucille given a large bouquet of flowers. Both were touched and very appreciative of the honor. Arthur has done a lot for the town through the years and been an active and long-time member of the Loudon Fire Department. It seems quite appropriate that the Safety Building be named for him.

Articles 3 and 4 passed as presented. Article 3 authorizes the town to raise and appropriate \$72,000 to repave Cooper Street from Route 129 to the area around the Safety Complex.

Article 4 raised and appropriated \$20,000 to fix some drainage issues in the area of Maxfield Public Library.

Article 5 passed, but not without a great deal of discussion and various



Arthur W. Colby has served the Town of Loudon For the past 56 years. Now,

Whereas, Arthur has served on the Loudon Fire Department since 1952 in the capacity of Fire Department Officer, Fire Department Board member, and Deputy Fire Warden.

Whereas, Arthur has served as an officer of the Loudon Police Department from the late 1950's to the early 1970's.

Whereas, Arthur has served as a member of Loudon's Solid Waste and Recycling Committee from 1987 to 2007.

Whereas, Arthur has contributed many hours to the Loudon Highway Department assisting with procuring and placement of Loudon's Road Signs throughout the town.

Whereas, Arthur has contributed countless hours of volunteer work to ensure the safety of our residents,

Now therefore, be it resolved by the Board of Selectmen, with the support of the townspeople, to hereby name the Loudon Safety Building the ARTHUR W. COLBY SAFETY COMPLEX.

Effective this 15th day of March, 2008

*Roger A. Maxfield, Chairman
Steven R. Ives, Selectman
Dustin J. Bowles, Selectman*

amendments, which didn't pass. The article raised and appropriated \$185,940 to reclaim and pave Upper City Road and to repave Goshen Drive and Sheep Rock Road.

Article 6 created an expendable trust fund with an initial appropriation of \$60,000 for the purpose of purchasing a road grader. It was set up as an expendable trust rather than a capital reserve fund, giving the selectmen permission to purchase a road grader without a special town meeting, should one come on the market between town meetings.

Article 7, which raised and appropriated \$5,000 for a Household Hazardous Waste day, passed, although not without some discussion. It is hoped to hold this event in the fall.

The FY07-08 Budget (Article 9) came under intense discussion. Numerous amendments were put forward but did not pass. However, an amendment to reduce the Maxfield Public Library

budget by 30% passed by a wide margin with a ballot vote. Prior to the ballot vote there was lengthy and heated discussion both pro and con. The bottom line of the budget for the Library was reduced to \$134,952.00.

The budget, as amended, totaled \$4,239,881.00 and passed without further amendments.

After thanking everyone who helped set up the gym for the meeting and the school for allowing the town to use the gym, the meeting adjourned at approximately 11:45 a.m.

CORRECTION: The last issue of *The Ledger* reported an increase at the second budget hearing in the Police salary line of \$11,157. The number is correct; however, it appeared that the entire increase went to Chief Fiske. It does not: adjustments were made to reflect the fact that police work a 43-hour week, not a 40-hour week as reflected in the original numbers. ■

Town of Loudon Office Hours

Selectmen’s Office

PO Box 7837 • 798-4541

Selectmen meet Tuesday evenings at 6:30 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

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

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 7:30 p.m. in the Community Building.
Mon.–Thurs.: 8 a.m.–4 p.m. • Tues. evenings: 6 p.m.–9 p.m.

Tax Collector

PO Box 7844 • 798-4543

Tues.: 3 p.m.–9 p.m. • Wed.–Thurs.: 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

Police Department: Emergencies: 911

PO Box 7059 • 798-5521

Mon.–Fri.: 8 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Code Enforcement

PO Box 7059 • 798-5584

Mon.–Fri.: 8 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Fire Department: Emergencies: 911

PO Box 7032 • 798-5612

The Fire Department holds its general meeting on the second Monday of the month at 7:30 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

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 \$1.00. See the attendant.

Highway Department

Road Agent: David Rice • 783-4568

Mon.–Fri.: 7 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Maxfield Public Library

Librarian: Nancy Hendy • 798-5153

Mon.: 1–7 p.m. • 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 5 p.m. on the third Monday of the month.

John O. Cate Memorial Van

798-5203 (Mondays only) to schedule a ride.

For more information or on other days, call Barbara Cameron: 783-4534

Blessed Hope Food Pantry of Loudon

30 Chichester Road

Open most Wednesdays from 2–3 p.m. or for emergencies.

For more information, call Rev. Henry or Betty Frost: 783-4540

Loudon Representatives

Merrimack County — District 6

Maureen Baxley

Claire D. Clarke: 437 Daniel Webster Hwy., Boscawen, NH 03303

Priscilla P. Lockwood: 435 Northwest Rd., PO Box 1, Canterbury, NH 03224

Joy K. Tilton: 4 Hill St., Northfield, NH 03276-1611

Frank A. Tupper: PO Box 92, Canterbury, NH 03224-0092

Deborah H. Wheeler

Senators — District 07

Harold W. Janeway

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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“The Loudon Ledger” 2008 Schedule

January 2008 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 12/14 Council Meeting: Mon. 12/17

February 2008 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 1/18 Council Meeting: Mon. 1/21

March 2008 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 2/15 Council Meeting: Mon. 2/18

April 2008 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 3/14 Council Meeting: Mon. 3/17

May 2008 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 4/18 Council Meeting: Mon. 4/21

June 2008 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 5/16 Council Meeting: Mon. 5/19

July 2008 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 6/13 Council Meeting: Mon. 6/16

August 2008 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 7/18 Council Meeting: Mon. 7/21

September 2008 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 8/15 Council Meeting: Mon. 8/18

October 2008 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 9/12 Council Meeting: Mon. 9/15

November 2008 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 10/17 Council Meeting: Mon. 10/20

December 2008 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 11/14 Council Meeting: Mon. 11/17

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All editorial submissions are approved by the Council before publication.

Advertising: Samantha French — 783-4601 / harvestmooner@aol.com

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: fbc@emlot.com

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

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Faith Community Bible Church — Evangelical Free Church of America

Pastor Jeff Owen

334 North Village Road, Loudon, NH 03307 • 783-4045 • Office Hours: Tues.–Thurs. 9 a.m.–2 p.m.

www.fcbe-loudon.org

Winter Worship Hours:

Sunday Worship Service: Sunday 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School Classes: 9:30–10:30 a.m. • *Bible Study:* Thursday 9:30 a.m.

Youth Group: Leader Tom Stevens. Sept.–June 6:00 p.m., Grades 6–12

FWFriends: Weds. evenings 6:00–8. Ages 3 through Grade 5 (Sept.–April)

Faith Community Bible Church has Men, Women, and Small Group Ministries.

Please call for more details.

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Landmark Baptist Church

Fundamental, Independent, Biblical, Caring

Pastor Paul J. Clow

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

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. (Nursery Provided) (**New Beginnings Class:**

for those interested in the Christian Faith and in Landmark Baptist Church. This is a time for questions and answers about what it means to be a Christian and what we believe here at Landmark!)

Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m. (Nursery and Children's Church Provided)

Sunday Evening: 6 p.m.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study: 7 p.m. (Nursery Provided. We are studying verse by verse through various books of the Bible.)

Saturday Street Witnessing: 9:30 a.m. •

Saturday Youth Group: 7–9 p.m. (Grades 7–12)

We never cancel services for any reason!

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Loudon Center Freewill Baptist Church

Rev. Henry Frost

Clough Hill Road. Mailing address: P.O. Box 7852, Loudon, NH 03307 • 783-4540

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

Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m.

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Loudon Congregational Church

Rev. David D. Randlett, III

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

Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m. (Staffed nursery for infants–pre-K)

Sunday School (all ages): 11:15 a.m. (Sept.–June)

Sunday Evening Celebration Supper and Worship:

Monthly at 5:30 p.m. Please call for details.

Wednesday, 7–9 p.m.: **Family Night.** Small groups for men, women, teens, and kids.

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New Beginnings Church of the Nazarene

Rev. W. John White, Senior Pastor

33 Staniels Rd, Loudon NH 03307 • Ph: 224-1311 • Office Hours: 9–2, Mon., Wed., Fri., 9–4, Tue., Thu.

phyllish@LNBnazarene.org • www.LNBnazarene.org

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

Worship: 10:30 a.m. (Childcare provided for Infants.) *Jr. Kids Church* (2-year-olds–Kindergarteners.)

Children's Church (Grades 1–4)

Early Evening: House Churches. (Call the church or visit our website for a location near you.)

Tuesdays: *Early Youth Group* (Grades 5–6). 6:30–8:00 p.m.

Brian & Jill Bollinger: 267-1744

Wednesdays: *Youth Group w/Youth Pastor:* 6:30 p.m. [Brian Bollinger]

Children's Bible Quizzing: 6:30–7:30 p.m. (Grades 1–6) *Adult Bible Studies:* 7:00 p.m.

Other: Once a month will also have events for men, women, adults, and seniors (50+) called OASIS.

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

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SonLight Christian Fellowship

Pastor Thomas Friedrich

Currently meeting at the Loudon American Legion Hall, So. Village Rd.

Mailing address: 55 Wiggins Road, Loudon, NH 03307 • 798-3112 • pastor@sonlightchristian.org

Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.

First Sunday of Every Month: Discovery Series Bible Lessons

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

Loudon Center Freewill Baptist Church Presents The MacDonald Family Singers

The MacDonald Family Singers, a volunteer ministry, have been performing publicly for 12 years. This homeschooling family — made up of ten members, with eight children ranging in age from seven to twenty-two — started with just a vocal program. As the children grew, instruments and more musical styles were added. They generally bring 15–20 instruments to their concerts, including a keyboard, various brass and string instruments, and harmonica.

Their repertoire includes original Scripture melodies, *a cappella* hymns, traditional, gospel bluegrass, and sacred classical. They sing at churches, nursing and retirement homes, community events, camps, senior centers, and other various venues.

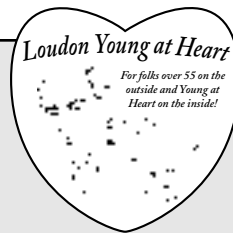
The MacDonald's count it a privilege to share the Gospel message of Jesus Christ wherever they go. Victor and Laurie, the parents, became born-again Bible believers as youngsters and committed their lives to Christ at an early age. Music has always been a part of their lives, and now their children share in giving their musical talents to the Lord's work.

Don't miss the chance to see this wonderful family in person.

Where: Loudon Center Freewill Baptist Church
Clough Hill Road, Loudon

When: Saturday, May 17 at 7 p.m.

All are welcome!



Loudon Young at Heart

By Joanne Arsneault

Vice-President Shirley Preston conducted a short meeting on March 11th, with a reminder to Planning Committee members and officers of a meeting on Friday, March 14th. Door prizes of \$10.00 each were won by Gloria Heath and Ellie Dore. Our regular meeting was the day that we voted on town officials. Consequently, we had only 29 members present to enjoy the Dunkin' Donuts, coffee and Community Action lunch. There was a bit of card playing and "table hopping" as we conversed with our friends and neighbors.

On April 8th, we will meet at the American Legion Hall on South Village Road where Jim Dyment will call Bingo. We will have prizes and after the games, we will have Brookside Pizza, followed by gingerbread topped with Cool Whip. At our May meeting, we will have a musical program, and we are planning a bus trip to the Weirs for a trip on the Mt. Washington for our June 10th meeting. More information on the June trip will be available at the April meeting. See you there! ■



The American Legion Post 88 Loudon

The winter has been long and hard for all of us, so I guess we all are looking for a change. This past month we lost Paul Lesmerise and our thoughts are with his family and friends.

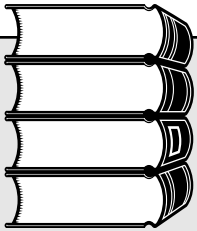
In February, some members spent time at the Belmont track. We supplied the license for the gaming tables and did quite well. We are using part of the profits on the Legion hall, grounds, donations, and other worthy causes.

This April 12, we are having an appreciation day breakfast for townspeople and especially the veterans and service people in the area. There will be no charge, so please come and check out our improvements and enjoy a pancake breakfast with us from 7:00–11:00 a.m. Veterans and service personal please wear some type of identification so you can be recognized. Let's make this a fun and happy time.

Post News and Events

April is the swearing in of new officers for the next year. This will be held on our regular meeting night, April 16, the third Wednesday of the month at 1900. We are always looking for new members, come check us out. ■

Thank you,
The Legion family



Maxfield Public Library News

By Cheryl Ingerson



Having fun at Story Time.

STORY TIME

On April 1st through 3rd, the story time children will listen to *Owl Moon* by Jane Yolen and *Owl Lake* by Keizaburo Tejima. The children will make a glow-in-the-dark owl that they can see in the night sky.

Giraffes will be the focal point on the 8th, 9th, and 10th of April, when the children hear *Carlo and the Really Nice Librarian* by Jessica Spanyol and *Giraffes* by Jill Anderson. They will create a miniature giraffe that's sure to fit in the car on the ride home.

April 15th through the 17th, the children will be entertained by *Bob*, a story about a rooster finding his voice, written by Tracey Campbell Pearson and *Friends*, a book involving chickens, by Kim Lewis. The story time hour will end after the children fill a nest with baby chicks.

Story timers can dream about heading to the ocean while listening to *How to Catch a Star* by Oliver Jeffers and Edith Thatcher Hurd's *Starfish* on the 22nd, 23rd, and 24th. Every child will take home a seaworthy starfish.

PASSES

Are you looking for a way to entertain the children during school vacation? The library has passes available for the Canterbury Shaker Village, Squam Lakes Natural Science Center, Christa McAuliffe Planetarium, Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum, and the Museum of New Hampshire History. We suggest reserving the passes in advance either by phone or in person.

NEW BOOKS

Children's Books

The Children's Room has recently added a new series of dinosaur books geared towards the elementary age. Susan H. Gray answers lots of questions in her books entitled: *Dinosaur Eggs*, *Dinosaur Dig!*, *Dinosaur Teeth*, *Dinosaur Tracks*, *Dinosaur Armor*, and *Is it a Dinosaur?* With great pictures and simple text, your little archeologist will love to check these books out.

Adult Fiction

Archer, Jeffrey	<i>A Prisoner of Birth</i>
Earley, Tony	<i>The Blue Star</i>
Jackson, Joshilyn	<i>The Girl Who Stopped Swimming</i>
Kellerman, Jonathan	<i>Compulsion</i>
Robinson, Peter	<i>Friend of the Devil</i>
Sinclair, Upton	<i>Oil</i>
White, Karen	<i>The Memory of Water</i>
White, Stephen	<i>Dead Time</i>
Wilson, Robert Charles	<i>Axis</i>
Winspear, Jacqueline	<i>An Incomplete Revenge</i>

Nonfiction

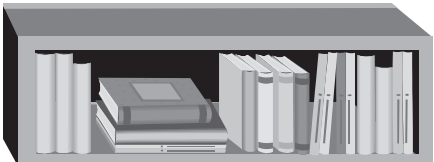
Breslin, Jimmy	<i>The Good Rat</i>
Bridge, Andrew	<i>Hope's Boy</i>
Chopra, Deepak	<i>The Third Jesus</i>
Ehrenreich, Barbara	<i>Dancing in the Streets</i>
Florida, Richard	<i>Who's Your City?</i>
Hajdu, David	<i>The Ten-Cent Plague</i>
Hay, Louise	<i>You Can Heal Your Life</i>
Ingle, Bob	<i>The Soprano State</i>
Skinner, E. Benjamin	<i>A Crime So Monstrous</i>
Waldman, Steven	<i>Founding Faith</i>

BOOK GROUP

Join us in the discussion of Joe Coomer's novel *Beachcombing for a Shipwrecked God*, on Thursday, April 24, at 7:30 p.m. The *New York Times* "Book Review" says "Read this book — and feel better while you wait for the world to make sense." Set in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, the novel comes "highly recommended" from ALA's Booklist and, as described by *Publishers Weekly*, "meticulously evokes the sights, sounds, and flavors of New England and the north Atlantic coast." Please call 798-5153 for more information.

LIBRARY HOURS

The library is open Mondays 1–7 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays 10 a.m.–9 p.m., Wednesdays 1–9 p.m., and Saturdays 9 a.m.–1 p.m. ■



Where do seahorses live?



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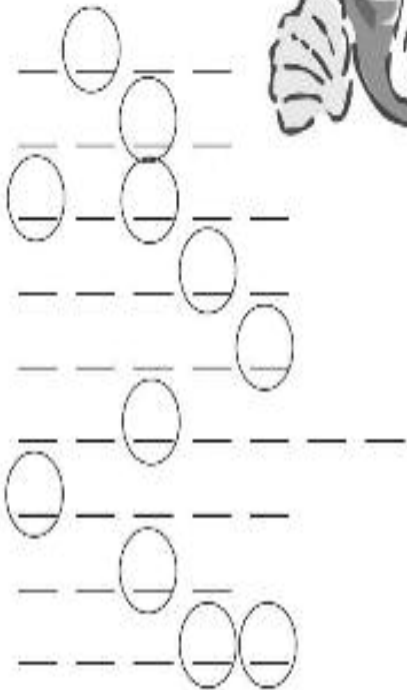
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March Word Scramble Answers
March, clover, lucky, gold, leprechaun,
Irish, rainbow, emerald
A SHAM ROCK

D.A.R.E. Pizza Night a Huge Success!



Lots and lots of pizza eaters!



Nice bear, Mickey!

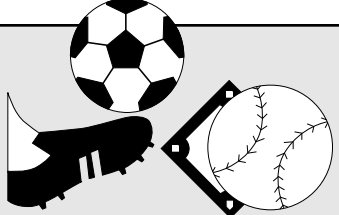
This event is our major fundraising event for the Loudon D.A.R.E. program, which was held on March 18th, 2008 at the Loudon Elementary School.

On behalf of the members of the Loudon Police Department, I would like to thank the community for their continued support of the Loudon Police Department. Once again, the townspeople and businesses showed their overwhelming support. We had 113 contributors, both individuals and businesses with approximately 280 items that were raffled and approximately 500 dinner tickets sold.

This fundraiser sustains our program which is taught to the fifth grade students at the Loudon Elementary School. In addition, we sent two students to a week long summer camp at the Y.M.C.A. and this year we hope to send more.

We have many additional people to thank: Billy Lazos from Brookside Pizza and his staff for the long hours they worked in preparing the pizza and donating the pizza and salads at a reduced price; Loudon Elementary School teachers, staff to include Mr. Laliberte for allowing the use of the school gym; Andy Mack of 93.3 'The Wolf' for all the advertising and raffling of the items; the many adult volunteers; Boy Scout Troop 30 who are sponsored by the Loudon Police Association; special thanks to our team at the Loudon Police Department; and lastly — to all of you — the supporters of the Loudon Police D.A.R.E. Program!

Every year we receive more support. If you are interested in being added to the list of contributors for next year, please contact us at 798-5521 or via e-mail at loudonpd@loudonpolice.com. ■



Loudon Youth Athletic Assoc.

By Melody Broider

Baseball & Softball News:

Mark your calendars:

- April 5th** Try-outs (Location TBA)
- April 8th** Baseball Coach/ Assistant Coach Meeting
- April 12th** Field maintenance at Staniels & Rec. Field. All families please join to lend a helping hand.
- April 19th** Field maintenance — rain (snow) date
- TBA** Coaches Meeting
- April 26th** Opening Day (weather permitting)

The Baseball Board is looking for volunteers to make this season successful. We currently need coach/assistant coaches for minors. This year's season is dependent upon volunteers! Feel free to contact Baseball Commissioner, John Charron at bigbadjohn451@yahoo.com.

8th Annual Golf Tournament:

The LYAA & PTA need volunteers to assist in coordinating the 8th Annual Golf Tournament at the Loudon Country Club. This tournament is a fundraiser and a gathering of all who help make the PTA and LYAA such a great success for the youth of Loudon. Please let us know ASAP if you can assist to make this event a blast!

Please check our website for the latest updates, www.lyaanh.org

LYAA wants you to get involved! Becoming a LYAA member is easy, just come to one of our meetings scheduled every 4th Tuesday of each month at Maxfield Public Library. There are many exciting opportunities to take part in and any level of help is appreciated.

Next Baseball Board meeting is scheduled for April 29th at 6:00 p.m. LYAA Meeting is scheduled directly after at 7:00 p.m. For more info contact Melody Broider via e-mail: foreyesstudios@hotmail.com. ■

Concord Hospital Payson Center for Cancer Care Offers Workshop on Cancer-related Fatigue

Concord Hospital Payson Center for Cancer Care is offering a free program, "Managing Cancer-Related Fatigue" in collaboration with the American Cancer Society on Thursday, April 24 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The presenters include Jennifer Welch, RN, BSN, Megan Ryder, RD, LD and Barbara Tynan, PT.

This workshop is for persons with cancer-related fatigue and their loved ones. Fatigue is the feeling of being tired mentally, physically and emotionally and is often associated with treatment for cancer. This fatigue is different from the fatigue of everyday life, which is usually temporary and relieved by rest. The workshop offers many steps people with cancer and their loved ones can take to manage this problem.

"This is a great opportunity for people with similar problems to share ideas and give each other support about this troubling problem," Welch said.

Light refreshments are available. Registration is required. To register or for more information, please call (603) 230-6031. Upon arrival, park in Lot A and enter the hospital through the main entrance. The program is being held in the Payson Center for Cancer Care Conference Room on the first floor.

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Girl Scouts Springing Into Spring!

We hope to see all of you on Friday, April 4 at the Elementary School where the Loudon Girl Scouts will hold a Spaghetti Supper from 5:30–7:30 p.m.

The Loudon Girl Scout troops are gearing up for our second camporee which will be on May 16, 17, and 18 at Cascade Campground here in Loudon. The Camporee Subcommittee is hard at work planning a great weekend for the Girl Scouts of Loudon. Watch for an update with photos in the May issue and PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE PRAY FOR A DRY WEEKEND FOR US!!!!

After the camporee, in addition to all the great things that each troop will be working on, the Loudon Girl Scout service unit will be working on bridging activities for the girls moving up to the next level in Girl Scouting, making plans for our end-of-year ceremony and starting ideas for the Loudon Old Home Day float.

The Loudon Girl Scout Service Unit continues to welcome any adult volunteer interested in joining our fun. If you are interested, please go to the website www.loudonnh.org and print the forms under Girl Scouts. If you were involved in Girl Scouting years ago and would like to come back and have fun, please let us know! We always welcome more volunteers. In addition we are looking for materials such as troop flags, and ceremony items that former leaders and volunteers may have stored away. If you have these items and would like to move them out of your space, please contact Michele Paquette, Service Unit Manager at 783-4275.

Thank you for continuing to read about the great things that Loudon Girl Scouts are accomplishing, great job girls — and keep it up!! Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place. Here is an update on a few of our great Loudon Girl Scout troops. Keep checking back for continued updates as our troops (and troop leaders) are so busy they don't get a chance to update each month:

Brownie Troop #685

Christine and Emilia Campbell & Karen Minery

Troop 685 has been busy preparing for a St. Patrick's Day visit to the Veteran's Home in Tilton. The girls made large shamrock pins to give the residents. They also shared many new songs they had learned appropriate for St. Patrick's Day. The girls' favorites were *Lucky the Leprechaun* sung to the tune of *Bingo* and the *Leprechaun Song* sung to the tune of *I'm a Little Teapot*:

*I'm a little leprechaun
Dressed in green
The tiniest man
That you've ever seen
If you ever catch me, so it's told
I'll give you my pot of gold!*

The girls also played a wonderful game of Bingo, except we named it Lucky. Instead of using chips as markers on the Lucky board, we used shamrocks, of course!! The girls really enjoy visiting with older people and you may be able to tell from the photos that the residents enjoy it equally. We had a special singing request from one gentleman. March 17th was his birthday and we proudly sang a loud *Happy Birthday* to Wes. Thank you to Cecile Merrill who chaperoned our trip.

The girls also earned a try-it this month named People Are Talking. They learned the alphabet in sign language and many words in American sign language. They expressed words by facial expression only and used body language to describe words of emotion. The girls enjoyed playing these games with each other.

Next month look for pictures from our trip to the Montshire Science Museum in Norwich, VT. We are



Ada plays Shamrock BINGO with a new friend.

attending a fun-filled weekend the end of March, complete with an outdoor nature hike, planetarium experience, and time to enjoy the exhibit halls. This event joins Brownie troops from both NH and VT and we look forward to meeting new friends. You just may meet again at summer camp.

Congratulations to Ada, our troop's top seller! A huge congratulations to Roma and Kate who each narrowly tied for second place. Troop 685 cannot begin to thank Lee Laughlin enough for being our fantastic Cookie Mom. Way to go girls. A very impressive troop profit. Thank you to all who generously bought Girl Scout Cookies this year.

Brownie Troop #300

Amanda Masse, Michele Paquette & Jessalynn Geerdes-Lakowicz

Troop #300 is getting started on two new try-its. The first is called Colors and Shapes and the girls have woven their own placemats out of colored paper. We will be making dough shapes, a mobile, and doing a painting using colored yarn. The other try-it is called Stitch it Together. The girls will be making a button collage, a book that they will sew together, learning embroidery stitches, making a beanbag, and we may even make a small troop quilt. The girls brainstormed

a bunch of great field trips and activities they would like to do in the coming months. We will do our best to fit things in. We will also be getting ready for camporee and completing requirements for bridging for those girls moving on to Juniors. Keep reading our updates to see how things are going with our troop and all the other great troops here in Loudon! ■



Sydney has a beautiful smile and is having fun!



The girls all joined in and sang a Happy St. Patrick's Day Birthday to Wes.

LOUDON HISTORY AND MYSTERY

By Amanda Masse

Last month, I shared an old photo of the current town offices and community building — or as it is better known: Charlie's Barn. Located in the Village, I mistakenly said the owner was Charles Brown! Charlie's last name should have been *Symonds*. At the time of this writing, I hadn't heard from anyone with any additional details and stories about the building. I am sharing the photo again, which will hopefully prompt the sharing of information from many of you. I hope to have great details to share with everyone about this landmark next month. Someone must have some memories of the house and/or Charlie.

I am still looking for individuals interested in helping out with this section, and of course am always looking for your great photos. If you are interested in helping or have photos to share please contact me, Amanda, by email at jaelmasse@comcast.net or call 783-0227.

Please consider stopping by and joining the Historical Society. The next meeting is on Wednesday, April 2. Please email Cyndi Babonis at cbabonis@gmail.com for meeting details. Let's all help keep Loudon's history alive! This group is working in subgroups on cemetery documentation, oral histories, and public relations efforts. Join them to find out more! ■



Last month's photograph

Operation Cookie Brings a Taste of Home to US Military

Girl Scouts need your help to send Girl Scout Cookies overseas

Looking for a creative way to show your support for U.S. military personnel?

Thanks to the New Hampshire Air National Guard's family support program, Girl Scouts of Swift Water Council will again ship Girl Scout Cookies overseas to give our soldiers a taste of home. We need you to make Operation Cookie a success!

"I would like to thank the Girl Scouts and other donors for the cookies...the cookies were enjoyed by not only me, but many fellow soldiers serving alongside me. We are located at a very small Forward Operating Base in Northern Afghanistan...Receiving Girl Scout Cookies is a highlight of any soldier's day!"

— Name withheld for security reasons

"Words cannot express the gratitude. It was awesome! The Girl Scouts sent packets of letters and notes too — I had more than enough to share with Navy and Marine soldiers."

— Air Force Reservist Bonnie McEwan of Hopkinton, who served two tours of duty in Iraq

Last year the NH Air National Guard helped ship more than one ton of cookies (13,000 boxes). This year, we hope to top that. You may purchase a half case (\$21), full case (\$42), or just send a donation. There are 12 boxes of Girl Scout Cookies in each case.

You will be joining veterans' groups and Girl Scout troops in this massive effort. To take part, mail your check along with your name, address, and phone number by April 11 to: Girl Scouts of Swift Water Council, Attn: Operation Cookie, PO Box 10832, Bedford, NH 03110-0832. You may also include a greeting to accompany the cookies. Sorry, we can't ship to specific units or individuals. ■

LOUDON HISTORICAL SOCIETY MINUTES

March 5, 2008

Present: Bob Ordway, Ron Lane, Michele York, Fay Atkinson, David Steele, Dick Malfait, Betty Frost, and Henry Frost.

The meeting began at 7:10 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ron told everyone how he, Fay, Cynthia, and Michele met with Kristen Bratko on Saturday February 9th, and how she would like to contribute her time, knowledge, and love of history to help do research on the town of Loudon.

Dick suggested we all come down someday to go over all the items the Historical Society has so we will know more about it. Fay thought a video recorder would be helpful. Ron said we also would do a digital recording of each item. Dick also informed us that some of the items and pictures donated are not labeled. We would like to have some of these on display for people to view and maybe help us to identify them.

We talked again about putting a permanent sign up at the cemetery behind the firehouse. It will be named "Loudon Village Cemetery."

Bob would like us to put together a definite list of who should be interviewed for an oral history. We will hopefully begin this month.

Next Ron explained how he and Michele came to the Historical Society building to gather items to bring to Town Meeting on March 11. We want to show everyone a few of the wonderful items we have here, and hopefully it will help interested people to join us in preserving the history of Loudon.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Michele York, V.P.*

Loudon Girl Scouts 2nd Annual Spaghetti Supper

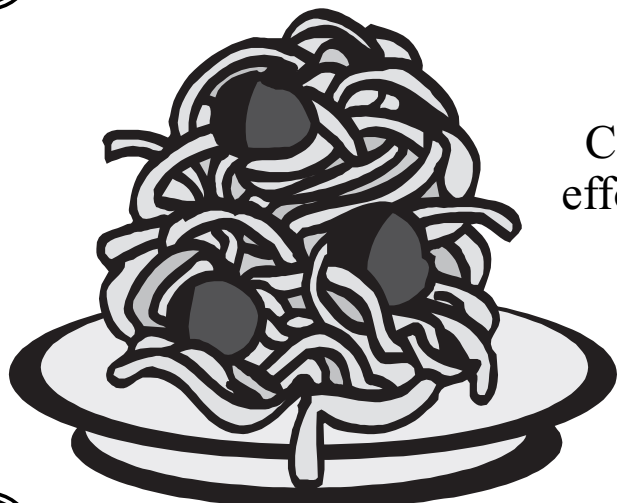
Come to support the Loudon Girl Scout Service Unit in an effort to raise funds for our Camporee and have a great meal.

Friday, April 4th from 5:30–7:30 p.m.
at the Loudon Elementary School cafeteria

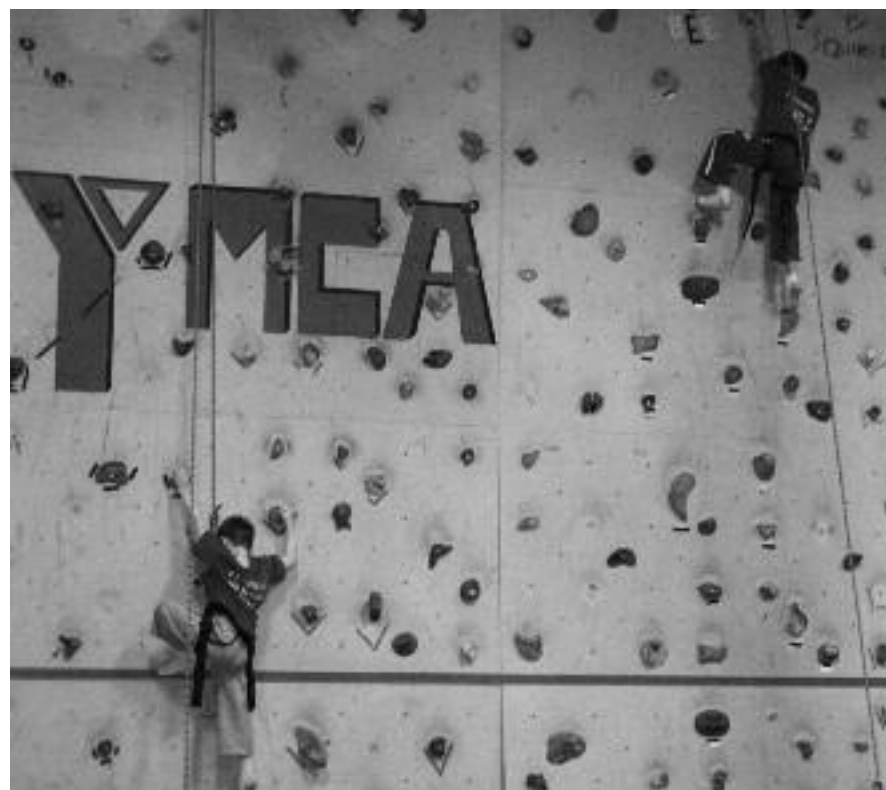
Meal includes: spaghetti, sauce, meatballs, garlic bread, salad, drink and dessert.

Price: 4 and under free, \$2.50 per child 5-12, \$5 for adults

We hope to see you all there!



Boy Scouts Enjoy a Fun Time at the YMCA!



The Cub Scouts in Pack 247 were treated to an evening of swimming and rock climbing at the Concord YMCA on March 15. The boys earned this event by holding a very successful popcorn fundraiser in the fall.

Loudon Recreation Committee News

The Loudon Recreation Committee continues to offer Aerobics Classes at LES. Morning classes are held Tuesday and Thursday at 6–6:45 a.m. Evening classes are held Monday and Wednesday from 6:15–7 p.m. There will be a limit of 25 people per class. The classes will be held at Loudon Elementary School gymnasium. The fee is \$25 for 8 classes. Drops-in are welcome and fee is \$5 per class. Registrants will need to bring their own mat, water bottle, and hand weights (3 to 8 lb.). If you can, we would ask you to complete the registration form and waiver of liability prior to class, which you can obtain on the website www.loudonnh.org or for more information contact Alicia Grimaldi.

The Loudon Recreation Committee offered a beginner Martial Arts program in March and April. We are pleased that Mr. Jeff Hardy of Body Works Martial Arts Center will continue to be offering those students the program. Currently classes are full, but future programs may be offered if there is interest, contact Alicia Grimaldi to be put on a list.

Spring and Summer Events Being Planned

As a committee we are beginning to plan for spring and summer events. Keep checking the website as we will be offering spring golf instruction through Loudon Country Club. We will be sponsoring the Bike Safety class held in conjunction with the Loudon Police Department and will also be working on the schedule for the Community Fun Nights this summer. We truly want to be sure the community needs are met, so if you have ideas for events, activities or instructors please share them with us!

Community Service Hours Available

Calling all middle and high school students!!! The Loudon Recreation Committee may have volunteer work for you!! If you are in need of community service hours, we frequently are looking for volunteers for various activities. You should contact Alicia Grimaldi at 435-5193 or email affirmhealth@yahoo.com

If you have any ideas for events or activities you would like to see you can print and return the events and activities survey which is available on the website www.loudonnh.org or join us at our monthly meeting. **The Recreation Committee meets once a month on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Maxfield Public Library**, please join us if you are interested in helping out, we hope to see you there!!! ■

Concord Hospital Offers Water Fitness Program for Women Who are Cancer Survivors

Concord Hospital's Payson Center for Cancer Care and Rehabilitation Services will introduce a water fitness program for women who are cancer survivors on Thursday, May 1 from 5:15 to 6:30 p.m. at the Center for Sports Medicine and Orthopaedic Rehabilitation. Following the introduction to "Strong Women in Motion (SWIM)," classes will be held four consecutive Sundays from 3 to 4 p.m., beginning on May 4 and ending on May 25 at the Racquet Club of Concord.

Being active can help improve a cancer patient's quality of life. Physical activity has also been shown to improve anxiety, mood and depression, boost self-esteem and relieve fatigue among cancer survivors, according to the American Cancer Society (ACS). Consult your physician to discuss how physical activity may help you.

There is a \$5 fee for each class and registration for this program is required. To register or for more information, please call (603) 230-6031.

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T+ YOUR HEALTH

By Tricia Ingraham, MPH

April is Counseling Awareness Month

So many people are suffering from different stressors in their lives. These can make us feel emotional, angry, frustrated, sad, etc. Often times it can seem like things are out of control and you feel exhausted physically and emotionally. Resolving the problem isn't always easy and we may not know how to handle it. If we feel we can't resolve it by ourselves, many times we turn to family or friends for help, yet sometimes we need help from someone who is removed from the situation.

April is Counseling Awareness Month. This observance provides an opportunity to recognize the counselors, or therapists, who make a difference in the lives of so many people. Counseling provides a way for you to get professional help with problems you can't handle or don't know how to resolve by yourself. You may need to seek help from a counselor if you feel you can no longer manage your stress.

There are times in life when all of us may need help addressing problems and issues that cause us emotional pain or make us feel overwhelmed. You may find it helpful to talk to a trained professional counselor when you are experiencing these kinds of problems.

You don't have to be "sick" to benefit from counseling. Counseling is much more than a treatment for mental illness; just as often it is a means to help us deal with difficult issues from our past as part of our normal development. Sometimes it's helpful to see that what you're going through is normal. Counseling can serve as a reality check or a sounding board from someone with no investment in the outcome. Professional counselors offer the caring, expert assistance that we often need during difficult times.

A counselor will listen to your problem, ask questions, and help you clarify what the problem is and how you want to deal with it. The counselor may help you think about different ways of looking at the issue or teach you skills to help you handle difficult situations.

Therapy can help you increase self-esteem, develop healthier family relationships, or deal with past memories that may be affecting your present life. Therapy can help you change many things in your life through your own hard work. You can take the skills you learn in counseling and apply them throughout your life.

Through successful counseling, you can begin to feel that something has changed. You may try out new behaviors and get good results from them. People may begin to notice that there is something different about you.

If you think you need a counselor or someone you know needs a counselor, the best way to find a good one is from a referral — through your doctor, friend, or insurance provider. If you think your child needs to talk to a counselor, you can contact his/her school's counseling office.

You need to find the right "fit" in therapy, however. If, after a period of time working with a counselor, you feel that you are not getting the help that you need, let the person know, and if this doesn't help, you may need to look for a different counselor. It may take several tries until you find the right counselor for you. But don't give up until you've found someone with whom you feel comfortable. It can make a huge difference in your life and in your relationships.

Source: www.counseling.org

Do you have a health topic that you would like to see featured? Please send ideas to the Loudon Communications Council, POB 7871, Loudon, NH 03307 or Email: Tricia Ingraham: dingraham@comcast.net ■

FROM THE IRS:

Economic Stimulus Payments: How Organizations Can Help

The IRS is encouraging various partners and stakeholders, such as charities, churches and governmental organizations, to assist in efforts to reach out to those Americans who may be eligible for the 2008 economic stimulus payment but who normally have no requirement to file a tax return. People who receive certain Social Security, Veterans Affairs, Railroad Retirement or wages from earned income or combat pay may be eligible and not know it.

The IRS has created a special Web page for interested organizations: *Economic Stimulus Payments: Marketing Products for Partners*. This page contains one-page flyers that you can copy, the Package 1040A-3 (a 10-page booklet that contains everything certain people need to file a return today), Radio PSAs, Logos, etc. This page is part of the *Economic Stimulus Payments Information Center* on IRS.gov, which provides information on eligibility and other requirements. The IRS appreciates any assistance you can provide. ■



Loudon Old Home Day Committee is looking for theme ideas for the 2008 Old Home Day event. Please submit your ideas as soon as possible. Mail ideas to PO Box 7050, Loudon, NH 03307 or email btheriault321@yahoo.com

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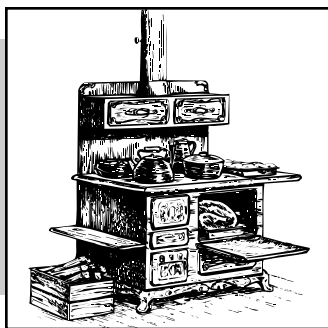


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What's Cookin'!

This month: April Showers!

By Jennifer Pfeifer

Now that spring is firmly in our grasps, we can look forward to April showers bringing new beginnings of all kinds — baby's, marriages, and graduations are all great reasons to have a party. So if you're looking for a great recipe to bring to a pot-luck or the party is all in your hands, try a few of these recipes and the crowd will love you.

HAM AND CHEESE SCONES

- 2¾ cups all-purpose flour
- 1 Tablespoon sugar
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- ½ cup minced fresh chive
- ¾ cup (3 oz.) shredded sharp cheese
- ¾ cup finely chopped bone baked ham
- ½ cup dark beer
- ½ cup half and half, chilled (or more if needed)
- 2 large eggs
- 1 Tablespoon vegetable oil
- 2 teaspoons Dijon mustard

Preheat oven to 425°. Sprinkle a large baking sheet with flour and set aside. Whisk flour, sugar, and baking powder together in a large bowl. Stir in chives, cheese, and ham to coat with flour mixture and set aside. In a small bowl, whisk together the half and half, beer, one egg, oil, and the mustard. Gradually add the liquid mixture to the dry ingredients, mixing (but not over-mixing) until moist clumps form. Add more half and half in tablespoon increments if the dough seems too dry. Turn the dough onto a lightly floured surface and knead until the dough just comes together.

Pat the dough into a 1-inch thick square and use a pizza cutter or long knife to cut scones into equally sized pieces. Transfer the scones to the prepared baking sheet. Lightly beat the remaining egg in a small dish and brush it over the scones. Bake until golden on top and a toothpick inserted into the center of the scones

comes out clean (about 14 minutes). Cool on sheet for 5 minutes before serving warm with butter.

Tip: You can make the dough and cut out scones ahead of time. They can be stored in the refrigerator for up to a few days before baking.

VICHYSOISE — from Tea Party (T. Stern, 2007)

This cool creamy soup with the strange name is great with warm scones.

- ½ stick (4 tablespoons) unsalted butter
- 6 medium leeks, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 4 cups chicken broth
- 1½ pounds potatoes, peeled and diced
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon white pepper
- Pinch of ground nutmeg
- 2 cups heavy cream
- ½ cup chopped fresh chives

Melt the butter in a medium stockpot over medium heat and sauté the leeks for about 3 minutes, until wilted. Add the chicken broth and bring it to a boil. Add the potatoes, reduce the heat, and simmer until the potatoes are tender, about 12 minutes. Season with the salt, pepper, and nutmeg.

Remove the mixture from the heat and let it cool slightly, then puree it in a blender in two batches until very smooth. Chill the soup for at least 3 hours or overnight.

Mix in the heavy cream just before serving. Ladle the soup into small bowls or soup cups and garnish with chopped chives.

BEET SALAD WITH GOAT CHEESE — from Tea Party (T. Stern, 2007)

This salad's bright color will add a "Pop" to any party's table.

- 5 large red beets (about 2 2/3 pounds)
- 2 large shallots, minced
- 3 Tablespoons lemon juice
- ¾ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon pepper
- 1/3 cup pistachio oil or olive oil
- 4 cups baby greens
- 8 ounces fresh goat cheese
- 3 Tablespoons salted shelled pistachios (not dyed red), coarsely chopped

Center a rack in the oven and preheat the oven to 425°.

Wrap the beets tightly in two layers of foil and roast them in the oven until tender, about 1 hour. Unwrap the beets and let cool.

Meanwhile, make a dressing by whisking together the shallots, lemon juice, salt, and pepper in a small bowl. Add the oil in a fine stream, whisking constantly.

When the beets are cool enough to handle, slip off the skins and discard them. Cut the beets into 1-inch chunks and toss with ¼ cup of the dressing. In a separate bowl, toss the greens with the remaining dressing.

Make a pile of ½ cup of baby greens on each plate, and divide the beets into neat mounds among the plates. Drop spoonfuls of goat cheese on top of the beets. Sprinkle with pistachios and serve.

TASSIE CUPS WITH LEMON CURD FILLING — Paula Deen & Friends: Living it up, Southern style. (Paula Deen, 2005)

A party and a Paula Deen recipe go hand in hand. I've never made a recipe of hers that people didn't rave about.

- One 3-ounce package cream cheese, softened
- ½ cup (1 stick) butter or margarine, softened
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- ¼ teaspoon salt

Place all of the ingredients in a food processor and pulse until the mixture forms a ball. Wrap in plastic wrap and chill until firm, about 1 hour. Preheat the oven to 350°. Form the pastry into 24 small balls; press with fingers into the bottom and up the sides of ungreased miniature muffin tins. Bake for 20 minutes, until lightly browned.

You can make dozens of these and freeze them in plastic bags. Defrost and re-crisp for 5 minutes in a 350° oven before filling.

Next Month: Garlic is great! If you have any recipes or suggestions that support this theory, send them to me by email at jtpfeifer@comcast.net, call at 783-8986, or send them by mail to 168 North Village Road, Loudon, NH 03307. ■

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Loudon Conservation Commission Minutes

January 9, 2008

Attendance: Julie Robinson, Dan Geiger, Colin Cabot, and Bob Butler

Guests: Pauly Tuzion, Mr. Leombruno, Selectmen

Jason Masse apologized but was not able to attend this month. He is still interested in becoming a member and will come to next month's meeting.

The December planning Board meeting was not attended by the CC. After speaking with Donna White there was nothing for the CC to be there for. It was either items to be finished up or issues not concerning the group.

Dan Geiger represented Mr. Leombruno on the dam issue at the Loudon Ledges Golf Course. The Selectmen were invited to attend and did so before the start of their meeting. Dan explained that all the necessary paperwork has been done and has been submitted to DES. He updated the Selectmen on what transpired during the emergency situation due to the extreme weather event. He also explained that there are real problems with drainage on Green View Drive and these were the result of the previous owner and the construction done then, not because of Mr. Leombruno. The pond in question has been there for decades, long before houses were built below it. The one house that had damaged during the extreme weather event was built in the drainage area of the pond, which use to be a streambed. The Selectmen thanked Dan for the update and asked that they be kept apprised of the situation as it continues to evolve.

Discussions were made on what should be put into the Town Report. Julie will write the report and submit it.

Colin asked what we had in our accounts and if we should start thinking about another LCHIP project or the like. Julie will call and find out what the current balances are. Colin suggested looking into the Moore's property. They had voiced interest when we were doing the FFRP project with the Davies. Julie suggested to Colin that he ask the Moore's to the next meeting so that we could talk to them about it. Julie also brought up the option of looking at the landowners on Oak Hill. She will compile a list of the landowners for next month's meeting so we can discuss where to go from here.

Gary Spaulding had sent a packet asking to be put on the CC agenda for this month. Julie was unable to reach him so will contact him and ask if he can come next month.

Dan will attend this month's Planning Board Meeting.

Adjourned 7:00 p.m.

February 20, 2008 (Rescheduled from February 13, 2008 because of weather)

Julie Robinson, Bob Butler, Colin Cabot, Dan Geiger and Jess Storey were present.

Paulie Touzin also attended.

Bill Brown & Cathy Hayes. Bill and Cathy attended to discuss revisiting applying for grants to put a conservation easement on their parents' property. (Their mother and father, the Browns, were not in attendance.) Bill clarified that the discussion is in regards to one property, three parcels totaling 188 acres on Loudon Ridge Road about one mile up from Route 129. He does not own the property but is trying to buy it.

The discussion turned to the events surrounding the previous attempt to put a con-

servation easement on the Browns property (about 2-3 years ago, for more acreage). Colin, who had been the lead conservation commission member on the project at the time, recused himself after stating that when the Browns would not sign a purchase and sale agreement with town for any amount and the deal failed to close, the cost to him personally was \$25,000. Cathy explained that the family wanted (wants) the full value of their land and had wanted the property re-appraised to ensure they would receive that amount from the various funding sources.

Julie began re-setting expectations by explaining that it takes a long time to do any land conservation work. She emphasized that the Davies' property (the conservation commission's project exactly one year ago), which Julie put in a tremendous amount of time and effort to accomplish in three months, is not the norm. In that case, the money (that had been granted through NRCS for the Browns' project) was scheduled to go back to the federal government in three months if another project could not be arranged.

Cathy recalled that something was missing from the LCHIP application, during the two years when real estate prices skyrocketed. She said they felt strong-armed into the price of \$367,000 without knowing what was going on with the value of the property.

Julie and Dan explained that it is very typical for follow up to be required on grant applications, but they did not recall what precisely was missing in the Browns' case.

Julie explained that as a result of how the project with the Browns ended, the conservation commission is being stricter with its projects. She stated that it is not permissible to change the value of a conservation deal at the end because the town is putting forth money and does not have much for projects like this. Julie stated that the conservation commission needs to know that the Browns can actually do this.

Cathy indicated that her father asked her to come to the commission to get information and to get the ball rolling. Julie explained that the process must start over, that the property would compete against other properties for LCHIP funding. LCHIP funding will not happen until 2009, and may not be awarded. The first step is to fill out the LCHIP application, which the conservation commission can help with. However, the commission will not complete the application for anyone as it has in the past. The commission has about \$100,000 and will get another bump this year, and possibly again in 2009. The property owner has to decide how much money to ask LCHIP and the commission/town for.

Julie reiterated that the fair market value of development rights (which is what a conservation easement is exchanged for) is not the same as the fair market value of the property. She said the commission learned a hard lesson from the previous Browns' property project because the commission almost lost its town funding as a result of how that project ended. The commission will require a commitment before progressing: legal fees must be paid by the property owner upfront and a purchase & sales agreement must be signed. A current appraisal is required. Julie also explained that another property owner was coming to the meeting to discuss the same concept later that night, and that the commission would discuss the projects.

Dan mentioned that consultants specialize in this because of how labor and time intensive a process it is and provided Cathy with a recommendation of who to contact.

David Forbes and George Tombarello.

George Tombarello owns about 123 acres on Bear Hill Road 123 acres, and, a big deer hunter, wants to manage property for deer. The property was clear cut about 10 years ago and is thick with 8' to 10' whips. He would like to manage it for different stages of forest growth for some time, to encourage deer. In order to accomplish this, he wants to have tractors on site, housed in a barn. He explained the process he has been through with the town, and that Bob Fiske will not issue a building permit for an accessory use. Mr. Tombarello went to the zoning board which indicated that a barn is permitted under 204.2 (k) and (l) of the zoning ordinance (for forestry and wildlife preservation — for agriculture).

Mr. Tombarello suggested the commission's input, e.g. that his plan is consistent with the town's master plan, might be helpful to the ZBA when he is there next week.

The commission explained that it is only an advisory board, and described the history of the problem with accessory uses (people ended up living in them). Mr. Tombarello indicated that he had no intention of living on the property until he had obtained a building permit and built a residence (which he was not planning to do soon).

Dan suggested making the barn with no foundation to discourage the notion that it is a livable building. He also stated that the commission would always encourage wildlife habitat improvement.

Mr. Tombarello explained that he needed a substantial barn for security of two tractors, a trailer, and half a dozen implements about ¾ of a mile off of Bear Hill Road, where it would be easy for kids to do damage or a thief to take things without being noticed.

The commission decided to write a letter to the ZBA in support of the project as described by Mr. Tombarello.

Bob completed the property inspection paperwork and was congratulated by the commission.

Colin will speak with Steve Walker to find out if Colin is allowed to use fill from non-conserved land to improve the quality but change the topography of his fields that are in conservation.

In response to a letter from Five Rivers Conservation Trust requesting donations, the commission decided to give \$100, as it usually does.

Colin will cover the planning board meeting tomorrow night.

Larry and Melissa Moore & Lea Carbonneau from Five Rivers Conservation Trust. The Moore's explained that they have entered into a purchase and sale agreement with Ralph Bennett. (The Moore's operate the farm next door and have leased Mr. Bennett's land for agricultural uses for some time.) They want to continue to use that land for agricultural purposes and prevent residential encroachment as well. They

explained that they are out on a limb somewhat — the closing is scheduled for July 1st and, while the lenders will give them the money, they need to sell some house lots off it or find some other funding.

Colin opined that property at high risk of development makes an attractive LCHIP application.

Larry explained that there is plenty of road frontage for four house lots. The problem is that even just two house lots compromise the first field by cutting it in half. He wants to keep an open field and sugar maple stand as well as the house lot on the right side.

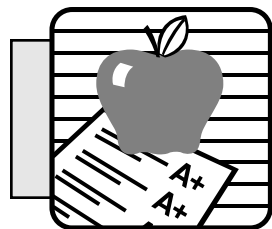
The Moore's have read about FRPP money (the Forest and Ranchland Protection program, a federal grant source), and with advice from Colin, put together an application. At this point, they need an appraisal of the development rights, but are not willing to spend the money unless there is a guaranteed return. Colin explained that's the challenge because the commission does not have money for appraisals either. He said that LCHIP and FRPP are the major funders, the conservation commission pitches in money are insufficient (and the commission has sufficient funds), and finally, the property owners donate any remaining value. He asked if they were willing to take less if they cannot get the total appraised value from the funding sources? He also said that appraisals are only good for 60 days, and a current one is needed for the application. Julie added that the Moore's should file an application with LCHIP.

Melissa explained that they wanted to combine the two properties (they own the abutting farm) to make their application more attractive. For both properties — 210 acres, they are looking for \$423,450. Melissa said they are looking for advice, e.g. appraisal costs, what's the stewardship fee, etc. Julie advised that there are many ways to skin a piece of land. With FRPP money, which requires a 50/50 woodland/field balance, e.g., the property owner can donate and take tax write-offs of woodland acreage to make the balance work. Julie also suggested that the most difficult part of the process is arriving at an amount of money that the landowner wants or needs to come away with. At least in the first instance, that number does not need to be binding, though they would have to commit to a number before the commission pledges money to their project. Julie also explained much of what she had said to Bill Brown and Cathy Hayes.

After answering the Moore's questions, the conservation commission, except Colin who abstained, held a brief discussion in which it determined to make the Moore's project a priority.

The commission approved the minutes of the January 9, 2008 meeting, then adjourned. ■





Merrimack Valley School District News

Loudon Elementary School

Kindergarten Registration April 8th & 9th!

Kindergarten registration for this fall will take place on April 8th and 9th. Loudon children who will be five years old by September 30, 2008 are eligible for kindergarten. Children who did not receive their kindergarten instruction at LES and will be six years old by September 30, 2008 are eligible for first grade. Please contact Mrs. Muzzey (783-4400) as soon as possible to begin the registration process.

Last Day of School

Due to all the school closings, the last day of school is currently June 23rd.

LES Important Dates

April 2	Chess club meets
April 3	PTA Meeting, 6:30 PM; 1st Thursday of every month
April 8 & 9	Kindergarten registration
April 9	Chess club meets
April 11	Report cards issued
April 14	Spring Concert 6:30PM
April 14	Art show 5:30 – 6:15PM
April 16	Chess club meets
April 21–25	School closed for Spring Vacation

Transitioning from 5th to 6th Grade

The Loudon Elementary School PTA will host an informational evening entitled 5th to 6th Grade Transition on Thursday, May 8th at 6:30 p.m. at the Loudon Elementary School. Assistant Principal Ms. Severance and Diana Jenkins, who will be the full time 6th grade guidance councilor at MVMS in the

fall, will explain academic and behavioral expectations and the important role of parents in these transitioning years from elementary to middle school. This presentation will be geared toward the 5th & 6th grade transition however there will be staff and administration present to discuss the process of all grade transitions. We hope that all of you can attend this important informational meeting.

Preparing your Preschooler for Success in Kindergarten!!

On Thursday, April 17th The Loudon Elementary School PTA will be sponsoring The New Hampshire Parent Information Resource Center program entitled, "Preparing Your Preschool Student for Success in Kindergarten. The event will be held from 5:30–7:30 p.m. at Loudon Elementary School.

Jessica Manseau is an early literacy specialist who will be giving the PowerPoint presentation which will cover literacy skills, social skills, and many other skills which are crucial for a successful kindergarten experience. Free childcare with fun and engaging workshop areas will be set up in the same room that parents are in for your preschool child. LES PTA will be providing finger sandwiches, beverages and snacks for attendees. Parents will leave the event with a copy of the *Welcome to Kindergarten* DVD, nursery rhyme CD and handouts for literacy activities to do at home. All who attend will be entered into a raffle that evening.

In an effort to ensure enough materials for all attendees, we ask that you call Mrs. Muzzey at Loudon Elementary School 783-4400 if you plan on attending.

Middle School News

MV Middle School Important Dates

April 21–25 School closed for Spring Vacation

Attention MVMS Students: Did you make the Honor Roll?

If you did, you earned a free ticket to see the NH Fisher Cats on 6/17/08. All you have to do is fill out a form and send it to the Fisher Cats before May 31, 2008.

Sports Schedule Online

You can now view the sports schedule on line. Go to <http://mvms.mvds.k12.nh.us/mvms%20athletics> and select the schedule link.

To have your Loudon school event listed in future editions of the *Loudon Ledger*, please contact the Loudon Communications Council at the following e-mail address: Debbie@debbiegraphics.com or call Kris Tripp at: 783-0448. We look forward to hearing about your event or activity!

MVHS News

FROM THE GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT. *Submitted by Mark Ciarametaro, Guidance PR Specialist*

Seniors: Please make sure you are checking the scholarship page on our website and keeping track of deadlines so that you may get your applications in on time! If you still have not applied to college for next year you need to get going ASAP. Even colleges without deadlines (rolling admissions) should have been applied to by now. If you are unsure of how to do this or if you are having trouble downloading an application, see your guidance counselor! We are here to help, and we do not want any of our students missing out on the opportunity to further their education! For students still unsure of whether or not they wish to continue their education beyond high school, please consider that the vast majority of jobs (research estimates over 90%) in the 21st Century will require education and training beyond high school. Also consider that you will have a lot more career opportunity and increased earning potential with education beyond high school.

Reminder to Seniors and their Parents: If you still have not filed your Financial Aid Forms (FAFSA), you need to do so ASAP! The FAFSA forms will no longer be available in guidance offices around the country. The U.S. Department of Education, who distributes the FAFSA, has made a change in their distribution method. Students can obtain up to three paper copies of the FAFSA forms by calling 1-800-433-3243 or by visiting www.edpubs.org. The DOE still STRONGLY encourages parents and students to file their FAFSA on line at www.fafsa.ed.gov rather than filing paper copies.

Upcoming Guidance Events: April 9th. Award Letter workshop. As students get their letters of acceptance from colleges, they will also receive "award letters" from college financial aid offices. This workshop will be for any students or parents who would like assistance in clarifying these award letters, what they mean, how much aid is being offered, etc. (Please note this event was previously scheduled for April 10th but has been changed to the 9th!).

FEBRUARY STUDENT OF THE MONTH: The following students were nominated by the faculty and staff for recognition as student of the month for January — Webster: Ellie Deshaies, Kendra Carlson, Bea Foss, Boscawen: Ann Huckins, Kaitlin Warren, Molly Stone, Laura Egounis, Doug Millett, Loudon: Lauren Holden, Amanda Wilson, Casie Phillips, William Pederson, Scott Vanson, Keith McCormack, James Hayes, Andrew Rice, Jessika Spottiswood, Kim Dolloff,

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Penacook: Chelsea Adams, Rebecca Polson, Steph Walsh, Kristin Xavier, Brittany Crague, Miranda White, Robert Hague, Anthony Day, Nate Pike, Haley Wilson, Salisbury: Mike Campbell, Ben Raymond, Robert Perry, Andover: Cayla Wujek, Ryan Davis

Winners: *Boy of the Month:* Keith McCormack and *Girl of the Month:* Ann Huckins

THE MVHS MATH TEAM in their 2/20/08 home meet outpaced by 17 the point total of the January meet when we retained our second place standing in the Lake's Region Math League. Perfect scores in the individual categories were recorded by Brett Branscombe (2), Althea Rosen (2), Alex Williams, Newell Moser, Mike Lambert, Frank Hemsing, Kendra Carlson, Ian Coll, and Ryan Pilsbury. The State Meet at Plymouth State University is next on the agenda for 3/18/08. Submitted by Mr. Hallahan, Math Team Advisor

WANTED: The Athletic Trainer is looking for metal crutches of any size in good condition. If you have any that you no longer need and would like to donate to MVHS please send them in with your son/daughter. It would be greatly appreciated!!

NEWS FROM THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT: The following Mer-

rimack Valley High School students were recently recognized with the NH Athletic Director's Association Athletic Academic Award. All nominees must be young men in their senior year who fulfill the following criteria: Hold at least a B+ grade point average, and have lettered in two varsity sports during high school with continued participation, and serve as a positive role model to peers by participating in community service activities and by demonstrating the qualities of good citizenship. Andover: Ian Coll, Tyler Fenton; Penacook: Matt Gove; Loudon: Derek Swenson; Boscawen: Ryan Jelly; Salisbury: Ryan Pilsbury

The following Merrimack Valley High School students were recently recognized with the NH Commission on the Status of Women Athletic Academic Award — All nominees must be young women in their senior year who fulfill the following criteria: Hold a B+ grade point average, and Have lettered in two varsity sports during high school years with continued participation, and Serve as a positive role model to peers by participating in community service activities and by demonstrating the qualities of good citizenship. Loudon: Ashley Dlubac, Rachel Dickerson; Webster: Charlotte Evanofski; Penacook: Doreen Barksdale.

NEWS FROM THE ART DEPARTMENT: The Currier Museum of Art and the Merrimack Valley High School Art Department are honored to recognize Tyler Reagan, Margaret Jones, and Brooke Bucknam-Zwick on their acceptance into the 2008 New Hampshire All-State Art Festival. Also, Victoria House has been selected as an alternate. Guidelines for selection were: a challenging artwork creation that reflected the student's interpretation of a quote by conservationist John James Audubon, experimentation of new mediums, understanding of design as well as creativity and craftsmanship, and a discussion of their artwork during a rigorous interview. Congratulations for a job well done! Submitted by Robin Denham and Erin Fitzgerald

9TH GRADE ACADEMY WINS A \$10,000 AWARD FROM AARP. When Ethel Percy Andrus founded the American Association of Retired Persons in 1958, even she couldn't have dreamed this big. A half-century after the organization was born on a high-school principal's kitchen table, AARP is kicking off its 50th anniversary by awarding renovation projects that will leave communities standing stronger. They have decided to reward public high schools for their innovation and commitment to creative education. The Ethel Percy Andrus Legacy Award will be given to Merrimack Valley High

School for our Freshman Academy. The \$10,000 award will be used to bolster the current program — to help facilitate transition into high school for ninth graders — and provide a new approach to the dropout prevention, retention and renewed excitement with staying enrolled. "Keeping our students through graduation is a top priority," stated Merrimack Valley High School Principal Michael Jette. "Our Freshman Academy is key in reaching this goal. It promotes student growth and achievement and provides the necessary tools for freshmen to be successful in high school and beyond. It's satisfying to be part of AARP's 50th anniversary celebration and the legacy of Ethel Percy Andrus, a retired high school principal."

The award will be given to the school at a student assembly on Thursday, March 20th. Invited to attend are Governor Lynch, Leaders from AARP-NH and Merrimack Valley school officials.

Upcoming Dates:

Wednesday, April 16th — Senior Project Portfolios Due

April 21 through 25 — School Vacation Week

Saturday, May 17th — Prom at the Courtyard by Marriott (Grand March 6:30, Prom 7-11)

MCCA News!

The cheerleading season has come to a close. I wanted to take the time to thank all the coaches, Megan Ricard for Kindergarten, Eva Davis, and Beth Mullevey for 1st and 2nd grade, Tina Mullevey and Stacey Bastian for 3rd grade and for helping me coach 3rd and 4th, I would like to send a very huge thank you to Jocelyn Gagnon and Tanya Hazeline for all your time and assistant. To all Loudon's coaches — hats off to all of you for volunteering your time to help make this year successful.

I would also like to take the time to thank all of this year's sponsors. ANB Fire, Mullevey Electric, Bark Now and Transition Hair Salon. Thanks to all of you from this years cheerleaders...your generosity helped over 40 girls this year.

I hope we all take a break now, enjoy the thought of spring around the corner and a much deserved warm, sunny summer. I hope to see all the girls back next year.

Cheers

Gayleen Smith

Loudon Coordinator

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TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS IN LOUDON:

Happy House Quilts

By Lee Laughlin

Taking Care of Business In Loudon is a monthly feature spotlighting a Loudon business researched and written on a volunteer basis by Lee Laughlin. At this time, we have profiles lined up through November of this year. However, if you would like to add your business to be profiled, please contact her at laughlin@fearlessevents.com or 783-8971.

Jodi Doody is many things, a mother to her children, wife to her husband, handy with a needle, a multi-tasker, but above all, Jodi Doody is driven.

In high school she filled her schedule with electives in art and psychology. When her Dad pointed out that she could combine the two into a career. Jodi knew she'd found her path. That path took her many places on the way to being a small business owner and a stay at home mom here in Loudon.

Jodi grew up in Sharon, Massachusetts and majored in Psychology and Art at New England College in Henniker. It was there that she began her love affair with New Hampshire. Jodi selected Eastern Virginia Medical School's graduate program in Art Therapy specifically because it offered a Master's of Science degree as opposed to a Master of Arts, "I really wanted the clinical setting."

After grad school, Jodi returned to the Boston area and worked with Morgan Memorial Goodwill Industries she

helping non-verbal developmentally delayed adults learn to express their frustrations through art. From there, she moved to Norwood Pembroke Health Systems, best known for their eating disorder clinic. Her creativity and ability to forge relationships did not go unnoticed, and she was recruited into the marketing department. Marketing in healthcare is a little different from corporate marketing in that her efforts were focused on building connections with care providers and service agencies rather than outright advertising. By this time, her main focus was the elderly population, especially elders at risk and those suffering from dementia and Alzheimer's disease. Again Jodi's drive, dynamic personality and creative efforts did not go unnoticed. She was recruited by Pfizer, the pharmaceutical company, to market a new drug to treat Alzheimer's.

While she was at Pfizer, Jodi's father bought the Loudon Country Club with the intention of making it a family business. The benefits of pharmaceutical sales were great and she enjoyed the challenges, but Jodi missed Art Therapy. By then she was happily married and expecting her first child. She and her husband Mike made the decision to move to Loudon. "New Hampshire feels like home." Now in her own words, she is "a fun, happy stay at home mom," to 3 girls ages 21 months to 8 years.



Most mothers will attest that being a mom is the hardest job you'll ever love. Jodi took up sewing as her own personal art therapy and to get back in touch with her creative side. Have I mentioned Jodi's driven? Not content with just a hobby, Jodi created, Happy House Quilts. The company creates practical quilt inspired hair accessories and craft kits. What was once a sanity saver has become a successful business in just over a year.

Jodi started working with a sewing machine and created the Coffee Quilt™, an attractive, eco-friendly alternative to the cardboard rings that protect your hands from the scalding coffee in that paper cup. As her youngest daughter (a.k.a The Escape Artist), grew more mobile, Jodi's time at the sewing machine grew more and more brief, so she turned to hand crafts and thus the quilt inspired accessories were born. These days she's really "having fun with felt."

Lately she finds herself working as part of the Made to Match initiative. How cool would it be if your little girl's hair clips perfectly matched her Easter outfit from Baby Gap or Gymboree? What if her favorite dolly had the same outfit? That is Made to Match, or M2M

for short. Jodi wants to be a role model and an inspiration to her girls, so she involves them in the creative process by taking them on field trips to various retailers to review the new lines of clothing and then select colors and shapes for the M2M projects.

Always the art therapist, Jodi created the Threadabilities™ Craft Kits because as she says "Everything is possible with thread." The craft kits feature die cut pieces of felt that kids attach to hair clips or oversized paper clips (for bookmarks). With the pre-cut shapes kids can achieve that "perfect" look they crave, but also demonstrate their individuality, by decorating the clips as they wish. "No two finished pieces are ever the same." The kits are designed to instill a sense of pride from designing and creating something for themselves, a friend or family member. For people like me whose sewing skills are virtually non-existent, Jodi includes basic directions on threading a needle and creating a basic running stitch with the kit instructions.

Jodi hopes the kits can instill life long skills in children such as enjoying the thrill of creation and even frustration, because life will always be frus-

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trating, and it is a crucial that kids learn how to express their frustrations in a productive manner. The kits allow children and adults to work together “It is in the silence of creating that stirs up the ability to talk about anything.”

Running your own business is a challenge and Happy House Quilts is no different but as you would expect of a driven person, Jodi has thrown herself into the challenge full force. Jodi finds that flexibility and sharing are the keys to success.

Aside from the time challenge Jodi is also learning the ins and outs of selling and marketing on the Internet. While she’s worked hard to learn many of the necessary skills, she also created or participates in communities of crafters to share information and lend support.

Etsy (www.etsy.com) is an online store where artisans (professionals and hobbyists alike) can sell their creations. Etsy sellers pay a listing fee for each item and then a percentage of the sale price.

Jodi is active in the online community connected to Etsy. She is a moderator for the NH Street Team, a group of

crafters of all different types from New Hampshire and she created the Etsy-Moms Street Team to connect them so they can share successes, frustrations and best practices. “The more you share, the more it is a better world.”

To celebrate the one year anniversary of Happy House Quilts, Jodi launched a new website, from there, you can visit her blog, or shop for products directly. To learn more visit www.happyhousequilts.com/

Happy House Quilts will continue to grow as Jodi’s girls grow more independent leaving her more time to create. Ultimately one day she’d love to create a space where creative people of all types (e.g. writers, knitters, photographers, quilters, scrap bookers) could come together to create their art and inspire each other and although I don’t know Jodi well, I have no doubt that when she sets her mind to it, this dream will become a reality. ■

Lee Laughlin is an event planner and writer who lives in Loudon. She blogs at <http://independentbw.blogspot.com/>

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Loudon Student Senior Project Boosts Confidence

By Kris Tripp

For her senior project, Leah Wagner of Loudon held a free cheer clinic on Sunday, March 16, 2008. The goal of the clinic was to promote confidence for young cheerleaders in grades 1 through 8. "I want girls to be in front of an audience and feel comfortable and confident," stated Wagner. Wagner will present her project as a graduation requirement.

Wagner is currently a Senior and Varsity Cheerleader at Merrimack Valley High School and is one of 3 co-captains on her squad. Along with her fellow cheerleaders and Varsity Cheerleading Coach Pam Sweezy, Wagner quickly organized over 40 girls that attended the clinic. "I only expected about 20 girls!" said Wagner. Watching Wagner, anyone could tell she put a lot of thought and effort into the program. Proper hand positions, jumping techniques and stunting were all demonstrated. The attendees also learned a new dance and cheer.

This is not the first time Wagner has promoted the sport of Cheerleading to a younger audience. She has volunteered many hours coaching the MCCA (Merrimack County Cheerleader's Assoc.) 5th and 6th graders in prior years. As a spectator, I was very happy to see my daughter being taught by such a fine young lady. Wagner is a positive role model for these young girls and her genuine enthusiasm for the sport shows through.

"Thank you so very much to my coach and my fellow varsity cheerleaders because without them, I would've been lost. They were my rock all day and they took control when I was busy doing other things which is more than I asked for...they were the foundation to all of that."

Wagner will attend Endicott College in the fall and study sports medicine. ■

3-4 squad: Loudon girls at the clinic.



Coach Pam Sweezy with Leah Wagner.

A group of happy cheerleaders!



Learning how to do a "prep."



The Varsity Cheerleaders demonstrate proper stunting techniques.

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A Senior Health Clinic will be held at the Loudon Community Building on April 22 from 9 a.m. until Noon. All services are \$10. Blood pressure checks are free. To make an appointment or for more information call VNA's Senior Health Program at 224-4093 or 800-924-8620, ext. 4830. If you need a ride, please call 798-5203.

April Walk-In Immunization Clinics

The following affordable monthly walk-in Immunization Clinics for all ages in are being offered at the Downtown Health Clinic at St. Paul's Episcopal Church Outreach Center, 21 Centre Street, Concord: Monday, April 7, 2008 at 1:00–3:00 p.m. and Tuesday, April 15, 2008 at 2:30–4:30 p.m.

A fee of \$5.00 is requested per child (under 18). Adult vaccination costs vary by the cost of the individual vaccines. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Please bring an immunization record with you. For more information call Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association Community Health Services at 224-4093 or 800-924-8620, extension 4830.

Monthly Walk-In Blood Pressure Clinics

A FREE monthly walk-in Blood Pressure Clinic is being held Wednesday, April 2, 10 a.m. to Noon at Hannaford's Pharmacy, Ft. Eddy Rd., Concord and on Wednesday, April 9, 10:30–11:30 a.m. at White Rock Senior Living Community, Wellness Office 6 Bow Center Rd., Bow.

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association offers blood pressure screenings in the areas that it serves. Blood pressure screenings are a good way for individuals to track their blood pressure for upcoming visits to their physician. Blood pressure screenings are free of charge. For more information call Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association at 224-4093 or 800-924-8620.

Men's Breakfast Club Provides Grief Support for Men

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association is pleased to offer a Men's Breakfast Club, a special Grief Discussion Group for men adjusting to the loss of a loved one. The group gets together on the last Friday of each month from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 274 Pleasant Street, Concord. Continental breakfast is provided. There is no registration or fee to attend. For additional information, please contact Laurie Brooks at 224-4093 ext. 2628 or Laurie.brooks@crvna.org

Funds Received From Estabrook Capital Management

Mary B. DeVeau, President/CEO, announced that Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association received a \$5,000 contribution from Estabrook Capital Management to partially fund the development of a secure Intranet for employee education and communication. This is particularly important for visiting nurses because they are always out in the community rather than stationary, and use laptop computers for their work.

The Intranet will provide a secure electronic space for internal, real-time communication, including information that is vital for disaster response such as road closures and patient prioritization.

Second Half of \$50,000 Grant from Anthem Arrives

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association has received the second \$25,000 installment of a \$50,000 two-year grant from Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield Foundation, according to agency President Mary B. DeVeau. The grant will go toward the agency's Parent Friend Program, which helps parents to nurture their children.

"By funding this program and aiding these individuals, Anthem is helping to strengthen families in our communities," said DeVeau.

The Concord Regional VNA Parent Friend Program provides support and mentoring for parents who are struggling with the demands of providing care and a nurturing home environment for their infants and children aged prenatal to three. ■



Whose Market Is It?

By Jack Prendiville,
Century 21 Thompson Real Estate

Real estate is a cyclical business. For months or even years, conditions may favor the buyer. Then, over time, the pendulum will swing the other way and circumstances will favor the seller.

The market forces of supply and demand help determine whether it is a buyer's or seller's market. When the supply of homes is high, the sense of urgency for buyers lessens. Because there are more homes to choose from, buyers can be more selective and may wield more power during the negotiations. In turn, sellers may need to lower their asking prices to attract consumer interest.

Conversely, in a seller's market, inventory is lower. Buyers have fewer options and the sense of immediacy is heightened. As a result, the number of bids on any given listing may increase, asking prices might rise, and buying terms may become more stringent.

A second factor that influences the market is mortgage interest rates. High rates mean it costs buyers more money to borrow from a bank or lender. Higher rates can lessen consumer demand. On the other hand, when rates are lower and buyers feel they can get more for their money, it can propel them into the real estate market.

If you are considering buying a home it is critical that you determine whether it is a buyer's or seller's market. Equally important is to remember that real estate is local. Different factors could make it a seller's market in one city and a buyer's in another. To help you determine which conditions prevail, examine how long listings are staying on the market, compare that rate to six months ago, and look at whether homes are selling above or below asking price.

Your real estate agent should be an expert in your local marketplace. His or her insight will be key. Remember the market climate — buyer or seller — will ultimately influence your decision when to buy and at what price and terms. ■

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Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — February 12, 2008

Present: Selectman Ives and Bowles. Chairman Maxfield is not present.

Also present: Road Agent David Rice, Planning Board Chairman Tom Dow, Planning Board member Bob Ordway, Police Chief, Code Enforcement/Compliance Officer Bob Fiske, ZBA Chairman David Powelson, and Fire Chief Jeff Burr.

Selectman Ives called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Selectman Bowles moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, February 5, 2008 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Ives. Majority vote in favor. Motion carried. Selectman Bowles moved to approve the Selectmen's Budget Hearing Minutes of Thursday, February 7, 2008 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Ives. Majority vote in favor. Motion carried.

Selectman Ives opened the Board of Permit.

Selectman Ives discussed the issue of the cistern for the VOA Senior Housing Project. He stated that Planning/Zoning Secretary Donna White had provided copies of minutes and correspondence for review. Fire Chief Jeff Burr stated that he had sent Planning Board Chairman Tom Dow and the Selectmen correspondence regarding what took place during discussion of the cistern. He said that he had contacted Julia Wilcock

from VOA and a representative of HUD regarding this issue and was advised there was no money in the budget for this purpose. Chief Burr went on to say that Susan Hathaway of the Engineering Firm, Harri-man Associates had made some changes to the project and intended to e-mail the changes to him; however, the e-mail address was incorrect as she spelled Loudon with an e and he never received the information. He said that Ms. Hathaway assumed that he was in agreement with the changes because she never heard back from him. Chief Burr said that he had tried to negotiate with Ms. Wilcock; however, he was told that there were no additional funds. He said that while there is a sprinkler system for life safety, he is also looking at the fact if there were a fire there would be 34 families without a place to live if there is not a large enough water supply. Bob Fiske stated that he is expecting that VOA will be looking for a Certificate of Occupancy fairly soon and needs some direction. He reviewed sections of meeting minutes relative to cistern discussions. Discussion ensued regarding a 5,000 gallon domestic water tank and whether or not it would be allowable to utilize this water source for emergency fire suppression. Discussion ensued regarding the miscommunication regarding two separate water sources

being confused into one. Tom Dow said that he would like to speak with additional Planning Board members for their input, but he feels the full intention was to have a cistern at this property and it appears that it got lost in the cracks during the process. He said there was a lot of confusion during the process. Mr. Dow said that VOA has met the requirement of having a sprinkler system, smoke detectors, heat detectors, etc. He said no matter how creative the Town tries to be to get the cistern in place; he feels if VOA does not have the funds to install the cistern, the Town will have to forego it. Mr. Dow went on to say that he agrees that a cistern is needed at that end of town, but does not see how it will be included in this particular site. He said that while it was the Town's intent to have the cistern on this property, it does not appear that it is going to happen. Selectman Bowles asked if the Fire Department would be able to attach a line to the building. Chief Burr said that they should be able to. He said the plans call for a sprinkler system that the Fire Department can connect to so they can pump water into the system. Discussion ensued regarding the two 2,500 gallon poly tanks and the 5,000 gallon domestic water supply. Mr. Fiske said he felt that it was important to check into the backflow prevention device to connect to the domestic water supply for an additional water source. Chief Burr discussed a letter from Ms. Wilcock stating that Jim Gill at NH DES indicated that he would not approve the installation of a Fire Department connection to the domestic water source for an additional water supply to fight a fire because of possible contamination of a public water source. He said they also discussed backflow prevention. Discussion ensued regarding contacting DES and trying to obtain additional information regarding the domestic water source issue. Bob Ordway stated the 5,000 gallon tank

does not have a fire department connection installed, but it could be modified if needed. He said he felt that the two 2,500 gallons poly tanks are the ones that have the fire department hook-up. Discussion regarding flushing the system if it were to be contaminated ensued. Dave Powelson asked if the 5,000 gallon tank was pressurized. Mr. Fiske said he did not think that it was. Selectman Bowles stated he felt that Town should push for the backflow valve for the 5,000 gallon tank. Mr. Fiske suggested that the Town should mandate, for future projects, that the entire building should be required to have the sprinkler system, not just a portion of the building even though it meets code. Chief Burr stated that the Town can make local ordinances more stringent than what the State laws are. The Board agreed that Chief Burr will contact DES to get more information regarding the backflow valve for the 5,000 gallon domestic water source and provide any information at next Tuesday's Selectmen's Meeting.

Bob Fiske discussed the property owned by George Tombarello regarding Mr. Tombarello's request to construct a building for his tractor without a primary residence. He stated that Mr. Tombarello was advised to go to the Zoning Board for discussion. Mr. Fiske said that the minutes of the ZBA meeting do not indicate to him that the ZBA gave a concise decision on this issue. He said he has spoken with both Planning and Zoning Chairmen regarding the meaning of S.204 k & l and is asking the Board for their interpretation. Mr. Fiske said that he has sent Mr. Tombarello a letter of denial from the Building Department and advised Mr. Tombarello that he could appeal this decision through the ZBA. He said that Mr. Tombarello has filed an appeal and it will be heard by the ZBA. The Board of Permit

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members agreed that this would need to follow the appeal process. Mr. Dow asked if the ZBA had made a clear decision on this issue. Mr. Powelson stated that the ZBA did not have a clear decision on this issue. He said there was no official plan or application presented and the Board discussed various options. It was stated that Mr. Tombarello was appealing the denial of the building permit for the accessory structure, not a decision by the ZBA.

Selectman Ives closed Board of Permit and reconvened the Selectmen's Meeting.

The Board met with Road Agent David Rice.

Mr. Rice advised the Board that the Highway Department had run out of salt last weekend and because of that some roads remained slippery. He said the Highway Crew had to keep trying to re-sand those roads. Mr. Rice stated that he has received a delivery of salt and the roads that had not been treated with the salt over the weekend have now been treated. He said he hoped to get another delivery at the end of the week.

Discussion ensued regarding the over-time line in the budget as well as the salt

line. Selectman Bowles discussed productivity and concerns regarding the idling of trucks for long periods of time.

The Board met with Fire Chief Jeff Burr. Chief Burr advised the Board that the ad had been placed for the fulltime FF/EMT position.

The Board met with Police Chief, Code Enforcement/Compliance Officer Bob Fiske.

Chief Fiske presented the Board with a dealer certificate. Discussion ensued regarding this applicant planning to bring in cars, detail them and then sell them. The Board agreed that this would need to go before the ZBA for a Major Home Occupation. Mr. Fiske asked if the Selectmen's Office was going to respond to the applicant. The Board agreed that correspondence would be forwarded to the applicant.

Selectman Ives stated for the record that Mr. Fiske presented the Board with copies of the audit report on the Buffer Zone Protection Program Grant and that everything was in order. He stated the report commends Mr. Fiske for the way he has handled the grant.

Selectman Ives stated for the record that one pistol permit was submitted for signature and approval.

Mr. Fiske discussed the SPCA Agreement relative to billing the owners when a dog is claimed. The Board stated that it appeared there was some miscommunication regarding the billing process. Mr. Fiske stated he thought that when a dog was claimed by its owner, the owner was responsible for the charges by the SPCA and that the Town only paid for services if the dog was a stray and not claimed. He said that he would be sure to provide information to the Selectmen's Office regarding ownership of the animal so that the Selectmen's Office could forward a bill for services to the owner once the animal is claimed.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received copies of the dedication for Raymond Cummings to be included in the Annual Town Report for review.

The Board received the 4th Quarter Host Community Fee from ESMI in the amount of \$17,122.66.

The Board received copies of an abutter notice for a lot line adjustment on Route 129.

The Board received notice from Central NH Regional Planning Commission regarding the updated Regional Transportation Plan.

The Board received copies of NHMA Legislative Bulletin #8.

The Board agreed to postpone Board of Permit to March 18, 2008 due to Town Meeting first session being on March 11, 2008.

Selectman Ives asked if Mr. Fiske was aware of any changes for the NASCAR races. Mr. Fiske stated he was meeting with the Track next week, but as far as he is aware there are no changes at this time. He stated there are some cosmetic changes underway, but as far as personnel, it does not appear to have changed. Mr. Fiske will advise the Board of the outcome of the meeting.

Selectman Bowles moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Ives. Majority vote in favor. Meeting adjourned.

THE LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Roger A. Maxfield, Chairman

Steven R. Ives, Selectman

Dustin J. Bowles, Selectman

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — February 19, 2008

Present: Selectman Ives and Bowles. Chairman Maxfield was not present.

Also present: Fire Chief Jeff Burr and Transfer Station Manager Steve Bennett.

Selectman Ives called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Selectman Bowles moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, February 12, 2008 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Ives. Majority vote in favor. Motion carried.

The Board met with Transfer Station Manager Steve Bennett to discuss Single Stream Recycling.

Mr. Bennett explained that the Co-op has done a cost analysis study on various size towns, and Loudon was included in the study. He stated that there are two options; one is to purchase an additional compactor and utilize roll-off containers and haul them to the facility or two, utilize the compactor that is currently in place with the existing trailer. Mr. Bennett said that the Town of Gilmanston has purchased an additional compactor and that the cost was about half of what was originally projected. He said that he expects to get additional results of the study sometime in May. Selectman Ives asked if the consensus was that more people would recycle if they did not have to separate all of their recyclables. Mr. Bennett said yes. He said the biggest financial advantage of this type of recycling is the volume that can be recycled. Mr. Bennett said that if the single stream recycling goes in effect the recyclables from the Co-op towns as well as additional towns and cities would be combined to keep the costs down. He said that another advantage would be that by not having to separate the recyclables more people may be willing to participate. Mr. Bennett advised the Board that the research estimates Loudon could double their recyclable revenues within the second year. Selectman Ives asked if it would be mandatory for towns in the Co-op to participate in the single stream recycling if the Co-op decides to move forward with it. Mr. Bennett said the Co-op has stated that it is not mandatory, and that if a town wanted to join at a later date then they could without any type of penalty. He said that Loudon does well with recycling and discussed the revenues generated. Mr. Bennett went on to say that the

cost associated with recycling and the revenue generated is something for the town's to think about. He said that even with the single stream recycling there would still be a need for a Transfer Station Attendant to oversee the process, but it would not take as much time and there would not be as much of a need for storage. Mr. Bennett advised the Board that if the town chooses to participate, all the recyclables would need to be sent to the Co-op. He said there are facilities of this type in Vermont and Maine, but that New Hampshire does not currently have a facility of this nature.


The Board met with Fire Chief Jeff Burr.

Chief Burr advised the Board that he has contacted DES regarding the VOA water tank and spoke with Bernie Lucy, Senior Engineer for DES. He stated that he has received a letter from Mr. Lucy with com-

ments regarding the domestic water source tank for fire suppression. Chief Burr read the letter for those present. He stated it does not appear that DES supports utilizing the domestic water source even with the back-flow device; that they want to see a separate storage tank. Chief Burr also read a letter from DES to VOA stating that the public water supply has not yet been approved by DES and that a field inspection is needed prior to occupancy of the facility. Selectman Ives asked for copies of the letters so that they can be forwarded to Bob Fiske. He said that the letter from DES does not come out and say no, that they cannot utilize the 5,000 gallon water tank, but it appears that DES will not approve it if it happens. Discussion ensued regarding the need for inspections. Selectman Ives said that if the water supply approvals are not in place then the Certifi-

cate of Occupancy cannot be issued. Chief Burr stated this project falls under the "Public Water Supply" as it supplies more than 25 units. Selectman Ives stated he feels that at this point the cistern issue is lost. He said he does not see how the Town can push this issue as it appears to have fallen through the cracks during the approval process. Selectman Bowles said he felt it was ridiculous that this issue has come about because someone did not send an e-mail to the correct e-mail address and never followed-up with a phone call or any inquiry. He said he does not feel the Town should be approving anything until such time as all DES approvals have been received. Chief Burr said that he has not been contacted for inspection of the alarm system or the sprinkler system yet and he is not planning on

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chasing VOA regarding these issues. The Board agreed that they would forward copies of the letters to Bob Fiske.

Chief Burr advised the Board that the roof at Station #2 has been cleared of the snow and the Cate Van can go back in to the building. He said he had advised someone from the Cate Van Committee that the heat is on at their new building for the Van and that they could park there if they wanted. Selectman Bowles stated he had contacted Harry O Electric regarding the outlet that needs to be moved for the overhead door. He said the door can be opened manually at this point. Selectman Bowles said he will be getting keys for the door and agreed that they can move in to the building. Discussion ensued regarding a Knox Box and the need to setup some ground rules for the gate. Chief Burr stated that he was able to obtain a desk and a couple of chairs so the Cate Van Committee members could use them for their office work.

Selectman Ives discussed the Homeland Security Base Station Radio grant relative to Emergency Management Director Sigrid Little's inquiry of who should be present during the installation of the radio. He stated there is a requirement that a Town Official must be present during the installation and must sign the memorandum of understanding upon completion of the installation by the authorized official. Selectman Ives stated that the grant for this Base Station Radio is specific to Emergency Management use only, and stated that it is not for use other than Emergency Management issues. Discussion ensued regarding the radio system at Station #2 as well as the permanent location of the grant radio relative to the EOC. Chief Burr discussed some possible changes for Station #2 relative to an Incident Command Center. It was discussed that the Village Station is Loudon's EOC so the grant radio would need to be installed there. The Board agreed that Mrs. Little would be the person to sign off on the grant once the radio is installed. Chief Burr discussed the problems with having the Village

Station as the EOC. Selectman Ives will contact Mrs. Little to advise her that she should be the one to be present during the installation.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received a copy of the color proof of the Town Report cover for review and approval. Selectman Ives stated he had one change to the cover. He wanted to have the words "Town of" centered over "Loudon NH".

The Board received information from DOT regarding an informational meeting on February 27, 2008 to review the repaving of Route 106 from Asby Road north 7.7 miles.

The Board received notice from Central NH Regional Planning Commission regarding the 10-year Transportation Plan comment period and public hearings.

The Board received copies of a training certificate for Jeff Burr.

The Board received correspondence from DES regarding the SDS application.

The Board received copies of ESMI compliance reports from November, December, and January for review.

The Board received the NHMA Legislative Bulletin #9.

The Board received a notice from Primex on Snow Plowing Safety.

The Board received copies of the news release from Councilor Shea.

The Board received copies of a notice from DES on training workshops for Auto Salvage Yards.

The Board received notices of trainings for highway safety issues.

The Board received the Road Scholar directory for review.

Selectman Bowles moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 PM. Seconded by Selectman Ives. Majority vote in favor. Meeting adjourned.

THE LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Roger A. Maxfield, Chairman
Steven R. Ives, Selectman
Dustin J. Bowles, Selectman

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — February 26, 2008

Present: Selectman Maxfield and Bowles. Selectman Ives is not present.

Also present: Police Chief, Code Enforcement/Compliance Officer Bob Fiske, Transfer Station Manager Steve Bennett, and J.O. Cate Memorial Van Committee members Bob Ordway, Barbara Cameron, and David Nicholson.

Chairman Maxfield called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Chairman Maxfield stated that the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, February 19, 2008 will not be signed this evening as he was not present at that meeting and Selectman Ives is not present this evening. The Minutes will be approved at next week's meeting.

The Board met with Police Chief, Code Enforcement/Compliance Officer Bob Fiske.

Chairman Maxfield stated for the record that one pistol permit was submitted for signature and approval.

Selectman Bowles moved to appoint Brian M. Martel to the position of fulltime Patrolman for the Town of Loudon effective February 26, 2008. Seconded by Chairman Maxfield. Majority vote in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Fiske discussed the VOA Seniors Building relative to the DES letters and the 5,000 gallon water supply. He stated that he has spoken with someone from J.H. Spain

and Associates and it appears that there will be an additional 5,000 gallon tank installed.

The Board met with J.O. Cate Memorial Van Committee members Bob Ordway, Barbara Cameron, and David Nicholson and Transfer Station Manager Steve Bennett to discuss the Cate Van building.

Selectman Bowles discussed the process at the Transfer Station relative to the locked gate and parking issues. He advised the Cate Van members that it is very important that they leave the gate the way they find it as it could affect the schedule and routine at the Transfer Station. Discussion ensued regarding having a combination lock for the gate for the Cate Van members. Selectman Bowles stated that Harry O Electrical has been in to wire in the garage door and the overhead door company has been called so they will be in to adjust the door and set the code. Discussion ensued regarding the door opener, keypad, and Knox Box. Mr. Ordway asked if the building was ready for the van. Selectman Bowles said yes, and as soon as the overhead door company was able to, the keypad would be set and the door adjusted if needed. Barbara Cameron stated that there are thirteen people who assist with the Cate Van. Selectman Bowles said that with the combination lock and the keypad on the building, there will not be a need to have thirteen keys made up. He also advised Ms. Cameron that the drivers cannot be parking

around the wraparound at the salt shed. Mr. Ordway asked who would be getting the combination lock. Selectman Bowles stated that the combination lock would be obtained for the Cate Van Committee and Steve Bennett would be getting together with the Committee members to show them how to work the gate. Ms. Cameron thanked the Board for their work on getting the building up.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received copies of a memo from Office Manager Jean Lee regarding Personnel Policy questions.

The Board received copies of the expenditure report for review.

The Board received copies of the Equalization Ratio Report from DRA for review.

The Board received draft copies of the scholarship applications for review and update. Chairman Maxfield stated that the scholarships will now be known as The Town of Loudon Arthur E. McNeil and Raymond C. Cummings Memorial Scholarship and the town will be getting \$200,000.00 annually, forever, for scholarships.

The Board received copies of an e-mail from DOT with last September NHIS Meeting Minutes.

The Board received copies of correspondence sent to property owners on Greenview Drive for review. Mr. Fiske asked if there was anything that he needed to be aware of. Chairman Maxfield stated he felt the infor-

mation was just letting the abutters know of the safety issues on the road and that it touches on the option of looking at opening Voted Road as an improved Class V Road.

The Board received copies of the February Draft Planning Board Minutes for review.

The Board received copies of the NHMA Legislative Bulletin #10 for review.

The Board received information from the Local Government Center regarding the NH Public Radio website.

The Board received notice that the Merrimack Valley School District Annual Meeting has been rescheduled to Wednesday, March 12, 2008 at the High School.

Discussion ensued regarding having the second session of Town Meeting at the Elementary School Gym on Saturday, March 15, 2008.

John Plummer asked about the Highway Department budget relative to the overtime line. Chairman Maxfield stated that the overtime line is over expended by \$700.00 at this time. Discussion ensued regarding the budget.

Selectman Bowles moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. Seconded by Chairman Maxfield. Majority vote in favor. Meeting adjourned.

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**Zoning Board meets the
fourth Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m.**

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Planning Board Minutes — February 21, 2008

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

Attendance:

Chairman Tom Dow, Tom Moore, Steve Jackson, Henry Huntington, Ex-Officio Dustin Bowles, and Alternates Bob Ordway and Jeff Green were present. Bob Ordway was appointed as a voting member in the absence of Gary Tasker and Jeff Green was appointed as a voting member in the absence of Stan Prescott.

Chief Burr was present for the fire department and Colin Cabot was present for the conservation commission.

Acceptance of Minutes:

January 17, 2008 Regular Meeting. Henry Huntington made a motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Dustin Bowles. All were in favor.

January 17, 2008 Zoning Amendment Public Hearing. Dustin Bowles made a motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Tom Moore. All were in favor.

Capital Improvements Program (CIP) Public Hearing:

Chairman Dow stated that Bob Ordway was involved with the update of the CIP and would present it in the absence of Stan Prescott who was the CIP Subcommittee Chairman. Mr. Ordway explained that the CIP is the responsibility of the Planning Board and that it is a projection of capital expenditures for a six year period and advisory only. He pointed out some of the changes with regard to updating statistical information, current projects, and the addition of Capital Reserve Funds information to the book. Mr. Ordway noted that the municipal improvements schedule shows the purchase of a grader in FY 08/09 and that he noticed that it was not in this year's warrant articles. Dustin Bowles said that the selectmen have an article on this year's warrant to establish a Capital Reserve Fund (CRF) for a grader but there is no plan to purchase one at this time. He explained that the current highway department capital reserve fund does not currently have sufficient funds to cover the expenditure. Mr. Bowles said that the selectmen decided to ask the voters to put funds in a CRF specifically for a grader, a fund that could be discontinued after that purchase. There was discussion of the estimated cost of \$210,000 that was used on the CIP schedule. Tom Moore said that he could get a figure from the state and that he felt the \$210,000 was fairly accurate. Steve Jackson suggested that the grader project be moved to 2010/11 on the CIP schedule. There was discussion of how the projects are submitted and prioritized, how capital reserve funds work, and the overall CIP process of projecting capital expenditures and tax impact. Tom Moore thanked the subcommittee for their efforts on the CIP update.

Bob Ordway made a motion to accept the Capital Improvements Program FY-2008/09 to FY-2013/14 with the movement of the grader to FY 2010/11 in the Municipal Improvements Schedule; seconded by Tom Moore. All were in favor.

Old Business:

There was no old business.

New Business:

Application #08-02, KD RED Enterprises — Lot Line Adjustment, Located on Route 129, in the Rural Residential District. Map 15, Lots 9 & 11. Abutter Cynthia Rogers was present. Jeff Green recused himself as the agent for the applicants. Mr. Green explained that this lot line adjustment is partly in anticipation of possible future projects on this land. He stated that the wet area divides the five acres of Lot 9 in half which is where they are making the line adjustment and it would help with future development of Lot 11. Mr. Green said the adjustment brings Lot 9 to 2.9 acres with 208' of frontage, a reduction of a little over 15'. He said that 15.61' would be added to the frontage of Lot 11. Mr. Green pointed out that .41 acres would be taken from Lot 11 to give Lot 9 a little bigger buildable area, noting that it makes Lot 11 more usable and a better use of Lot 9.

Dustin Bowles asked about the width of the narrowest section between boundary lines and if it could meet the setbacks for a driveway. Mr. Green said that it is approximately 66' in that area. Steve Jackson questioned how the setbacks for a driveway could be met in that area. He asked if roads are permitted in the setbacks. Tom Dow stated that they have to have a 50' right of way for a road. Mr. Green said that the additional frontage makes the entrance more conforming and helps with the sight distance. He said that they could have taken another 8' from Lot 9 but it would have interfered with the approved proposed driveway location, noting that each of the lots has a state driveway permit. Mr. Bowles said that a road might work but a driveway would not make the setbacks on Lot 11. Tom Moore noted that the regulations ask for more for a driveway than for a road. Mr. Bowles said that they are not proposing a road at this time. He said that even if this narrow area was 68' it would allow the two 30' setbacks but only 8' for the driveway. Mr. Green stated that it is set up for the best crossing of the wet area. Mr. Bowles said that where the driveway is entering may have to go to the Zoning Board. Steve Jackson said that he would suggest being careful not to approve something that would have to go to the ZBA for correction. Discussion continued about possible situations of this being a driveway or road, the regulations for both, and of how moving the line could widen the access but would decrease the buildable area of Lot 9.

Henry Huntington made a motion to accept the application as complete and move to public hearing; seconded by Bob Ordway. All were in favor. Mrs. Rogers said that she would like to clarify rumors that she has heard about future development of these parcels. Mr. Green explained that he came to the Board a couple of months ago for conceptual development of the back lot. He said that they may not see anything done, noting that it would be very costly to do that

length of road to access the most usable part of the lot. Mr. Green said that this lot line adjustment makes the front lot more usable which is the focus of this application. Steve Jackson said that he does not want to see this approved and have it need to go to ZBA for a special exception or variance. Henry Huntington said that he is not sure that they could approve something that could force a variance. Jeff Green said that it would not force a variance at this point as it is not crossing setbacks. He said that he is allowing enough to get through the property for the use that it is right now. Mr. Huntington said that unless they are proposing a road there is nothing that they can do but put a driveway in. Steve Jackson said that they could put a road in the area being questioned. Mr. Huntington said that they are not proposing a road. Jeff Green said that they are leaving the options open without saying that the land cannot be used unless you get a special exception. He said it is saying what has to be done unless you get a special exception. He noted that this is not creating a non-usable or non-buildable lot and has the option to put a road back to where they can get to the building site or get a special exception for just a driveway. Mr. Green said that the driveway is already there and already goes in through the side setbacks so this is not creating something that is different than it was. Dustin Bowles said that it is forcing a special exception should that back lot be sold as a lot and a driveway is to be put in.

There was discussion of alternative options. Dustin Bowles said that he would like to see a minimum of 12' between the setbacks and is not comfortable without an exact number for the area in question. Mr. Green said that they would probably not come back with any alternative plan at this point as it would mean a future lot line adjustment if they chose to do the road since the road has already been designed based on this proposed change.

Hearing no questions from the public, the chairman closed the hearing to the public and opened it to the Board only. The Board reviewed the plan and there was no further discussion. Steve Jackson made a motion to deny the application on the basis of the unknown area at the narrowest point between the two boundaries; seconded by Dustin Bowles. There was discussion of the minimum standards. Bob Ordway asked Mr. Green if it would be possible for him to measure the area and come back next month with an exact number. Dustin Bowles said that the ordinance calls for no less than 10' but he would like to see 12'. Steve Jackson concurred. Tom Dow suggested that Mr. Green look at it and come back with the information. Mr. Green said that he would be more than willing to do that. With that, Steve Jackson withdrew his motion and Dustin Bowles agreed with the withdrawal. Steve Jackson made a motion to continue

this application to March, 20, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Building; seconded by Dustin Bowles. All were in favor. There will be no further notification.

Jeff Green returned to the table.

Application #08-03, Loudon Woods Estates — Lot Line Adjustment, Located on Chichester Road, in the Rural Residential District Map 2, Lots 23-11 & 23-12. Chairman Dow read a letter from the applicant requesting that this be tabled to the March meeting because the engineer was unable to put everything together for this meeting. Tom Moore made a motion to table this application to March 20, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Building; seconded by Henry Huntington. All were in favor. There will be no further notification.

Board Discussion:

Land Development Regulations — The Board discussed some final revisions to the regulations. Those included Section 11.3 to read "of all recorded pages"; Article 24 to use performance surety throughout for consistency; and to insert a section about maintenance bonds that was omitted in the 2003 revision. Donna asked if the Board wanted the town attorney to review the proposed changes. It was agreed that the changes are not major, most are to make them consistent with the Zoning Ordinance, and there is no need for legal review.

CNHRPC — Steve Jackson handed out information that he acquired from CNHRPC about the services that they provide the town.

Report of the ZBA:

Donna reported that there is an appeal of an administrative decision and an application for a major home occupation on the agenda for this month.

Report of the Board of Permit:

Chairman Dow reported that the Volunteers of America cistern matter was discussed. Chief Burr said that DES has said that they should not use the domestic water source for fire fighting and he gave that information to the Board of Selectmen. He said that the plans for the water system still have to be approved by DES and inspection of the water system done. Dustin Bowles said that Code Enforcement Officer Fiske is working to get the 5,000 gallon water supply accepted as backup for fire fighting or will push to get another 5,000 gallon tank buried onsite. Chairman Dow said that Mr. Fiske wants a letter from the Planning Board that VOA has met all conditions of their approval.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn at 8:57 p.m. was made by Tom Moore; seconded by Jeff Green. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna White

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Zoning Board of Adjustment Minutes — February 28, 2008

REGULAR HEARING

Vice Chairman Ned Lizotte called the Loudon Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting of February 28, 2008 to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Loudon Community Building.

ROLL CALL:

The following members were present: Howard Pearl, Vice Chairman Ned Lizotte, George Saunderson, and Alternate Jim Venne.

Jim Venne was appointed to sit as a voting member in the absence of member Dave Powelson.

Also present were Fire Chief Burr and Selectmen Bowles and Ives.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

Regular Hearing George Saunderson made a motion to approve the minutes of January 24, 2008; seconded by Jim Venne. All were in favor.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Case #08-01, AAM Builders, Inc — Special Exception for major home occupation, Map 38, Lot 8-2 (newly subdivided, no # yet assigned). A letter was received from Tony Merullo on behalf of the applicants requesting that this application be withdrawn.

Case #08-02, George Tombarello — Appeal of an Administrative Decision, Map 4, Lot 13 and Map 13, Lot 5. There were no abutters present. Mr. Tombarello explained that he went to the building department for a building permit after last month's ZBA meeting. He said that he told Mr. Fiske of the Board's thoughts on building a barn on his property based on Section 204.2, K & L. Mr. Tombarello said that Mr. Fiske did not feel that the minutes reflected a clear directive to him about issuing a permit and that he did not feel that he could issue a permit unless he had something in writing from the Board. Mr. Tombarello stated that he met with the Conservation Commission about his plan to create and maintain wildlife food plots and manage the land and forestry. He said that he feels that his plan for the land goes along with the Master Plan. A letter supporting Mr. Tombarello's plan was received from the Conservation Commission and copies were given to each Board member and Mr. Tombarello.

Vice Chairman Lizotte stated that the secretary had spoken with the town attorney about Mr. Tombarello's project, the Board's discussion at the January meeting, and the referenced zoning ordinance. Mr. Lizotte said that Mr. Mayer thought the Board would be within their authority to authorize a permit for a barn. Mr. Lizotte said that the Board is leaning in favor of the appeal and that they want to cover the bases in terms of conditions such as no running water, no kitchen, no residential facilities at all. He said that they would like to take some time to think about the things that they need to be very clear on as far as what can be done so that they would have a clear indicator for Mr. Fiske and he has something to work with. Mr. Lizotte said in making the decision to allow the permit stipulations would be given. Mr. Tombarello said that the Conservation Commission had asked him what type of floor he would have in the barn, noting that they would like to see it remain dirt. He said that he told them it would be a concrete slab so that it would be better when working on the equipment and would avoid the risk of rodents and animals getting in the barn. Ned Lizotte said that he has a family member who has a 24 x 36, three stall barn with a loft and cement floor. He said that it houses tractors and outdoor wood equip-

ment. Mr. Lizotte said that he was not able to visualize the size of the barn at last month's meeting, but as he got thinking about it he realized that it makes perfect sense and realized that the space can be filled pretty quick with that kind of equipment. He said that having a solid foundation is best with equipment and he is much more understanding with what Mr. Tombarello wants to do than he was last month. Mr. Lizotte said because the Board is minus some members at this meeting they would like to have those members back to make sure that they get the full Board's input. With that he suggested that the case be continued to next month so that they can give a clear approval with conditions clearly stated.

Howard Pearl said that he did not see a huge issue with having the barn but he was concerned at the last meeting with it headed in a different direction and going too far. He said that the Board has to be careful to have everything in line and clear so that other people can't use this as a stepping stone to do something else. Mr. Tombarello said that he had almost decided to give up on this plan but then Mr. Fiske had suggested that he could get a septic design done, apply for a building permit, and he would give him the permit to put up the barn. He said he contacted the gentleman that Mr. Fiske told him about and in that conversation the surveyor encouraged him to pursue the barn alone rather than tie up a building permit that someone else might need to build a home. Mr. Lizotte said that they are leaning toward approving the appeal but want to be sure that everyone is clear on all points and the code enforcement officer has something clear to work with. George Saunderson asked Mr. Tombarello if he was agreeable with having no water. Mr. Tombarello said that he was and that he never had intentions of having water there. Mr. Saunderson asked about wiring. Mr. Tombarello said that he might like to have it wired for a generator but if that was a restriction then he could still get by. Mr. Saunderson agreed that he might need a generator to run lights when working on equipment in the barn. Mr. Lizotte asked what the problem would be with a generator. Mr. Saunderson said that it would not be a problem and that he just wanted to be sure there were no surprises.

Howard Pearl made a motion to continue this case to March 27, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Building; seconded by George Saunderson. All were in favor. There will be no further notification.

Case #08-03, David & Judith Briggs — Special Exception for Major Home Occupation, Map 33, Lot 43. There were no abutters present. Mr. & Mrs. Briggs explained their business of purchasing vehicles at auction, reconditioning them for re-sale, and the reason for the special exception. Mrs. Briggs went through the points of the application. Ned Lizotte asked what the typical length of stay is for a vehicle. Mr. Briggs said that it depends on the method of sale but it could be anywhere from one to five days typically. George Saunderson asked how many cars they would have at any one time. Mr. Briggs said it would only be what could be kept in the garage which is a maximum of four. Mr. Saunderson asked the applicants if they would be alright if approved for five cars. Mr. Briggs said that would be very acceptable. He said that all vehicle reconditioning is done in the garage which is on a slab and there are no floor drains.

Vice Chairman Lizotte explained that the applicants received a letter from the Board of Selectmen after reviewing their application for a permit for a dealer repair/supplemental plate for sale of vehicles. He said that the letter stated that it was felt that this would be considered a home occupation and would need ZBA approval. Mrs. Briggs said that their current permit is due for renewal and that the state is holding their current application open pending the ZBA approval. Mr. Lizotte asked if anyone would like to speak in favor of the application. Hearing none, he asked if anyone would like to speak against the application. Chief Burr said that he is not necessarily opposed to the application but he did want to note that the permit is marked as a repair garage. Mrs. Briggs said that was not correct. Mr. Briggs stated that it is marked as a repair plate that is specific to reconditioning and reselling vehicles. Chief Burr said that if it is a repair garage it then falls under different codes. Mrs. Briggs said that they are not a repair garage. She explained that by state law they get paperwork on each car that they purchase and the ownership is in their name. George Saunderson clarified that they are not repairing their neighbors cars but have their own series of cars that they clean up and sell. The applicants said that was correct. Chief Burr said that the codes are more stringent if it is a repair shop as compared to buffing.

George Saunderson asked if a site walk should be scheduled. Ned Lizotte asked the applicants about the timeframe of the renewal of their current permit. Mr. Briggs said that it has to be renewed by the end of March. Mr. Lizotte pointed out that the next ZBA meeting would be March 27th and asked if that would work for the applicants. Mr. Briggs said that he would have to renew the current permit because they would otherwise lose it and have to start the process over. Howard Pearl said that he does not want this to turn into a repair shop and understands that they have been assured that it will not but asking for a repair plate raises a red flag. Mrs. Briggs explained that they have to have the repair plate in order to get the supplemental plate. Mr. Pearl said that he would think that reconditioning could include mechanical repairs or anything that makes the car fit to sell. Dustin Bowles asked what they are applying for. It was stated that they are applying for a special exception for a major home occupation. Mr. Bowles said that he thought zoning regulations limited a home occupation to 50% of the first floor of the home. He said that the selectmen have done some dealer plates before but when they saw repair plate marked on the permit they realized those are not typical. He said this sounded more like a business and that is why it was sent to the ZBA. He said detailing is one thing. Ned Lizotte noted that there had been a similar situation on Upper Ridge Road a couple of years ago and that was for detailing of motorcycles. He said everyone got uncomfortable with that but it had not sounded like it was for repairs. Mr. Bowles said that the Board needs to be very careful as one thing leads to another and this could be turned into a full-fledged garage, noting that these special exceptions stay with the property even if the current owners move on. He asked if the applicants have applied for a dealer plate. Mr. Briggs said that they were told that they have to have commercial property in order to get a dealer plate. Mr. Bowles said that there are several people in town who have dealer plates. Mrs. Briggs

stated that she and her husband are bonded dealers but in order to have a dealer plate they would have to have a commercial site. Chief Burr said that the special exception stays with the property and the use could be changed and then be against codes. Vice Chairman Lizotte said that the application is for detailing, not for repair. He noted that a Board member has a similar business where he does motorcycle application. He said that the owner has vehicles coming in so he can do the applications but he does no repairs. Mr. Bowles said that the Board has to be sure that they are clear with whatever they decide so that the files show what they did or did not approve. He said he would again caution the Board about the 50% of the living quarters being what is permitted for a home occupation. Mr. Lizotte pointed out a cabinet refinishing business that is done in the homeowner's garage. Mr. Bowles said that that was approved so that the work is done in the house and the garage is used for storage. George Saunderson said that he does not find anything in the ordinance about the restriction noted by Mr. Bowles but pointed out that Section 502.2 C was deleted in 2005 and that may have been the reference Mr. Bowles was thinking of. Howard Pearl said that the only limitations that he could find are Section 502.2 F about needing one parking space for every 300 SF of space and then Section 502.5 B that limits the parking to four spaces. He said that would mean that they can use no more than 1200 SF of building space.

Howard Pearl asked about the site walk. Mr. Lizotte explained that the Board is trying to do more site walks in order to have the full details outlined for a decision. He said that they need to be sure that it all falls within the regulations. Mrs. Briggs said that the purpose of this is to get the plates and eliminate having a tow truck or trailer bring in the vehicles, as well as being able to drive the vehicles to Harry O's for washing them and cleaning the upholstery. She said it would be a better situation all around. Howard Pearl said that they are on the right track and that the Board has to be sure to do due diligence. He said that part of the Board's duty is to guide the applicant through the rules. Mr. Lizotte said that they do site walks so that they are fully aware of what is there. He asked the applicants if the delay would create a problem for them. Mr. Briggs said that it would create more expense but would not be the end of the world. He said that they would have to renew their current license and get the additional one after approval. A site walk was scheduled for Tuesday, March 18, 2008 at 5:30 p.m.

Howard Pearl made a motion to continue this case to March 27, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Building; seconded by George Saunderson. All were in favor. There will be no further notification.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

Donna informed the Board of the Spring Planning & Zoning Conference.

ADJOURNMENT:

Jim Venne made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m., seconded by George Saunderson. All were in favor.

*Respectfully submitted,
Donna White
Administrative Assistant*

April 2008 in Loudon						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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