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Town Meeting 2009 Wrap-up

Loudon Town Meeting Minutes for March 10, 2009 First Session and March 14, 2009 Second Session.

Articles 1-2 were held by ballot vote on Tuesday, March 10, 2009, the polls were opened at 8:00 a.m. and closed at 7:00 p.m. at Loudon Town Hall on Clough Hill Road by Moderator Philip Nadeau.

Eileen Cummings and Donna White checked the ballot box to verify it was empty.

The Loudon Officers for the day were Roger Matte and Gregory Bavis.

The Ballot clerks were Helen McNeil, Dorothy Mulkhey, Eileen Cummings, and Charlene Morin. The Supervisors of the Checklist were Diane Bullock, Lynn Riel, and Dawn Pearl.

ARTICLE 1: To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

The results are as follows:

Moderator: *Vote for not more than one. 1 year term.* Philip Nadeau/239. Write In/21.

Selectman: *Vote for not more than one. 3 year term.* Steven Ives/198. Nick Metalious/71. Write In/3.

Supervisor of the Checklist: *Vote for no more than one. 6 year term.* Diane Bullock/262. Write In/3.

Town Clerk: *Vote for no more than one. 3 year term.* Terry L. Hamel/259. Write In/11.

Trustee of the Trust Funds: *Vote for no more than one. 3 year term.* Diane Bullock/262. Write In/3.

Library Trustee: *Vote for no more than one. 3 year term.* Sandra Blanchard/228. Write In/11.

Zoning Board: *Vote for no more than one. 3 year term.* Ned A. Lizotte/236. Write In/4.

Planning Board: *Vote for no more than two. 3 year term.* Thomas Dow/227. Henry Huntington/213.

ARTICLE 2:

ZONING AMENDMENT 2009-1

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment 2009-1 proposed and recommended by the Planning Board for the Loudon Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend Steep Slope District, Section 302.1, Purpose to change any reference to steep slopes from 20% to 25% and amend Steep Slope District, Section 302.2, Description of Steep Slope District to include the following definition in this section as well as in the appendix and change any reference to steep slopes from 20% to 25%: Steep Slope District is defined as all areas within which there is an elevation change of 25 feet or more AND the average slope is 25% or greater. This ordinance shall apply where the proposed site disturbance is greater than 25,000 square feet.

Yes-171 No-109

Reason: This puts the Town of Loudon's Zoning Ordinance, S302 Steep Slope District, back in line with the State of New Hampshire's ordinance and definition of steep slopes. If passed, any references to the percentage of slopes throughout the Zoning Ordinance will be changed from 20% to 25% as well.

Town Meeting — cont. on 4



Past and present members of the Loudon Police Department gathered at the beginning of this year's town meeting to honor Chief Robert N. Fiske for his many years of service. The plaque was presented by Lt. Robert Krieger and reads: "Robert N. Fiske. 40 Years of Service. In Grateful Appreciation of your 40 Years of Dedication and Devotion to the Town of Loudon as Chief of Police. Presented to Chief Robert N. Fiske by the past and present Employees of the Loudon Police Department. March 14, 2009."

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 7:00 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.: Closed • Tues.: 10 a.m.–9 p.m. • Wed.: 1–9 p.m.
Thurs.: 10 a.m.–5 p.m. • Sat.: 9 a.m.–1 p.m.

The Library Trustees meet at 5 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month.

John O. Cate Memorial Van

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

Loudon Food Pantry

30 Chichester Road, Unit D, Loudon

Open Wednesdays from 10 a.m.–6 p.m. or for emergencies.
For more information, call Sue or Sarah at 724-9731 or email LoudonFoodPantry@yahoo.com

Loudon Representatives

Merrimack County — District 6

Maureen Baxley: PO Box 67, Andover, NH 03216. 682-3782
Claire D. Clarke: 437 Daniel Webster Hwy., Boscawen, NH 03303. 796-2268
Priscilla P. Lockwood: PO Box 1, Canterbury, NH 03224. 783-4349
Joy K. Tilton: 4 Hill St., Northfield, NH 03276. 286-8806
Frank A. Tupper: PO Box 92, Canterbury, NH 03224. 783-4110
Deborah H. Wheeler: 38 Bay St., Northfield, NH 03276. 286-8212

Senators — District 07

Harold W. Janeway: 225 Tyler Rd., Webster, NH 03303. 271-3041

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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March 2009 Ad & Copy Deadline:	Fri. 2/13	Council Meeting:	Mon. 2/16
April 2009 Ad & Copy Deadline:	Fri. 3/20	Council Meeting:	Mon. 3/23
May 2009 Ad & Copy Deadline:	Fri. 4/17	Council Meeting:	Mon. 4/20
June 2009 Ad & Copy Deadline:	Fri. 5/15	Council Meeting:	Mon. 5/18
July 2009 Ad & Copy Deadline:	Fri. 6/19	Council Meeting:	Mon. 6/22
August 2009 Ad & Copy Deadline:	Fri. 7/17	Council Meeting:	Mon. 7/20
September 2009 Ad & Copy Deadline:	Fri. 8/14	Council Meeting:	Mon. 8/17
October 2009 Ad & Copy Deadline:	Fri. 9/18	Council Meeting:	Mon. 9/21
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Wednesday: Women’s Bible Study, fellowship, and prayer: 9:15 a.m.

Ongoing Evening Adult Bible Studies: call for details



Faith Community Bible Church — Evangelical Free Church of America

Jeffrey Owen, Senior Pastor • Joshua Owens, Associate Pastor • Tom Stevens, Minister of Youth
334 North Village Road, Loudon, NH 03307 • 783-4045 • www.fcbc-loudon.org

Fall, Winter, and Spring Hours (Sept.–May):

Sunday Worship Service: 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. • *Sunday School:* 9:30–10:30 a.m.

Summer Worship Hours (June, July & August):

Sunday Worship Service: 8:00 a.m. and 9:45 a.m. (no Sunday School classes)

Prayer Meeting: Weds. 6:30 p.m. • *Pioneer Club:* Weds. 6:30 p.m. (ages 3–5th grade)

Bible Study: Thurs. 9:30 a.m. • *Youth Group:* Sun. 6:00 p.m.

Faith Community Bible Church has Men, Women, and Small Group Ministries. Please call the church office for more details. Office Hours: 9 a.m.–2 p.m. on Tues., Weds., Thurs.

Email: phyllis.minery@fcbc-loudon.org



Landmark Baptist Church

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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. • *Master Club:* Weds. 6:30–8 p.m. (ages 5–6th grade)

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!



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.



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)

Tuesday and Wednesday Evenings: Regional PrayerWatch Groups and Christian Study Groups (call for details)

Loudon Congregational is a member church of the Conservative Congregational Christian Conference (www.cccusa.org).

GraveRobbers Coffeehouse

A community hospitality project of Loudon Congregational Church.

GraveRobbers is a safe, fun setting for everyone! Coffeehouse concerts are held the **first Saturday of every month at 7 p.m.** featuring accomplished musical artists of various styles in a casual, café setting (doors open at 6:30). There is no admission to the concerts; however, donations for the artists are encouraged. Refreshments are available at reasonable prices.



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.–Fri.

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.)

Kidsville (Grades 1–4)

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

Tuesdays: Children’s Bible Quizzing (Grades 1–6). 5:30–6:30 p.m.

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

Wednesdays: Youth Group (Grades 7–12). 6:30–8:00 p.m. [Brian Bollinger/Rick Smith]

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 website or call the church office for details.



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



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

True Witness To Perform At GraveRobbers Coffeehouse

GraveRobbers Coffeehouse, a community hospitality project of Loudon Congregational Church, is pleased to feature *True Witness* on Saturday, April 4. *True Witness* is a Hudson Valley, New York-based band currently on their 2009 “LOVE ON HIGH” tour. Their contemporary style of music is a blend of acoustic and electric rock featuring unique original musical compositions and eclectic arrangements. Their first album, “Origins” was released in 2007 and their second release, “Once In Time” was released in March of 2008. Their music resonates with all age ranges and their passion is to present thought-provoking songs and stories that describe life’s struggles and to offer an alternative message of strength, faith, and hope to everyone living through the struggles and challenges of each day. They have performed at premiere venues like SoulFest 2008 in Gilford, NH, The Utica Music Fest, and BeachFest ’08. You can hear their sound at www.truewitness.com. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and *True Witness* will play at 7:00 p.m. Admission is free; however, coffeehouse staff will pass the hat for the benefit of the band. Coffee and other refreshments will be available at reasonable prices.



May preview: Next month, GraveRobbers will welcome Rhode Island-based acoustic folk singer/songwriter Ray Tierney. You can hear his sound at www.raytierney.com.

GraveRobbers Coffeehouse is a fun, safe, substance-free, positive environment for youth and adults. The coffeehouse is open the first Saturday of each month, featuring a relaxed, cafe-style setting, good, simple refreshments, and skilled musical artists of all styles. Loudon Congregational Church and GraveRobbers Coffeehouse is located at 7018 Church Street in Loudon Village. For more information, please call the church at 783-9478, or visit www.loudoncongregational.org and click on the GraveRobbers Coffeehouse link. ■

Holy Week Services at New Beginnings Church of the Nazarene

- Thursday, April 9, 7–9 p.m., Maundy Thursday Service with Communion.
- Friday, April 10, 7–8 p.m., Good Friday Service
- Sunday, April 12, 9–10:15 a.m., Easter Sunday Breakfast. A small donation at the door will be requested. Call the church to pre-register (for planning purposes).
- 10:30 a.m., Easter Worship Service with Sr. Pastor John White. Also a special Kidsville Easter Worship Time for children in Grades 1–4 and their parents with Kidsville Pastor Gary Lambert, the Kidsville Worship Team and the Kidsville Puppets. This will be an Easter service like none you’ve ever attended before. ■

Concord Brain Injury Support Group April 21 meeting

Location:

Granite State Independent Living
21 Chenell Dr., Concord, NH

Time:

6:30–8:00 p.m.

For information contact: Jan, 568-6021 or Pat, 463-3035

**Survivors, Caregivers, and
Interested Individuals are welcome**

Town Meeting Wrap-up — continued from page 1

ZONING AMENDMENT 2009-2

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment 2009-2 proposed and recommended by the Planning Board for the Loudon Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend Section 207.5, Setback and Yard Requirements (Commercial/Recreational District), to allow setback reductions by Special Exception as in all other districts.

Yes-207 No-73

Reason: Reduced setbacks are permitted by Special Exception in all other districts. This provision was inadvertently omitted at the time that the C/R District was created.

ZONING AMENDMENT 2009-3

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment 2009-3 proposed and recommended by the Planning Board for the Loudon Zoning Ordinance as follows: In the appendix — definitions, add a definition for Sign, Animated.

Yes-207 No-72

Reason: To clarify sign definitions due to changing technology.

ZONING AMENDMENT 2009-4

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment 2009-4 proposed and recommended by the Planning Board for the Loudon Zoning Ordinance as follows: In the appendix — definitions, add a definition for Sign, Changeable Copy (manual).

Yes-208 No-77

Reason: To clarify sign definitions due to changing technology. If passed, this will replace the definition of Sign, Changeable Copy.

ZONING AMENDMENT 2009-5

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment 2009-5 proposed and recommended by the Planning Board for the Loudon Zoning Ordinance as follows: In the appendix — definitions, add a definition for Sign, Changeable Copy (electronic).

Yes-204 No-81

Reason: To clarify sign definitions due to changing technology.

ZONING AMENDMENT 2009-6

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment 2009-6 proposed and recommended by the Planning Board for the Loudon Zoning Ordinance as follows: In the appendix — definitions, add a reference for Sign, Electric Message Center.

Yes-199 No-85

Reason: To clarify sign definitions due to changing technology.

ZONING AMENDMENT 2009-7

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment 2009-7 proposed and recommended by the Planning Board for the Loudon Zoning Ordinance as follows: In the appendix — definitions, add a definition for Sign, Flashing.

Yes-198 No-85

Reason: To clarify sign definitions due to changing technology.

ZONING AMENDMENT 2009-8

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment 2009-8 proposed and recommended by the Planning Board for the Loudon Zoning Ordinance as follows: Add Article X, Small Wind Energy Systems and include the definitions in the appendix and amend Sections 203.3, 204.3, 205.3, 206.3 and 207.3 to be permitted by Special Exception in all districts.

Yes-237 No-50

Reason: To facilitate and promote the research and development in, and use of, small wind energy systems in the Town of Loudon.

Articles 3–12 will be taken up at the second session of the annual Town Meeting on Saturday, March 14, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. at the Loudon Elementary School Gym on School Street.

Philip Nadeau, Moderator, called second Session to order at 9:00 a.m.



Left: Town officials stand for the Color Guard at the beginning of town meeting. Pictured left to right: Deirdre Littlefield, Deputy Town Clerk; Terry Hamel, Town Clerk; Phil Nadeau, Moderator; Steve Ives, Chair, Board of Selectmen; Dustin Bowles, Selectman; and Roger Maxfield, Selectman.

Below: All ages get involved at town meeting.

Boy Scout Troop #247 presented the colors and the Pledge of Allegiance. Philip asked for a moment of silence for the men and women in the Middle East. Philip introduced the Selectmen, Roger Maxfield, Dustin Bowles, and Steve Ives. Then the Ballot Clerks, Eileen Cummings, Charlene Morin, Dot Mulkahey, and Helen McNeil also the Supervisors of the Checklist, Dawn Pearl, Lynn Riel, and Diane Bullock. Followed by Town Clerk, Terry Hamel Deputy Town Clerk Deirdre Littlefield, Office Manager Jean Lee, and Sound System Coordinator Ray Dow.

Lieutenant Robert Kreiger gave a special plaque to Chief Robert Fiske for 40 years of dedication to the Residents and past and present employees. Chief Fiske was quite surprised to be receiving it. He thanked everyone and quickly exited the stage.

Philip Nadeau went over the rules for conducting our town meeting reading from the ballot card. He clarified the meaning of Restricting Reconsideration of an article meaning that if an article was restricted from reconsideration it meant that the article could not be brought back up for discussion again during this meeting. He then went over the election results from Tuesday, March 10th, 2009.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to discontinue completely a portion of the Old Stanuels Road, beginning at the Route 106 Right-of-way adjacent to Tax Map 1, Lot 049 and continuing for a distance of 435 feet. *Moved by Dustin Bowles, Seconded by Roger Maxfield. Article #3 passed as read.*

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Recreation Revolving Fund pursuant to RSA 35-B:2 11. The money received from fees and charges for recreation park services and facilities shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be considered to be part of the town's general fund unreserved fund balance. The Town Treasurer shall have custody of all monies in the fund, and shall pay out the same only upon order of the recreation director (no further town meeting approval required). These funds may be expended only for recreation purposes as stated in RSA 35-B, and no expenditures shall be made in such a way as to require the expenditure of other town funds that have not been appropriated for that purpose. Further to raise and appropriate \$1,000.00 from the unreserved fund balance for this purpose. The Selectmen recommend this article. *Moved by Steve Ives, Seconded by Dustin Bowles.*

There was a clarification regarding \$1,000.00 that is in a Capital Reserve Fund. **Article #4 passed as read.**

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to establish or amend fees or charges pursuant to RSA 41:9a. If approved, this authorization will remain in effect until rescinded. *Moved by Roger Maxfield, Seconded by Steve Ives.*

Discussion ensued regarding the Selectmen being able to increase fees without the Town's people approving them. Selectman Steve Ives read the RSA pertaining to this article. This is basically a house-keeping article.

Article #5 passed as read.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 to participate in a bi-annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day in the Spring of 2010. This article would affect



the tax rate by 2 cents per \$1,000.00 value. *Moved by Dustin Bowles, Seconded by Roger Maxfield.*

Steve Bennett from the Transfer Station and Recycle Committee clarified that this would happen every 2 years. Discussion ensued regarding if we needed to raise the funds this year for 2010. Point of clarification was made to the budget year and when this money plans to be spent. The Budget year if from July 1–June 30th. This day is planned for Spring 2010.

Cory Clark made an amendment for this article to \$5,000 with the suggestion to draft an article for the next town meeting to appropriate the other \$5000. Discussion ensued. Steve Ives recommended to not vote for this amendment. Amendment failed, back to original article, more discussion. Article #6 passed as read.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$186,000.00, for the purchase of an Ambulance and Equipment, with said funds to be withdrawn from the Ambulance/Rescue Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, and to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to carry said purpose in to effect. This article will not affect the tax rate. *Moved by Roger Maxfield, Seconded by Steve Ives.*

This Ambulance is listed in the 2009–2010 Capitol Improvements Program as proposed by the Fire Department. Just after the 2008 town meeting a committee was formed to look at replacing the current Ambulance, a 1999 PL Custom. This committee looked at the needs of the department, they viewed ambulances from four manufactures and then wrote a set of specifications. Those specifications were then sent out to four ambulance manufactures.

Chief Jeff Burr clarified the need for the Ambulance. **Article # 7 passed as read.**

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$160,000.00 for the purpose of resurfacing Soucook Lane and Lovering Avenue, and for preparing Hollow Route Road and the paved portion of Bumfagon Road for future paving. \$100,000.00 to be withdrawn from the Roadway Improvement Capital Reserve Fund and the balance to be raised from taxes. This article will affect the tax rate by 12 cents per \$1,000.00 value. *Moved by Dustin Bowles, Seconded by Roger Maxfield.*

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Discussion ensued, some clarification of stimulus package. **Article #8 passed as read.**

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$74,725.00 for the purpose of hiring one additional full time Firefighter/Emergency Medical Technician. The sum of \$44,030.00 will be for salary. The sum of \$30,695.00 representing the Town's portion of expenses (the increase in benefits, clothing and equipment needed to outfit said person) that is not included in the posted budget for the year 2009–2010 for the current staffing level. This article would affect the tax rate by 13 cents per \$1,000.00 value. *Moved by Steve Ives, Seconded by Dustin Bowles.*

Discussion ensued. Deborah Kardaseski asked for ballot vote with five registered voters that were present. Ballot Clerks Helen McNeil and Charlene Morin showed that the ballot boxes were empty.

Yes-150 No-94 Article #9 passed as read.

Steve Ives made a motion to restrict reconsideration of articles #3-#8. Seconded by many. Motion passed.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 673:1, II to establish an Agricultural Commission consisting of five (5) members and four (4) alternates. Members and alternates of the Agricultural Commission to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The Commission will work with other town boards on issues that affect farmers and can serve as an information bridge between farm businesses and the non-farm public. *By petition. Moved by Roger Maxfield, Seconded by Steve Ives.*

Carol Soule spoke in favor of this article. **Article #10 passed as read.**

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,602,261.00 to defray Town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same. This article does not include any of the previous warrant articles. *Moved by Steve Ives, Seconded by Dustin Bowles.*

Kathy Pitman moved an amendment that the total budget for the Town of Loudon for 2009–2010 be reduced to \$4,239,881.00 from the proposed \$4,602,261.00. Not to include previous warrant articles. Seconded by Peter Pitman. Then 5 registered voters requested a ballot vote. **Yes-90 No-148. Amendment failed.**

Peter Pitman moved to restrict reconsideration of Article #9. Seconded by many. Passed.

Second Amendment moved by Peter Pitman. Peter moved that all budget line items in section 45500 Library, including 01-45500-100-110 through and including 01-45500-800-886, to be reduced by 25.33%, to bring the bottom line total of 45500 Library to \$134,952.00. Seconded by Katherine Pitman. Then a request from 5 registered voters to vote by ballot. **Yes-78 No-137. Amendment failed.**

Cory Clark moved to amend Article #11 to make line item 01-41301-100-120 Selectmen PT office help to \$0. Seconded by Peter Pitman. Amendment failed.

Cory Clark moved to amend Article #11 to make line item 01-41941-401-413 Town Hall Repairs to \$5,000.00. Seconded by Peter Pitman.

When Cory Clark realized that the line item was for the Town Hall instead of the Town Office he withdrew the amendment.

Steve Ives moved to restrict reconsideration of Article #11 Seconded by Peter Pitman. Passed.

The original Article 11 passed as read with the budget for the ensuing 2009–2010 year to be \$4,602,261.00.

ARTICLE 12: To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting. *Moved by Steve Ives, Seconded by Dustin Bowles.*

Motion to adjourn at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Terry L. Hamel
Loudon Town Clerk

Scholarships Available To Loudon Students

Loudon Elementary School PTA Mildred Lampron Memorial Book Award Available

The Loudon Elementary School PTA is sponsoring a book award to a Loudon student for \$750 in honor of Mildred P. Lampron. Mrs. Lampron was a full time teacher for over 30 years, 25 of them in Loudon at the Elementary School. Educating children was such an important part of her life that even after her retirement she spent a majority of her days at schools substituting and tutoring which she continued to do for another 10–15 years. She was an active community member and believed that the education of children was one of the greatest rewards in life. The Loudon Elementary School PTA honors Mrs. Lampron each year with this award.

To be eligible for this award, a student must be a graduating senior, a Loudon resident, and entering any 2- or 4-year college in the field of Education. The scholarship will be awarded based on community service, academic achievement, and extracurricular participation.

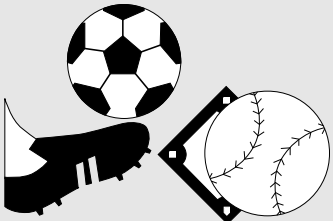
Applications must be completed and returned to Amanda Masse, 82 Lesmerises Road, Loudon NH 03307 or the MVHS Guidance Department by April 30, 2009. The award will be presented at Senior Awards Night. Copies of the application are available on the Loudon website www.loudonnh.org at the MVHS Guidance Department and at the Maxfield Public Library in Loudon.

Arthur E. McNeil and Raymond C. Cummings Memorial Scholarships

The Town of Loudon is pleased to offer the Arthur E. McNeil and Raymond C. Cummings Memorial Scholarships to Loudon students. This year's scholarships total up to \$200,000. The criteria for eligibility, for both high school and college students, are:

1. Applicant *must be a resident* of Loudon, NH. Documentation of residency is required.
2. Student will attend an *accredited post-secondary school*.
3. Scholarships will be awarded for *post-secondary, undergraduate studies only*.
4. Student *must be a full-time student — normally a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester*.
5. The Town of Loudon must also receive documentation from the post-secondary school (college/university), *certifying full-time status* before scholarship money will be awarded.
6. All information will be held in strict confidence by the Town of Loudon Scholarship Committee.

Scholarship applications are available at the Town Office, MVHS Guidance Office, on the web site, at the Maxfield Public Library, and local private high schools. Please note that there are two different applications: one for high school seniors and one for full-time students pursuing an undergraduate degree at an accredited post-secondary school. **The deadline to apply is May 18, 2009. ■**



Loudon Youth Athletic Assoc.

By Tracy Koufos

Become a Member of LYAA! LYAA welcomes you to get involved! We are expanding our membership and providing more opportunities for members of the community to help. Becoming an LYAA member is easy, just come to one of our meetings, which are scheduled every fourth Tuesday of each month at Maxfield Public Library. You can also contact Tracy at tckoufos@msn.com to request to be on our email list to stay informed!

Upcoming Baseball/Softball Season

The Baseball/Softball Committee is excited about the upcoming 2009 season and is continuing to work together to make it a fun and successful season for all. LYAA is now accepting applications for Coaches and Assistant Coaches, at all levels, for the upcoming 2009 Baseball season. Please help make this upcoming season a success! If interested please contact John at bigbadjohn451@yahoo.com or 765-5280.

LYAA requires a State of NH Criminal Background Check on all Coaches, Assistant Coaches, and Umpires. LYAA has made it easy for you! We would ask that you go to the LYAA web site: www.lyaanh.org and click on the link for forms. The volunteer CBC form can be printed, signed and notarized and then sent back to LYAA at: LYAA, PO Box 7816, Loudon, NH 03307. Any questions please contact Tracy at tckoufos@msn.com or 798-3103.

Current Happenings!

Thank you to Jim Charland from Babe Ruth for presenting the Umpire Clinic on March 28th and

thank you to all who participated. Our goal in offering this clinic was to give the tools needed to our volunteers who have willingly volunteered to umpire games, which is not always an easy task. If you are interested in Umpiring for the upcoming season, would like to attend a clinic, or need further information about becoming patched contact Tracy or visit www.baberuthleague.org.

Please be watching for notices to come home and around town, announcing Field Maintenance Day and Opening Day.

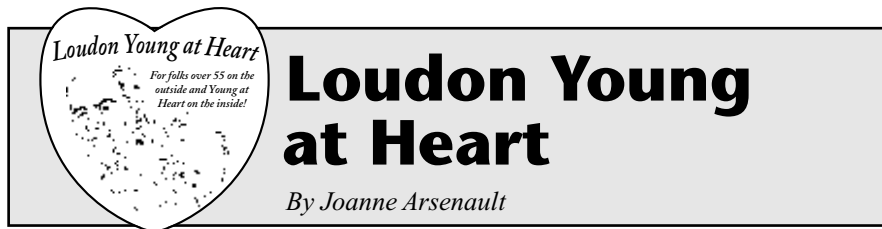
SAVE THE DATE:

For Baseball coaches and assistants, there will be a mandatory coaches meeting, Saturday, April 18th at 9am in Barnstead at the Barnstead Town Hall. Any questions please contact John at bigbadjohn451@yahoo.com or 765-5280.

MV Softball Beginning

The Merrimack Valley Softball Program is also getting underway. If your daughter sign-up with the softball program and you need further information about try-outs, coaching, opening day etc., please contact Jennifer Gelinis, 753-4379 or skidew@myfairpoint.net.

Come get involved! Next LYAA meeting is Tuesday, April 28th at 7 p.m. at Maxfield Public Library. For more information visit www.lyaanh.org. ■



Loudon Young at Heart

By Joanne Arsenault

Our March 10th meeting had only 22 people present due to Town Meeting. Dunkin' Donuts, card playing, and conversation was our program for the day. The lunch served by the Community Action Program consisted of barbecued chicken, corn, scalloped potatoes, rolls and cookies.

At our April 14th meeting, we will be entertained by a Barbershop Quartet. In May, Police Chief Fiske will be our speaker. In June, we will travel to Newbury by bus and visit "The Fells." This is quite a varied list of programs lined up by our Planning/Advisory Board consisting of Dorothy Mulkhey, Dick Malfait, Pauline Haines, Eileen Cummings, Barbara Cannon, and Virginia Merrill in addition to the officers.

New members are always welcome to our group, and our eldest member, Evelyn Kraft, turned 95 years old in March. If you are 55 years of age, welcome aboard! ■

Ian Landry's Senior Project: Golf Tournament to Benefit Breast Cancer

For my senior project at Merrimack Valley High School, I have selected to organize and run a golf tournament to benefit Breast Cancer. The tournament will be held on Saturday, May 9th at 1 p.m. at Loudon Country Club. Proceeds will go to the Breast Care Center at the Concord Hospital. You can support this effort by one of the following ways:

1. You may sponsor a tee or a green by donating \$50. Your company's name or your name will be listed on a sign, which will be placed near a green or tee. Sponsorships would need to be reserved by April 30, 2009. Make a check out to Concord Hospital Breast Care Center.
2. Sign up a team of golfers at \$60 per player (\$20 discount for Loudon Country Club (LCC) members). Included in the price are 18 holes of golf, a golf cart per two players, BBQ chicken for dinner, and prizes. Entries will need to be submitted by April 30, 2009.
3. Donate items that could be used for door prizes or tournament prizes.

For more information or to reserve your spot with me, Ian Landry, at 783-9818 or email me at lcc17hole@netzero.com. ■

Concord-Merrimack County SPCA 5th Annual Dinner with the Animals

Join us on Friday, April 17 for our second largest fundraiser of the year! All net proceeds go directly to the care of your community's lost, abused, and abandoned pets. The fun will start at 6:00 p.m. with a social hour. Staff members and several shelter animals will join the festivities. At 7:00, speaker and author Dr. Nick Trout will speak.

Dr. Trout of Angell Animal Medical Center is the author of the highly acclaimed book *Tell Me Where It Hurts: A Day of Humor, Healing And Hope in My Life As An Animal Surgeon*. The British-born, Cambridge-educated Trout is staff surgeon at Boston's Angell Animal Medical Center, a 185,000-square-foot facility treating 50,000 animals each year. He's performed CAT scans on rats and at least one ultrasound on a frog — and he says that in his two and a half decades of practice, he's seen the relationship between pets and people change dramatically.

His personality, says a *Publishers Weekly* review, "suffuses the many stories sifted from recollections of thousands of animal encounters during his 25 years of practice," and the book "shows how the daily life of a veterinarian requires the ability to be a social worker, a psychologist, a grief counselor, mentor, carpenter, plumber, cosmetologist, athletic coach, magician, grim reaper, and occasionally, guardian angel."

The evening will also offer a Buffet Dinner, a visit from the Concord-Merrimack Country SPCA Animals, a Silent Auction, and time with fellow animal lovers.

For more information, or to be added to the invitation list, email or call: Lin O'Bara at lobara@concordspca.org, 753-9801. Visa and Mastercard accepted. Sponsors welcome and greatly appreciated. ■



Senior Health Clinics

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association is offering a Senior Health Clinics in Loudon at the VOANNE Senior Housing on April 28 from 9 a.m. until noon. All Senior Health Clinic services are \$10. Blood pressure checks are free. To make an appointment or for more information call Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association's Senior Health Program at 224-4093 or 800-924-8620, extension 4830. Rides are available in Loudon by calling 798-5203.

Walk-In Immunization Clinics

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association is offering the following affordable monthly walk-in Immunization Clinic for all ages in March: **Monday, April 6, 2009, 1:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m. and Tuesday, April 21, 2009, 2:30–4:30 p.m.**

Immunization Clinics are held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church Outreach Center, 21 Centre Street, Concord. 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.

Walk-In Blood Pressure Clinics

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association is offering the following FREE monthly walk-in Blood Pressure Clinic: Wednesday, April 1, 10 a.m. to Noon at Hannaford's Pharmacy, Ft. Eddy Rd., Concord and Wednesday, April 8, 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.

"Adopt a Spot" at the Hospice House Gardens

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association is looking for gardeners who would like to "adopt a spot" and give some weekly "TLC" to the Hospice House gardens in the months of April through September. Your gardening schedule can be at your convenience; you can garden alone or with a friend. The Concord Regional VNA Hospice House is located on the Concord Hospital campus. For more information please contact Laurie Brooks, Volunteer Coordinator at 224-4093 extension 2826 or laurie.brooks@crvna.org.

Community Memorial Service is April 23

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association's Community Hospice and Home-care Memorial Service will take place on Thursday, April 23, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Bow Mills United Methodist Church, 505 South Street in Bow. A reception will follow.

For information, contact Laurie Brooks at 224-4093, extension 2826 or email laurie.brooks@crvna.org. ■

Children's Place Spring Fling

"Come shake off your cabin fever and welcome spring with us!"

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Start Time:

Saturday, March 28 at 12:00 p.m.

End Time:

Saturday, March 28 at 2:00 p.m.

Where:

Grace Episcopal Church Hall, 30 Eastman St., Concord

Cost:

Free admission, no membership required

Local Ski Jumpers to Represent the East in the 2009 Ski Jumping & Nordic-Combined Junior Olympics



Fifteen-year old Zach Daniels and twelve-year old Luke Daniels, from Loudon, have both earned a position on the 2009 Eastern Ski Jumping & Nordic-Combined Team. They will be competing in the 2009 Ski Jumping & Nordic-Combined Junior Olympics, which will be held March 3–7 in Anchorage, Alaska. The Junior Olympics is an elite competition for the nations top junior athletes (ages 15 and under). The athletes will compete both individually and as a team on the K64 ski jump. They will also compete in a 5k cross-country race and team relay race.

“Making it to the Junior Olympics in Ski Jumping & Nordic-Combined is not easy,” states Coach Tim Norris, from the Andover Outing Club. “It takes a lot of hard work and training and only those who can stay within a certain standard of the best are named to the Eastern Team.” Norris added, “It’s great to see local kids achieving this level of commitment and accomplishment, and we wish them well.”

The brothers started ski jumping with the Andover Outing Club six years ago and train and compete year round. Zach has competed in the Junior Olympics for the past four years and captured two bronze medals in 2008. This year Zach will be one of the top athletes and will have another opportunity to podium. Luke has qualified for this competition for the past two years, but was too young to compete. This will be his first opportunity to compete in a national event.

“This is an exciting year for us because it is the first and only time that we will be competing together in the Junior Olympics,” said Zach Daniels. “We’ve trained harder and more than ever and we are very prepared for this competition.”

The Andover Outing Club offers USSA (www.uskiteam.com) ski jumping and NENSA (www.nensa.net) sanctioned cross-country ski programs for many ages, including parents. Seven kilometers of groomed XC trails and four lit jumping hills are available to the AOC through Proctor Academy, in Andover, NH. For more information about AOC’s exceptional winter programs, contact Tim Norris, at tgn@proctornet.com. ■

A Public Thank You

On behalf of the Troops and the Pease Greeters, we want to publicly thank:

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JoAnne Schottler, *Care Package Coordinator*, 63 Winnicutt Road, Stratham, NH 03885. 603-772-8620. jscatlady@aol.com. www.peasegreeters.org. ■

Annual Governor’s Conference on Volunteerism

Save the date: Tuesday, May 12, 2009 for the Annual Governor’s Council on Volunteerism. Choose from over thirty sessions in managing volunteers, nonprofit leadership, and community development. The conference will be held at the NH Technical Institute in Concord. On that day, Governor Lynch will recognize the Outstanding Volunteer Manager.

If you’d like more information on the conference, please email registration@volunteernh.org or call voice TTY 1-800-780-8058. For nomination forms for the Outstanding Volunteer Manager award, visit www.volunteernh.org. The deadline for nominations is April 17th. New in 2009: a revised schedule of events and share fair. CEUs are available from NHTI. ■

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D.A.R.E. Pizza Night and D.A.R.E. News

By Corporal Jason S. Fiske, D.A.R.E. Instructor

DARE Pizza Night is our major fundraising event for the Loudon D.A.R.E. program which was held on March 17th, 2009 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. The townspeople and businesses once again showed their overwhelming support. We were impressed with the outpouring of support with the current economic times. We had approximately 120 contributors this year, both individuals and businesses. We were able to raffle approximately

300 items and approximately 450 dinner tickets were 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. On March 22, two buses will bring the fifth grade D.A.R.E. students to a Monarch Hockey game at the Verizon Arena. Prior to D.A.R.E. graduation that will be held on May 5, 2009, the students will perform community service by raking and doing general cleanup around the town buildings and recreation field.

We have many additional people to thank: 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. ■



Everything is all set up and waiting for D.A.R.E. supporters.



Supporters wait to purchase dinner and raffle tickets.



Trying to decide what to take a chance on.

Loudon Police Dept. News

By Chief Robert N. Fiske

On March 17th, we held our annual D.A.R.E. Pizza Night. This event is our major fundraising event for the Loudon D.A.R.E. program. Once again, the townspeople and businesses showed their overwhelming support. We wish to extend our sincere thanks to the many contributors that donate to this program. It is because of these generous contributions we are able to sustain our program and have continued success with our youth. The D.A.R.E. Graduation will be held on May 5, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at the Loudon Elementary School. We are very excited to have Attorney General Kelly Ayotte as our guest speaker at this event!

We have scheduled our bicycle safety program for April 18th at 9:00 a.m. This program is provided in conjunction with the Loudon Recreation Committee. This class will review the rules of the road, bicycle maintenance, and helmet use. All ages are invited to attend. The Boy Scout Troop 30, which is sponsored by the Loudon Police Association, will be assisting with this class, as well as members of the Loudon Recreation Committee. Although not required, we encourage you to register your child by calling 798-5521 or via e-mail at loudonpd@loudonpolice.com. This event will be held behind the safety building and inside the safety building if it rains.

Our lifeguard will be back on duty June 20th. Lisa Halterman has agreed to return again this year to provide lifeguard services at Clough Pond. The days and hours the lifeguard will be on duty will be Wednesday through Sunday from 10:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m. A reminder — a resident sticker is required on any vehicle using the beach facilities. You may obtain this sticker at the transfer station during regular hours.

Don't forget to check out our website at www.loudonpolice.com. Our webmaster is continuing to update the site.

As always, if you have any comments or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 798-5521 or via e-mail at loudonpd@loudonpolice.com or chieffiske@loudonpolice.com. ■

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Save a Bear: Take Your Birdfeeders Down

New Hampshire bears are waking up and heading out in search of food to replenish fat reserves depleted during the long winter denning period. Natural foods are scarce this time of year, so it's critical for homeowners to take action now to reduce the chances of attracting a bear.

"Late March is the time when we typically start seeing bear activity in New Hampshire. To prevent attracting a bear to your residence, it is essential that bird feeders are taken down and put away until next winter," says Andy Timmins, Bear Project Leader for New Hampshire Fish and Game. "This isn't about bird feeders, it's about the safety and wellbeing of black bears. Bears that frequent homes for easy pickings often have a shorter life expectancy than bears that don't. Take down your feeders and save a bear."

"Given that sunflower seed is more nutritious than most foods a bear will find in the woods, it is easy to understand why some residences get visited by bears every spring," Timmins added. "Don't be fooled by the fact that several inches of snow still cover the ground across much of the state; snow depth has little influence on when bears decide to emerge from winter dens."

During the denning period, bears typically lose 25% of their body weight, and a lactating female with newborn cubs may lose as much as 40%. Post-denning bears are readily attracted to human related foods. The statewide black bear population is considered relatively stable — thanks to careful management by Fish and Game — and currently is about 4,800 bears.

Homeowners should take action to reduce the chances of a bear visiting their home. Prevent bear visits by taking a few simple precautions:

- Stop all bird feeding by April 1, which is when most bears have ceased denning.

- Clean up any spilled birdseed and dispose of it in the trash.
- Secure all garbage in airtight containers inside a garage or adequate storage area, and put garbage out on the morning of pickup, not the night before.
- Avoid putting meat or other food scraps in your compost pile.
- Don't leave pet food dishes outside overnight.
- Clean and store outdoor grills after each use.
- NEVER intentionally feed bears!

These steps will help to ensure that your backyard does not become attractive to bears. This is important because it prevents property damage by bears and

because it keeps bears from becoming "nuisance" animals.

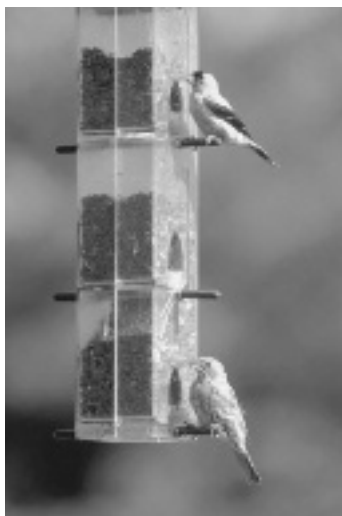
"The surest way to avoid bear/human conflicts is to keep your yard free of attractants. You may need to take additional steps. For example, dumpsters should have a locking metal top that prevents access by bears, and beehives and livestock should be protected with an electric fence. To avoid bear-related conflicts, prevent bears from visiting and, most of all, from getting in the habit of finding food on your property," says Timmins.

For more information on preventing conflicts with black bears, visit www.wildnh.com/Wildlife/Some_things_Bruin.htm.

If you have questions about bear-related problems, you can get technical advice by calling the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Wildlife Services, located in Concord, N.H., at the following toll-free number: 1-888-749-2327 (1-888-SHY-BEAR).

USDA Wildlife Services works in partnership with the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department to minimize wildlife-human conflicts, including those associated with black bears. Last year, Wildlife Services fielded 1,904 wildlife-related requests for assistance, the biggest percentage (24%) of which were related to bears. Each year, Wildlife Services also hires two bear technicians in New Hampshire during May through August, when the majority of bear complaints are received. These bear technicians, in partnership with N.H. Fish and Game Department field staff, work closely with the general public to educate them regarding bear behavior and to directly resolve bear-human conflicts.

The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department is the guardian of the state's fish, wildlife and marine resources and their habitats. Visit www.wildnh.com.



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\$1,477 per month*

LOUDON — WATERFRONT PROPERTY. Walk out your back door right to the water from this 2-bedroom, 2-bath home. Additional 1 bedroom, 1 bath 704 sq. ft. camp/cottage conveys as well. Large living room w/great views of Clough Pond. Enjoy boating, swimming, and fishing right from your property. Finished walk-out basement. Wired for auxiliary generator. Huge deck. **\$269,900**



\$2,175 per month**

LOUDON. Absolutely gorgeous historic 3,360 sq. ft. 4 bdrm. 2.5 bath 2 story colonial on 9.90 acres with views of oak hill. Brick and granite hearths, 3 fireplaces, 1 woodstove & 1 propane stove. In-ground pool, 76x160 Morton barn, 3-car garage. Wide pine floors. Spacious kitchen w/cherry cabinets, Corian countertop and Jenn air range, huge family room, and more. **\$474,900. Additional 150 acres also available \$675,000.**



\$664 per month**

LOUDON — NEW PRICE. Nothing to do here, but move in! Brand new 24x52 mobile home in nice pet-friendly park. New gas range, new refrigerator, new dishwasher, new flooring, new, new, new. Large master bedroom with bath and walk-in closet. Two more nice size bedrooms also. Utility room with washer/dryer hook-up. Kitchen has island for extra storage. Utility shed too. Dead end road. 3 months free park rent! **\$89,900**



\$1,779 per month*

LOUDON. New listing. Custom-built 2.5 story colonial in quiet cul-de-sac neighborhood of fine homes tucked back on a nicely-landscaped fenced lot. Hickory flooring thru-out. 1st floor open kitchen w/stainless appliances, Corian sink and natural cherry cabinets. 9' ceilings, gas fireplace, huge master bedroom w/walk-in closet, central air, 1st floor laundry, Hampton Bay ceiling fans and more. **\$324,900**



\$1,587 per month*

LOUDON. Spacious 4+ bedroom 3.5 bath colonial on 11 acres. Open kitchen with double wall ovens and cooktop in island. 1st floor large master bedroom w/bath w/whirlpool tub and separate shower and his/her sinks. Spare bedroom has full bath w/tub/shower. Office/den on 2nd floor. Large closets in all bedrooms w/walk-in closet in master bedroom. **\$289,900**



\$1,231 per month*

LOUDON — NEW LISTING. One-story living in this charming 3 bedroom 1 bath ranch on .70 acres. Fully-fenced yard with gated driveway located on a dead end road. Hardwood floors. Newly remodeled full bath with custom tile. Sliding glass door leading from dining room to nice large sunny deck and private back yard. Huge unfinished basement. **\$224,900**



\$2,080 per month*

LOUDON. Beautiful open concept 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath, 3-story Colonial on 5.59 private wooded acres with brook frontage. Featuring hardwood floors, newly-remodeled bath, mudroom, cozy 19x15 family room, finished 3rd floor with two bedrooms, master bedroom and bath, central air, full walk-out basement, 2-car garage and 2,660 square feet of living space. **\$379,900**

*Principle and interest only. 30-year fixed rates. Rates subject to change as market conditions require. 100% financing. **Downpayment required.

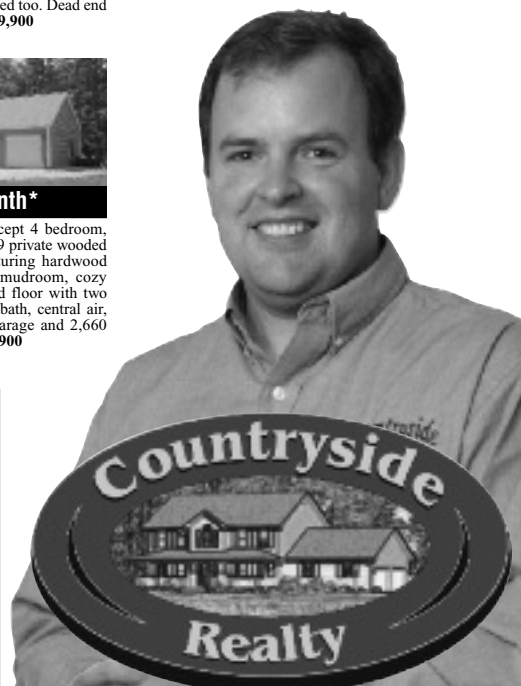


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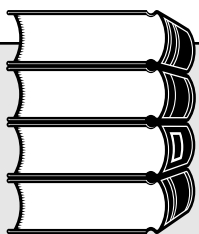
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Maxfield Public Library News

By Cheryl Ingerson



STORY TIME

Story time starts off with a gi-normous subject — dinosaurs! On March 31st and April 1st and 2nd, we will read *When Dinosaurs Came with Everything* by Elise Broach and *How Do Dinosaurs Go To School?* by Jane Yolen. Each child will create their own dinosaur, because dinosaurs come with books too!

On April 7th, 8th, and 9th, the children will make Easter baskets after listening to Priscilla and Otto Friedrich's book *The Easter Bunny That Overslept* and Charlotte Zolotow's *The Bunny Who Found Easter*. After craft time, the children are invited to stay for our annual Easter egg hunt through the Children's Room.

To celebrate National Library Week, April 12th through the 18th, story timers will hear *Wild About Books* by Judy Sierra and *Read Anything Good Lately?* by Susan Allen and Jane Lindamon. The children will have the chance to be an author and illustrator as they design their very own book to keep at home.

Join us the 21st through the 23rd of April for story time during vacation week. We will be reading about shapes and colors with Debbi Chocolate's *Kente Colors* and *The Wing on a Flea: a Book about Shapes* by Ed Emberley. During craft time, the children will use colorful foam shapes to make a masterpiece for their refrigerator.

We'll end the month of April in celebration of Poetry Month. April 28th, 29th, and 30th, the stories in rhyme are *Bear Feels Scared* by Karma Wilson and *Is Your Mama a Llama?* by Deborah Guarino. The craft to follow will be a 3D polar bear.

NEW BOOKS

Fiction

Coben, Harlan
Cussler, Clive
Fowler, Earlene
Gross, Andrew
Kellerman, Jonathan
McMahon, Katharine

Long Lost
Corsair
Love Mercy
Don't Look Twice
True Detectives
Rose of Sebastopol

Nonfiction

Bourke, Anthony
Cohan, William
Grann, David
Harvey, Steve
Resnick, Lynda
Taggart, Caroline

A Lion Called Christian
House of Cards
The Lost City of Z
Act Like a Lady, Think Like a Man
Rubies in the Orchard
I Used to Know That: Stuff You Forgot from School

ART EXHIBIT


The work of Gilford photographer, Mary Villaume, is on display now though mid-April. Don't miss her historic shot of *The Old Man of the Mountain*. Proceeds from the sale of that work will be donated to the library. You are invited to meet the artist at a reception on April 11th, from 1–3 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

"READ WITH ME" — LITERACY WORKSHOP

Reading Is Fundamental, Inc. prepares and motivates children to read by delivering free books and literacy resources to children and their families. Discover

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WHAT KIND OF BOOKS DO RABBITS READ?



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MARCH Word Scramble Answers:
GOLD, SPRING, CLOVER, LEPRECHAUN,
RAINBOW

Why do frogs like
St. Patrick's Day?
Because they're always
wearing GREEN!!





Good Turnout for Sanborn Mills Farm Presentation by Colin Cabot and Historical Society

The Loudon Historical Society had a big turnout for Colin Cabot's presentation of the Sanborn Mills Farm. Colin did a wonderful job and everyone truly enjoyed seeing and hearing all about the process of turning this piece of history into a working mill. Many were also interested in the different classes offered there, like learning how to tinsmith, blacksmith, and oxen logging. We will be planning another tour in September that will be offered to all Loudon residents. Please plan on joining us to see all the buildings that have been restored. It will be a wonderful way to spend a Fall afternoon. Thanks again, Colin. ■

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the value and joy of reading aloud to your children at Christine Campbell's workshop for parents, from 10–11 a.m., on Saturday, April 18th. Her presentation will include the DVD *Read with Me* and discussion. Participants will receive a take-home educational bag filled with a book, CD, and age appropriate information, plus other offerings. This workshop is geared for adults only. Please call the library to sign up.

BOOK AND BAKE SALE

On Saturday, May 2nd, there will be a book and bake sale from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Girl Scout Junior Troop 10361 will have homemade goodies for you to choose from.

If you would like to get advanced notice of future book sales, please contact Debby at 798-5153.

BOOK GROUP

The group meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. and alternates from month to month between books of fiction and nonfiction. Please call the library for information about the next selection. Newcomers are welcome.

LIBRARY HOURS

The library is open Tuesdays 10 a.m.–9 p.m., Wednesdays 1–9 p.m., Thursdays 10 a.m.–5 p.m., and Saturdays 9 a.m.–1 p.m. ■



American Legion Post 88, Loudon

By Jim Dymont

Spring is here! It's been a long, hard winter for me and it's great to see the snow finally leaving.

We have been working on the Legion hall to make it more attractive to renters. The kitchen has a new refrigerator and freezer unit. The floors have been redone in the bathrooms, the anteroom, and the kitchen. The anteroom has been made into a small meeting room, which will hold up to ten people. A new closet has been built to hold cleaning equipment and is stocked for our cleaning person and renters to use. The cost to rent the building at this time is \$25.00.

Upcoming Events at the American Legion Hall

- April 11** Lion's Pancake Breakfast
- April 15** New Legion officers will be installed. We have a new 50-year member who will be honored. All Legionnaire's are welcome to celebrate this event with us. 7 p.m.
- May 2:** Second Annual American Legion Appreciation Day. This is a free pancake breakfast for all veterans and Loudon townspeople. Donations will be accepted. All monies raised will be given to local worthy causes.

I guess that's all for this month. Be safe and enjoy the Spring. ■

The Legion Family

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, June 4 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The presenters include Kimberly Johnson, RN, BSN, Megan Ryder, RD, LD, and Barbara Tynan, PT.

This workshop is for persons with cancer-related fatigue along with 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 issue.

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

Light refreshments will be 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.

As one of Concord Hospital's cornerstone Centers of Excellence, the Payson Center for Cancer Care, approved by the American College of Surgeon's Commission on Cancer as a Comprehensive Community Cancer Center, provides personalized treatment and support for cancer patients and their families, including radiation oncology, medical oncology, and surgery. Board-certified physicians and nationally-certified oncology nurses are dedicated to providing quality health care in a warm and caring environment. The Payson Center offers the latest in advanced technology such as Intensity Modulated Radiation Therapy (IMRT) and the 3D Ultrasound Targeting System, and conducts multiple clinical research trials through New Hampshire Oncology-Hematology, PA, (NHOH) and the Concord Hospital Radiation Oncology Department for eligible patients. The full-service Center features the HOPE Resource Center that offers programs and services to assist patients with all aspects of their cancer care including financial, emotional, spiritual, and dietary needs. ■



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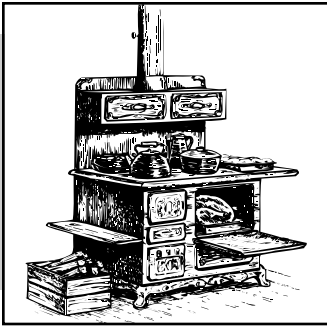
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What’s Cookin’!

This month: Sweet Syrup

By Jennifer Pfeifer

Sweet maple syrup or liquid gold if you live in New England. Those of us who would almost rather have no syrup than “FAKE” (sugar added) syrup on our pancakes know the cost of a good jug of pure maple syrup and the true dedication it takes to make it.

I’m sending a big Thank You to Letty Barton of B&B Syrup on Flagg Road in Loudon 783-4341 who sent me the following two recipes that her family really enjoys. She suggests that if one uses Grade A, Dark or even Grade B syrup it really enhances the flavor.

MAPLE PUDDING CAKE — From *Maple Sampler* by Jan Siegrist

- 1½ cups flour
- ¾ cup sugar
- 2 tsp. baking powder
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- ¾ cup milk
- 1½ cups maple syrup
- ¾ cup water
- 2 tbsp. butter

Whipped cream or ice cream for topping (optional)

Mix flour, sugar, baking powder, salt and milk. Pour into a greased 8" square pan. In a small sauce pan combine the maple syrup, water and butter. Heat just until butter melts. Pour warm sauce over the batter. DO NOT STIR. Bake in a preheated 350 degree oven for 45 min. Serve warm with whipped cream or ice cream. Serves 6–8.

MAPLE PECAN SQUARES — From *Collection of Maple Recipes, NH Maple Producers*

Crust:

- 1½ cups flour
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 cup butter

Filling:

- 2/3 cup brown sugar
- 1 cup maple syrup
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 1/2 cup butter



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- 1/4 tsp salt
- 2 T. flour
- 1/2 tsp vanilla
- 1 cup chopped pecans or walnuts

Combine flour, 1/4 cup brown sugar and butter in a bowl. Mix with fork until consistency of corn meal. Press into a 9x13 pan and bake at 350 for 15 min. In a small saucepan combine 2/3 cup brown sugar, 1 cup maple syrup. Simmer 5 min. Pour over beaten egg, slowly, stirring constantly. Stir in remaining ingredients except nuts. Pour over baked crust and sprinkle on nuts. Bake at 350 degrees for 20-30 min. Cool in pan. Cut into small pieces as they are very rich.

Spicy Maple Syrup Dressing

Don’t forget that maple syrup can be substituted for honey or sugar in many of your favorite recipes.

- 3 tbsp maple syrup
- 1 tbsp horseradish sauce
- 8 tbsp cider vinegar
- 5 tbsp olive oil
- 1 clove garlic, finely crushed
- salt and pepper to taste

Mix all ingredients together thoroughly, chill and serve with salad or raw or cooked vegetables. 1/2 pound firm tofu.

The New England Cold Remedy

- 1 cup boiling water
- 2 tbsp maple syrup
- 2 tbsp spiced rum (or more)
- 1 tsp fresh lemon

Mix together, sip slowly, and go to bed. *If you don’t have a cold try this same recipe with cold water and serve over ice.

BAKED MAPLE POPCORN — Recipe courtesy [ontariomaple syrup.com](http://ontariomaplesyrup.com)

- ½ cup pure maple syrup
- 1 cup butter
- 2 cups packed brown sugar
- 1 tsp slat
- ½ tsp baking soda
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 1 cup unpopped corn

Heat oven to 250F. Cook uncooked popcorn. Put popped corn in a slightly buttered bowl. In a saucepan, melt butter add pure maple syrup, brown sugar and salt. Boil without stirring for 5 minutes. Remove from heat. Stir in baking soda and vanilla extract. Pour gradually over popped corn and mix well. Turn into large roasting pan; bake 1 hour, stirring every 15 minutes. Remove from oven and cool. **Note:** Freezing the uncooked popcorn kernels will yield more popped kernels and they will tend to be lightened in texture.

MAPLE CREAM CANDY — Recipe courtesy By Peggy Trowbridge Filippone

The tender creaminess of maple candy is by far my favorite way to enjoy the pure maple flavor that only real maple syrup can create.

- Boil 2 cups of pure maple syrup over very low heat without stirring.
- Let it reach late thread stage, 233 degrees F. on a candy thermometer.
- Allow to cool to 110 degrees F. on candy thermometer, about 1 hour, without stirring.
- Add 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract.
- Beat until it until it is light in color and fluffy in texture; hard enough to hold its shape.
- Put into forms or molds or shape into patties.

Tips:

- Use pure maple syrup, not imitation or maple-flavored.
- Use a candy thermometer to judge heat.
- This candy will dry out quickly when exposed to air. Pack in an airtight container as soon as it is cool.

Next Month: Gluten Free! Delicious recipes for and from dear friends with food allergies. If you have any recipes or suggestions send them to me by email at jtpfeifer@comcast.net, call at 783-8986.

T+ YOUR HEALTH

By Tricia Ingraham, MPH

April is STD Awareness Month, an annual observance to raise public awareness about the impact of sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) on the lives of Americans and the importance of individuals discussing sexual health with their health care providers and if sexually active, their partners.

STDs are a major public health issue in the United States:

- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates that there are approximately 19 million new cases of STDs each year, almost half of them among young people ages 15 to 24.

- STDs have an economic impact: direct medical costs associated with STDs in the U.S. are estimated at \$15.3 billion annually.
- There are physical and psychological impacts. Untreated, some STDs can lead to serious health consequences, including infertility.

To view recent and cumulative trends in the epidemiology of STD/HIV/AIDS disease among NH residents, visit: www.dhhs.nh.gov/DHHS/CDCS/LIBRARY/Data-Statistical+Report/hiv-aids-report.htm

Safer Sex

You can greatly reduce your risk of getting many STDs by practicing safer sex, but be aware that some STDs like genital warts, herpes, and syphilis can be spread through contact with sores.

- Use a latex condom or a plastic condom if you are sensitive to latex
- The female condom (Reality), sort of like a plastic pouch that is worn inside the vagina, can also prevent many STDs
- Use latex or plastic barriers, such as a dental dams or food wrap, for oral sex on a woman or oral-anal sex. Use latex or plastic (nitrile) gloves if you have cuts or sores on your hands
- Use water-based lubricants (KY, Astroglide) with latex condoms or barriers. Oil-based products (Vaseline, body lotions) destroy latex

The Bottom Line

There are many sexually transmitted diseases besides HIV. Some, like herpes and HPV, cannot be cured, but can be managed. Others can cause serious consequences or may even be fatal if left untreated. Practicing safer sex can pro-

tect you from many, but not all, STDs. See your health-care provider or visit an STD clinic if you have symptoms like genital sores, discharge, or burning when you urinate. You may want to get regular STD tests if you have sex with more than one partner, especially since many STDs don't have recognizable symptoms. If needed, get the treatment your doctor recommends. And make sure your partner gets treated too, so that you don't pass an infection back and forth.

For a listing of NH STD clinics visit: www.dhhs.nh.gov/DHHS/STD-HIVPREVENT/LIBRARY/Fact+Sheet/clinics.htm

Sources:
cdc.gov
thewellproject.org
dhhs.nh.gov

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: triciaingraham@comcast.net

LOUDON BOY SCOUTS



Troop 247 Springs into Spring!

Boy Scout Troop 247 meets every Thursday evening from 6:30–8:00 p.m. at the American Legion Hall on South Village Road. <http://troop247.weebly.com/index.html> Our thanks to the residents of Loudon who supported us at Town Meeting by visiting our fantastic food concessions. The coffee and snacks got everyone energized for this annual event. We also got a chance to see local government in action!

The Troop heartily welcomes our new scouts who crossed over from Pack 247 on March 18th. Pack leaders honored the webelos by organizing events culminating with an arrow ceremony presented by Crew 247 advisor, Mrs. Jean-Marie Fife.

During winter camping held at the end of March at the T.L. Storer Scout Reservation in Barnstead, Troop and Crew continued with orienteering training and exciting outdoor activities.

The Wannalancit Annual Hike-A-thon will be on April 18th. Please sponsor participating scouts, you will be supporting the BSA, and boys also earn funds toward summer camp in July at Hidden Valley Scout Reservation.

Venturing Crew 247

Venturing Crew 247 would like to congratulate Jessica Fife, our current crew president, as she is now the Program Vice President for Daniel Webster Council's Venturing Officers Association. Jessica, along with several other crew members, plans to attend a weekend-long event for Venturers called "QUEST" weekend in early May to be held in Dublin, NH. Jessica has also helped the Daniel Webster Council by making display boards, a PowerPoint slide show and participating as a presenters assistant at University of Scouting on March 7, 2009 on the topics of "COED Venturing and Recruiting New Venturers." Crew and Troop 247 would like to thank her and Cullen Rodrigue for their help as Webelos Den Chiefs for Mr. Decato's Webelos 2 Den this year. Congratulations Jessica and Cullen — keep up the good work you are doing.

If you have any questions about Venturing please feel free to stop in on Thursday evenings any time between 6:30 and 8 p.m. Someone would be glad to help you out.

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Merrimack Valley School District News

A Thank-You From the MVSD School Board

To the Voters of the Merrimack Valley School District,
The Merrimack Valley School Board wishes to express our sincere thanks to you for your continued support. In these difficult economic times, the challenge to do the right thing for our schools and our taxpayers becomes much more difficult. The board also appreciates the efforts of those who attend PTA meetings, support booster clubs, volunteer in our schools, serve on our citizen task forces and attend our budget hearing and annual meeting. Your input and support helps us provide and continue to improve the high quality education that all district students receive.

Thank you again,
Mark Hutchins, Chair
Merrimack Valley School Board

Elementary School

Kindergarten Registration

Parents of children who turn 5 years old before September 30, 2009 are encouraged to call Mrs. Muzzey (783-4400) at Loudon Elementary School to register their child for kindergarten for the 2009-2010 school year. Kindergarten screenings will begin in early April.

Reduced Lunches

Parents of any Loudon student in the Merrimack Valley School District may call Wendy LaClair at 753-1420 to inquire about free or reduced cost school lunch.

Art and Music Night

The Loudon Elementary School Music and Art departments are very busy! On Wednesday, April 1st, Loudon Elementary School will present "A Night Of Art and Music" starting at 5:30 p.m. The evening will start with an art display showcasing different colors, styles and textures of each student's artwork in grades 1-5. At 6:30 p.m. students in grades 1-5 will each demonstrate music that has been learned in class this year. Come hear and experience African drumming, student soloists, singing, dancing, and xylophones! The evening has been a tradition for students at Loudon Elementary School. They are excited to show their parents what they have been doing in their Fine Arts classes. The evening is being directed by Jennifer Keaton, music teacher and Trina Patnaude, art teacher. Also, on Friday April 3rd, the Loudon Elementary School Chorus will be performing the National Anthem at the Manchester Monarchs game! If you have any questions, please contact Loudon Elementary School at 753-1400.

Proof of Chicken Pox Vaccine/Immunity Now Required!

Starting next fall, MVSD will require chicken pox and whooping cough booster shots before children can attend school and for children entering the 6th grade. Health experts thought the two diseases had been largely stamped out years ago, but the state says chicken pox and whooping cough have resurfaced in American schools. Marcella Bobinsky, New Hampshire's immunization program manager, says the state is making the change to comply with the vaccination schedule recommended by the federal government. New Hampshire saw 227 confirmed cases of whooping cough in 2006. Please contact the school with any additional questions at 783-4400.

Bike Helmets Required by Law!

There is a state law effective January 1, 2006 which requires bike helmets for all those under age 16 who are riding bicycles. It also recommends all people, regardless of age, to wear a helmet.

Bicycle crashes are a major cause of brain injuries. Helmets prevent 85% of these injuries and 75% of the deaths. Helmets should be buckled and worn properly to protect your brain. Brain injuries cause life-long problems and huge medical bills. Life will never be the same!

Safe helmets can cost less than \$10. Look for a sticker from the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) to be sure that it meets safety standards.

This law is for kids riding bicycles on public ways. Helmets protect ALL heads. ANYONE riding a bike, skateboard, scooter or using skates anywhere should wear a helmet. (Reproduced from CHAD, Injury Prevention Center.)

LES Important Dates

April 1	Arts & Music Night 5:30 PM
April 2	Incoming Kindergarten Info Night 6:30 p.m.
April 4	PTA Easter Egg Hunt, Breakfast & Crafts; 8:00-12:00
April 8	Chess Club
April 9	PTA Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
April 9 & 10	Kindergarten screening & testing
April 10	Marks close
April 11	Spring Concert grades 1 through 5
April 13	Author Marty Kelley at LES
April 15	Chess Club
April 17	Report cards issued
April 20	Spirit Day
April 20-24	School closed for Spring Vacation

MV Middle School Important Dates

April 11	7th & 8th grade dance
April 16	PTO Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
April 21-25	School closed for Spring Vacation

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@debbiekgraphics.com or call Kris Tripp at: 783-0448. We look forward to hearing about your event or activity!

Middle School News

The National Junior Honor Society inducted the following new members on 2/4/09: Meghan Booker, Sarah Cowen, Lily Davis, Diane Edwards, Megan Elkins, Brittany Fisher, Taryn Galliher, Mikayla Godfrey, Autumn Hoyt, Hannah John, Brooks Kimball, Jordan Neylon, Haley Parent, Andrew Peik, Emily Reagan, Colby Tierney and Olivia THurber.

High School News

Yearbook News:

Last call for yearbook orders. Yearbooks are now \$55 and can be ordered on www.jostensyearbooks.com. If you wait until the end of the year, prices will be \$60, so get it while you can! Limited copies are available. Submitted by Ms. Libby, Yearbook Instructor

Math Team:

The MVHS MATH TEAM closed out the Lakes Region Math League season in 4th place with two perfect scores being recorded by Peter Boltman while Patrick Bousquet posted perfection in the Algebra II category. It was a very productive, challenging, and

enjoyable experience for our team members. And now it's on to the State Math Meet at Plymouth State University on 3/19/09. Representing MV at the State Meet will be: Brett Branscombe, Newell Moser, Patrick Bousquet, Peter Boltman, Mike Lambert, Alex Williams, Abby Lance, Morgan Matthews, Megan Coll, and Sarah Fontaine. And this will be an all day math experience putting our members up against New Hampshire's best. Good luck and high scoring! Submitted by Michael Hallahan, MATH TEAM advisor

Art News:

Congratulations to Elizabeth House on receiving a \$500 Scholarship from the New Hampshire Institute of Art for her outstanding Photography Portfolio in the Scholastics art exhibition.

Merrimack Valley High School now has original alumni artwork adorning the corridors, cafeteria, office area and library. The artwork, beautifully matted and framed by Rowland Studios in Concord, was purchased through a fund created by Mrs. Florence Randall (wife of George Randall, Principal of Penacook High School from 1930-1956 and sister of Penacook's Red Rolfe). Thanks to the Randall Family for supporting the visual arts at our school! Submitted by Ms. Denham, Mr. Dalphonse & Ms. Fitzgerald, art teachers

CASL Student News:

Congratulations to CASL student leaders! Four students from Merrimack Valley High School have been chosen for the Capital Area Student Leadership's Class of 2009. Those students are Kaila Barry (Salisbury), Katherine Copp (Penacook), Morgan Matthews (Boscawen) and Lily Weyant (Salisbury). The CASL program will encourage high school sophomores from schools throughout the region to become active and effective participants and future leaders in their communities through exposure to the historical, cultural, environmental and civic aspects of Greater Concord. Submitted by Ms. Kennedy, Guidance

Senior Project Details:

All seniors are required to attend the evening Senior Showcase on Thursday, April 2nd from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Students are reminded to clear work and social schedules for this mandatory event. Parents and the community-at-large are invited to attend from 7:00 p.m. until 8:30 to meet with our students and learn about their projects.

Senior presentations before a panel of their peers, teachers and community members will take place the morning of Friday, April 3rd during block 1 & 2 classes. There will not be any vocational classes that day. This day has become a wonderful way to celebrate student learning at our school.

Senior Portfolios will be reviewed after the April 16th due date. Details on this will be forthcoming.

Greetings from MVHS Guidance!

We hope students have enjoyed a restful February Vacation and returned to school refreshed and ready to learn!

Sophomores recently took a tour of the Concord Regional Technology Center at Concord High School. Applications for the programs at CRTC were due in Guidance by 8:00 Monday morning, February 16. Some students turned applications in late and will be placed on wait lists for the program they would like. Programs filled up very quickly, with seats remaining only in Graphic Arts and Information Technology.

On Tuesday, March 3rd, we will tour the Winnisquam Regional Agricultural Science Center at Winnisquam High School. Students interested in this program must have signed up for this tour. Courses

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offered at the Ag. Center include Agricultural Science, Horticulture and Forestry.

Seniors. Deadlines for financial aid applications are fast approaching! Do not wait until the last minute and be left out of possible financial assistance for college! If you have not filed your FAFSA, you should do so ASAP! Go to fafsa.ed.gov to get the process rolling. Seniors who still have not completed college applications and requested transcripts need to do so ASAP. Many deadlines have already passed, and others are approaching. For colleges with "rolling admissions" (no deadline) you should still apply now to ensure a seat for fall semester.

Seniors should also be periodically checking the Scholarship page on the MV website for updated scholarship information, criteria, applications, and deadlines.

Respectfully submitted by Mark Ciarametaro, Guidance PR Director

Graduation:

The date for graduation has not yet been set! Snow days continue to push back the last day of school for students (as of 3/2/09, we are going to school through June 19th). We plan to select and announce the date before senior project night!

Upcoming Dates:

- April 2** Senior Showcase. 7–8:30 p.m.
- April 3** Senior Presentations, Blocks 1 & 2
Term 3 Ends
- April 9** Report cards sent home.
Distributed to students in Homeroom
- April 16** Senior Portfolio Due

Merrimack County Savings Bank Rock 'N Race Benefits Payson Center For Cancer Care

The Merrimack County Savings Bank Rock 'N Race, a five-kilometer run/walk on Wednesday, May 20 at 6 p.m. benefits Concord Hospital Payson Center for Cancer Care. This year's seventh annual Rock 'N Race starts and finishes at the State House, and will have ten local bands performing along the route. Snacks are provided along the way and dinner is served for race participants on the State House lawn following the event. Runners and walkers are encouraged to form teams, or participate individually, and raise money through donations. Past races have included participants from throughout New England.

Since the Rock 'N Race began, it has raised more than \$815,000 for the Payson Center. Last year's race drew more than 5,639 participants and raised more than \$250,000. The organizers' goal this year is to attract 6,000 runners and walkers, and raise \$200,000. This year, race proceeds are directed to On-Board Imaging, advanced technology, used in conjunction with a linear accelerator, that provides Image Guided Radiation Therapy. This therapy allows for greater precision by targeting the specific area requiring treatment while sparing normal tissue.

The entry fee is \$25 per person or register online for \$20. For more information, visit www.concordhospital.org or call the Concord Hospital Trust-Office of Philanthropy at (603) 225-2711, ext. 3076. ■

Mikayla W. Fiske Receives National Honor

The National Society of High School Scholars (NSHSS) recently announced that Merrimack Valley High School student Mikayla W. Fiske from Loudon, has been selected for membership. The Society recognizes top scholars and invites only those students who have achieved superior academic excellence. The announcement was made by NSHSS Founder and Chairman Claes Nobel, a senior member of the family that established the Nobel Prizes.

"On behalf of NSHSS, I am honored to recognize the hard work, sacrifice, and commitment that Mikayla W. Fiske has demonstrated to achieve this exceptional level of academic excellence," said Mr. Nobel. "Mikayla W. Fiske is now a member of a unique community of scholars — a community that represents our very best hope for the future."

"Our vision is to build a dynamic international organization that connects members with meaningful content, resources, and opportunities," stated NSHSS President James Lewis. "We aim to help students like Mikayla W. Fiske build on their academic successes and enhance the skills and desires to have a positive impact on the global community."

Membership in NSHSS entitles qualified students to enjoy a wide variety of benefits, including scholarship opportunities, academic competitions, free events, member-only resources,



publications, participation in programs offered by educational partners, online forums, personalized recognition items, and publicity honors.

Formed in 2002, The National Society of High School Scholars recognizes academic excellence at the high school level and encourages members of the organization to apply their unique talents, vision, and potential for the betterment of themselves and the world. Currently there are more than 300,000 Society members in over 120 countries. NSHSS provides scholarship opportunities for deserving young people.

For more information about NSHSS, visit www.nshss.org. ■



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The Girl Scouts Are Ready for Spring!

Thank you to all those who supported the Girl Scouts and purchased Girl Scout cookies! We hope you enjoy them and know that you have helped support girls in your community to participate in great programs!

We are starting to plan for a Starry Night event that will be held in May for all Loudon Girl Scouts. The girls will explore the wonders of astronomy and have a great time with their friends. Troops are very busy working on badges, projects and community service. Believe it or not, we are also starting to plan for our end of year bridging and awards ceremony.

We are always looking for adult volunteers. Providing the girls of Loudon with the great Girl Scout experience can't happen without volunteers! You don't have to have a daughter in Girl Scouting to volunteer, there are many ways you can help us! All it takes is the desire to help enrich the lives of young girls with great experiences, a \$10 registration fee, a background check and a little training and you will make a huge difference!! If you have questions about volunteering or would like to help, please contact Amanda Masse, registrar for Loudon by calling 783-0227 or email jaelmasse@comcast.net.

Thank you for continuing to read about what the Girl Scouts in Loudon are up to and all that they can accomplish! 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 Girl Scout troops in Loudon, the girls and adult volunteers are so busy that all of them don't get a chance to update each month:

Junior Troop #12641

Amanda Masse, Jessalynn Geerdes-Lakowicz & Michele Paquette

The girls made catnip-sock toys for cats and home-made dog bones for dogs and donated them to the SPCA. Most of the girls went to the UNH Women's Gymnastics Team meet in Durham. Our group is so excited for Spring that we have started working on badges that will bring us outdoors very soon!! We are making plans to attend to fun events being put on by The Girl Scouts of The Green and White Mountains in April and May. Also on our agenda is a very fun camping trip for our troop to wrap up our year. Thanks for continuing to read what we are up to!

Cadette Troop #12356

Christine Campbell, Samantha French & Amanda Masse

Some of the Cadettes went to the UNH Women's Gymnastics Team meet in March and cheered on the Wildcats in their win! The girls are continuing to work hard on their Reading interest project. We went to the Maxfield Public Library and will be helping at a future Elementary School literacy night event. We will be helping out at the Starry Night event and will be planning a very fun camping as a troop to round out our Girl Scout year.



Left: Brownie Troop #10045 visits the Banfield Veterinary office and looks at x-rays of a dog that ate a toy. Right: Proud smiles for our quilt project.



Brownie Troop #10045

Kathy Fisher, Advisor, Jenn Maguire, Co-Advisor

We have had a fun month completing 2 try-its. Thanks to Mrs. Smith, the girls enjoyed a tour of Pet Smart in Concord, helping them earn their Animals try-it. We got to see the Banfield Vet office, where Josh escorted us and Dr. S. allowed us to look at blood cells under a microscope. Nick let us see and touch a guinea pig, turtle and some frogs and we also got a chance to see the grooming salon and training area for puppy school. Thank-you for the wonderful goody bags! We also worked on our quilt that will be donated to a child in the foster system and as you can see it looked great with its bright circus theme. The girls really enjoyed sewing to earn their "Stitch It Together" try-it. Our troop did an awesome job on our cookie sales — topping out at 1,284 boxes sold, with 16 donated to our military. Thanks to our community for supporting us! We'll be planning some field trips and community service projects with our funds.

Daisy Troop 10955

Tracy Koufos

Daisy Troop 10955 has been busy wrapping up their cookie sales and getting all cookies delivered. Thank you to all who supported our troop. We are

proud to say that the girls participated in the Gift of Giving program and donated 20 boxes of assorted Girl Scout Cookies to the Loudon Food Pantry.

The girls have been continuing to work towards earning their Daisy petals. The most recent petals earned were their Violet petal which represents the girls "being a sister to every Girl Scout" and their Spring Green petal which represents the girls showing "consideration and caring". The girls complete different activities to demonstrate their understanding of the petals meanings. To show consideration and caring the girls cooperatively worked together to create 3 no-sew fleece blankets that were donated to the Children's Floor at Concord Hospital.

The girls recently just earned their World Trefoil Pin as part of our celebration of Thinking Day. The pin is a symbol of their membership in an international movement. The girls had the opportunity to learn about different countries with the Loudon Unit's Cookie and Sledding Party. We also explored and learned a bit about girl scouts in different countries, what they look like, what they do and what they like to play.

The girls are excitedly planning what they would like to do with their troop cookie money earned. Currently on the top of their list is a visit to Charmingfare Farm in Candia, NH. We'll keep everyone posted! ■



Selling cookies at Town Meeting.

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Operation Cookie Brings a Taste of Home to U.S. 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 the Green and White Mountains will again ship Girl Scout Cookies to U.S. servicemen and women, to give them a taste of home. We need you to make Operation Cookie a success!

Last year the Family Readiness Program of the NH Air National Guard helped ship more than one ton of cookies (more than 12,000 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.

At last year's delivery at Pease Air Force Base, Master Sgt. Mike Ploof (pictured with Family Readiness Program Coordinator Bonnie Lee Rice) helped unload the truck. He said that the year before he had been in Afghanistan, where he was on the receiving end of the delivery!

"It was tremendous!" he said. "It meant so much to us to get this special treat from home, and the letters and cards too."

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 3 to: Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains, 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.

The Girl Scout Cookie sale ends later this month. Call the Cookie Hotline at 800-654-1270 ext. 201, or 603-627-4158 ext. 201, or visit to find a cookie booth sale near you before they're gone.

Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains serves 16,000 girls ages 5-17 and is supported by 6,200 adult volunteers throughout New Hampshire and Vermont. Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world a better place. For more information, call 603-627-4158 or 888-474-9686, or visit our website: www.girlscoutsgwm.org.



8th ANNUAL BICYCLE SAFETY CLASS



Basic bicycle safety program will include: bicycle maintenance & check-up, free helmet & fitting, safety on the roadway, bicycle registration

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Date/Time: Saturday, April 18, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.

Where: Arthur W. Colby Safety Complex
(Loudon Safety Building)

Free Ice Cream coupon for all children participating!



COME JOIN US! Bring your bicycle!!
Free helmets, safety materials & refreshments!



LOUDON HISTORY & MYSTERY

By Tina Rattee

Last month's mystery photo was the Brown School class picture from 1941 or 1942. The Brown School is still located on Lower Ridge Road, take a drive and you can see it. The ten students pictured were, top row, Floyd Flanders, Maurice Green, teacher Helen Lowe, George Flanders, Raymond French, and Esther Flanders. The students in the bottom row were Roger Dow, Robert French, Robert Flanders, Richard Smith, and Myrtle Dow. I had no guesses. Irene and Roger Dow, who supplied the picture, also supplied the names, thank you so much. Thanks also go out to Robert French, who provided me with the year that the photo was taken.

This month's photos are an absolute mystery. Randy Cummings, who sent me the photos, doesn't have any info on them at all. I will take any clue you might have. Do you know one of the people, what year, where they were taken??? Please call or email me, Tina, at 783-0483 or trattee@comcast.net. Any old picture is a good one. It doesn't have to be ancient just interesting. ■

Do you have an old photo you'd like to share? Or a photo that is a mystery to you? Please contact Tina Rattee and your photo can be included in "Loudon History & Mystery."



Last month's mystery.



This month's mystery photos.



Mudgett Hill Mumbling Maplers Team Up With the "Make A Wish" Foundation

They Wished...You Dreamed...Magic Happened!

Let us share a little about three New Hampshire children. Fifteen-year-old Emmalie's wish is to watch sea turtles lay their eggs in Mexico. Ross is 7 and wishes for a puppy. And Garrett, who is 15, wishes to travel to Cambodia to assemble wheel chairs to help others like him.

There are many other children with wishes of their own, but this economic crisis has meant fewer donations, making it a challenge for Make-A-Wish to grant every wish. So, today, more than ever before, every dollar you donate can make a difference. Sick kids can't wait for better days.

The Make-A-Wish Foundation® of New Hampshire has been granting wishes for children with life-threatening medical conditions since 1987. We bring hope, strength and joy to children and their families.

There are already 96 children in New Hampshire waiting to be granted a wish in 2009. Every sick child deserves the opportunity to have their heartfelt wish granted. Thanks to your help, granting every wish can be more than just a wish.

Mudgett Hill Mumbling Maplers Help Grant Wishes

For the past 10 years, the Mudgett Hill Mumbling Maplers have helped grant wishes for sick kids by holding an open house and raffles at their sap house located at 225 Mudgett Hill Road. During those ten years, they have raised more than \$10,000 for the Make A Wish Foundation! The Mumbling Maplers, consisting of Kim Bean, Mike LaBonte, Jerry Bean, Matt Keyser, Joe Brown, Harry O, Stephen Bean, Jim Dymont, and Johnny Carr, opened their doors Sunday, March 29 to the public and were visited by both past and future wish recipients. It was a wonderful day to see the smiles on these kids and sample some of the area's best maple products. The Maplers had syrup, maple candy, and donuts for everyone to sample plus you could see how maple syrup is made. Visitors could also purchase raffle tickets to win lots of maple products, with all proceeds going to the Make A Wish Foundation. By the end of the day the Mumbling Maplers had raised \$2,061!

The Mudgett Hill Mumbling Maplers originally became involved with the Foundation when Mike watched a good friend's daughter pass away before her wish to go to Disney World could come true. He didn't want to see anyone else's wish go unfilled and has worked hard each year to be a "wish filler."

This year's event was done in memory of Ali Dodge, a young lady who passed away last Spring. Her wish had been to raise money at the Vertical Challenge, a skiing event. A close-knit



Above, left to right: Mike LaBonte, Mudgett Hill Mumbling Mapler; Zack Theriault, Amanda Nash, Stephanie Jacobs, Wish Ambassadors (recipients of Wishes); Donna Parker, Director of Development for Make a Wish Foundation of NH; and Kim Bean, Mudgett Hill Mumbling Mapler. The Mumbling Maplers raised \$2,061 on Sunday, March 29 for the Make a Wish Foundation of NH! Below: There's a lot of hard and hot work that goes into making maple syrup. Kim Bean is shown here keeping an eye on the sap as it boils down to syrup.



group of parents of Wish recipients raised \$2,600 to present at the Challenge finale, held March 28 at Loon Mountain Ski Area.

Learn more about the Foundation, help raise additional money, and get a free continental breakfast by contacting Mike LaBonte at 783-4146. This year's guest speaker at the breakfast will be Kelly Ayotte, New Hampshire's first female Attorney General. If you'd like to help make some wishes come true and are unable to attend this event, please send your donation (payable to Make A Wish Foundation of NH) to Mike LaBonte, 7107 School St., Loudon, NH 03307. All donations will be presented on May 7 to the Make A Wish Foundation of NH at their annual breakfast.

For more information on Make A Wish Foundation of New Hampshire, visit their web site at www.newhampshire.wish.org or contact Donna Parker, Director of Development, donna.parker@newhampshire.wish.org. ■

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Loudon Recreation Committee News

Oh my, the Loudon Recreation Committee has been VERY busy and we are planning some great programming for the community. On Saturday, March 14th it was Recreation Night at The Manchester Monarchs and a group from Loudon went on down to The Verizon Wireless Arena for the hockey game — it was reported to be great fun! We hope to offer this with more notice next year. Also in full swing is the crochet class being offered by instructor Brian McGaunn. In March and April, he is teaching a life skill to several Loudon residents with beginner crochet and then the more advanced class of a full afghan. Thank you to Brian for making this possible — we hope all who attend enjoy the class.

Please see the details below on the upcoming classes and events including: Safe on My Own class, Baby-sitting class, Spring Golf Lessons, Youth Karate, Tai Chi and Theater Program. We are also working on plans for tennis lessons and swim lessons. In addition to all that, we are starting to plan the schedule for the Community Summer Fun nights that are held in July and August. We would appreciate your feedback on what you have enjoyed in the past or ideas of what you would like to see included. Be sure to check the website between issues of *The Loudon Ledger* for additional events or program opportunities. Thank you for your continued support!

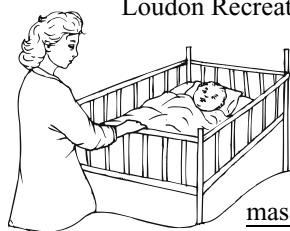
The **Rink Park Subcommittee** appreciates those who returned the surveys that were sent out and in the March *Loudon Ledger*. If you haven't had a chance to respond, please go to the website www.loudonnh.org, print a survey, and send it

back completed — we appreciate all feedback. The group is scheduled to meet again on April 6 at 6:30 at The Community Building/Charlie's Barn in the village. We are inviting anyone who may be interested or curious about this potential project to attend.

We always welcome program ideas — you can go to the website www.loudonnh.org to print, complete, and return the event/activity survey form. If you have been thinking of volunteering for something, we have a place for you! We are a small group of volunteers interested in providing all sorts of affordable programming to citizens of all ages in Loudon. We would really enjoy having you join us! The Recreation Committee meets once a month, usually on the fourth Wednesday of the month at The Maxfield Public Library at 6:30 p.m. If you can't attend the meetings, but would like to get placed on our email contact list for volunteering at specific events, please email Alicia Grimaldi at affirmhealth@yahoo.com. ■

BABYSITTING COURSE

This 8-hour course will provide youth who are planning to baby sit with the knowledge and skills necessary to safely and responsibly give care for children and infants. This training will help develop leadership skills; learn how to develop a babysitting business; keep themselves and other safe; and help children behave. Participants will also learn about basic child care, basic first aid, and CPR. Recommended ages for the class are youth between 11–15 years. The class will be held Saturday, May 2, 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. at the Loudon Community Building



Loudon Recreation Committee is paying a portion of the class; the balance of the **cost per student is \$30. Students should register in advance.** There is a class maximum and minimum. Please go to the website www.loudonnh.org, print the form, and follow the instructions to register. If you have any questions, please call Amanda @ 783-0227 or email jaelmasse@comcast.net.

"SAFE ON MY OWN"

Friday, April 10. 5:30–8 p.m. at L.E.S. in Room 102. This 2-hour class teaches children ages 8–11 personal safety, home alone responsibilities, and basic emergency communication techniques.

Loudon Recreation Committee is paying a portion of the class; the balance of the **cost per student is \$10.** Students should register in advance. There is a class maximum and minimum. Please go to the website www.loudonnh.org, print the form, and follow the instructions to register. If you have any questions, please call Amanda @ 783-0227 or email jaelmasse@comcast.net.

THEATER CAMP FOR KIDS

The experienced New Hampshire Theater company, Children's Stage Adventures will be back again this year for a Children's Theater Camp the week of July 6–10th at Loudon Elementary School. **Cost is \$75 per student and includes the entire program from 10:15–4:45 (children need to bring their own lunch, snacks and drink).** Non-Loudon resident children will be accepted if space is available. Children learn, practice, and perform a live theatrical play with a performance for families and the entire community at the end of camp on Friday night.

A registration form with more information can be found on the website at www.loudonnh.org. Please print the form and follow the instructions. Registrations will be accepted until the program is full. For more information about Children's Stage Adventures visit their website at www.childrenstageadventures.org. If you have any questions, please call Christine at 783-9838 or email camps06@aol.com.



SPRING GOLF

Spring Golf Instruction at the Loudon Country Club will begin May 18th and run for 5 weeks for adults and kids ages 5 and up.

Adults, ages 14 and up meet on Mondays from 5:30–6:30 p.m. **Cost is \$60 for 5 weeks.**

Juniors, ages 8 to 13 meet on Thursdays from 5:15–6:15 p.m. **Cost is \$60 for 5 weeks.**

Kids, ages 5 to 7 meet on Tuesdays from 5:15–6 p.m. **Cost is \$30. (Parents are requested to stay through the lesson.)**

If you have your own equipment, you are encouraged to bring it and if you do not, clubs will be provided for you. If you aren't a Loudon resident, please add \$10 processing fee. Please go to the website www.loudonnh.org, print the form, and follow instructions to register. If you have any questions please call LeeAnn @ 396-4950 or email la_childress@comcast.net. **Registration deadline is May 11th.**



YOUTH KARATE PROGRAM

This 6-week class is being offered with instructor David Graham from Body Works.

Class for ages 5–7 will be on Tuesdays (April 7, 14, 28 & May 5, 12, 19) from 5–5:45 at Loudon Elementary School Cafeteria.

Classes for ages 8–10 will be on Thursdays (April 9, 16, 30 & May 7, 14, 21) from 6–6:45 at Loudon Elementary School Cafeteria.

Class fee per child is \$45 (\$50 for non-Loudon residents)

Class size is a minimum of 10 and a maximum of 15.

Deadline is April 3rd

Please go to the website www.loudonnh.org, print the form, and follow the instructions to register. If you have questions, please call Jennifer @ 783-8986.

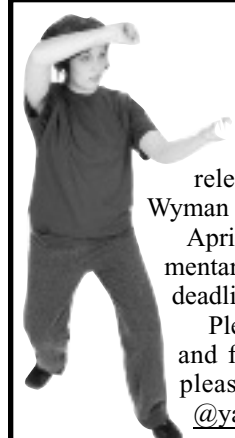


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Meditation and Movement to refresh, relax, and rejuvenate. Tai Chi is an ancient Chinese form of relaxation and health maintenance. By following the movements, you release tension and gather new energy. Instructor Marcia E. Wyman will offer a 4-week session.

April 13, 27, May 4th and 11th from 6–7 p.m. at the Loudon Elementary School Cafeteria. **Cost per student is \$40.** Registration deadline is April 6th.

Please go to the website www.loudonnh.org print the form and follow the instructions to register. If you have questions, please call Alicia @ 435-5193 or email affirmhealth@yahoo.com.



Scenes from Winter Carnival

OK, we know it is Spring now, but we wanted to get a chance to share some of the great photos we got during the Winter Carnival Event on Saturday, February 21st. First we have to say THANK YOU to all those who made the event possible! Many people came out to enjoy the beautiful day and all the

activities offered, including snowshoeing, a snowman building contest, and snow volleyball. Free hot cocoa and cookies were available and a hot dog lunch could be purchased with the proceeds going to Loudon Food Pantry. A total of \$182.75 was donated to the Pantry to support those in need. It was a

great afternoon of spending time with family and friends and even meeting new people from Loudon. The snowman/snow sculpture contest was fierce this year! The winners were: 1st place went to The Squirrel by The White Family — Joli, Alec, Eric and Emma. 2nd place was Snowee the Snowman by

Justice, Jace, and Trevor. 3rd place was the Korean Flag Forte — Rock On by Corey Salisbury, Kasey, and Connor Carbone. We have some great ideas for categories for next year. Thank you all who participated in the day, it was a great time — we look forward to doing it again next year! ■



Second Place winner in the Snowman contest.



First Place winner in the Snowman contest.

Hunter Education New Instructor Training Offered

If you are an experienced hunter who wants to pass along the outdoor traditions, consider becoming a Hunter Education instructor. The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department is offering free training this spring to certify new instructors to be a part of the program, which includes Hunter and Bowhunter Education courses, required for first-time license holders in the state.

“People volunteer as instructors in the Hunter Education Programs for many reasons. Chief among them is the desire to be a valuable part of the outdoor tradition and help ensure its future,” said Pete Davison, Hunter Education Coordinator for Fish and Game. “Potential instructors should be hunters or bowhunters with at least a few years of practical experience.”

Candidates for the position of volunteer instructor must be at least 18 years of age, have completed the appropriate basic certification course (Hunter or Bowhunter education); undergo a background investigation for misdemeanor convictions and fish and game violations; and successfully complete all required instructor trainings. To apply, return a completed instructor application form, which can be found at www.huntnh.com/Hunting/hunter_ed_instructor.htm.

Once certified, instructors then must instruct or assist in teaching at least one course during the two-year certification period, and attend a current instructor training workshop annually.

New instructor training for Hunter Education will be offered (training involves two sessions): **Friday, April 3**, from 6–9 p.m. and Saturday, April 11, from 8 a.m.–5 p.m. at the Enfield Outing Club in Enfield; or **Friday, May 8**, from 6–9 p.m. at N.H. Fish and Game Headquarters in Concord and Saturday, May 16, from 8 a.m.–5 p.m. at the Owl Brook Hunter Education Center in Holderness.

New instructor training for Bowhunter Education will be offered (training involves two sessions): **Friday, May 22**, from 6–9 p.m. at N.H. Fish and Game Headquarters in Concord and Saturday, May 30, from 8 a.m.–5 p.m. at the Owl Brook Hunter Education Center in Holderness; or **Friday, June 5**, from 6–9 p.m., and Saturday, June 13, from 8 a.m.–5 p.m. at the N.H. Fish and Game Region 1 Office in Lancaster.

“Becoming a volunteer Hunter Education Instructor takes effort and commitment, but it can bring with it many rewards. If you would like to help maintain a tradition of safe and responsible hunting, then this program may be for you!” Davison said.

Hunter Education courses provided by the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department are funded by the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Program. Last year, trained hunter education volunteer instructors graduated more than 3,600 students in hunter, bowhunter and trapper education in New Hampshire. For more information, contact the New Hampshire Hunter Education Program at (603) 271-3214 or visit www.huntnh.com/Hunting/hunter_ed.htm. ■

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Old Home Day 2009 Already in the Works!

The Loudon Old Home Day Committee is already hard at work planning the fun and games for August 8, 2009. It may seem early to be thinking about an August event, but it takes a *lot* of advance planning to make it all come together in the end.

The theme for this year's event is "Down on the Farm." Start thinking now about how you'll celebrate this theme in the grand parade — or in the bike parade! Celebrate Loudon's farming community, past, present, and future with your float or your bicycle.

The Old Home Day Committee can always use more help. We have a parade committee, a grounds committee, and a baking contest committee. We can always use help planning the entertainment and, in particular, we could use ideas for entertaining teens. We especially could use your help manning our booth the day of the event. It's lots of fun plus it gives you a front row seat to the day's entertainment!

The next meeting of the committee is Sunday, April 19 at 6:30 p.m. at Kim Bean's house. If you need more information or directions, please call Debbie Kardeski, secretary at 783-9812. ■

From 2008 Old Home Day Tractor Pull.



Dear Loudon Resident,

As the temperature begins to rise, the Old Home Day committee is already planning for this year's annual event, scheduled for Saturday, August 8th. The unseen details, both large and small, are in the early stages. We need your support!

Have you ever attended what has come to be known as Loudon's biggest one-day community event? This fun day offers something for everyone: a parade, crafts, baking contest, games, horseshoe tournament, tractor pull, a barbecue dinner, and plenty of entertainment. Let's not forget the fireworks!

As part of our activity guide and supporter directory, we have an individual supporter page for Loudon residents to show their support for this awesome event.

Would you consider a donation of \$10.00 or more, and add your name to our growing list of supporters? Please take the time to complete the bottom portion of this page and return it with your check, made payable to the Loudon Old Home Day Association (LOHDA), PO Box 7050, Loudon, NH 03307. **The deadline for making our list in the book is June 15**, anything received after that date will be included on a poster at the Old Home Day Booth. We appreciate your assistance in meeting that date. We are always looking for new members to help in the planning stages, or just at the Old Home Day booth, so won't you consider joining us?

Thank you in advance for your support. Please come and join us on Saturday, August 8th and enjoy Loudon Old Home Day 2009 with a friend.

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Citizen of the Year Nomination Form

The Loudon Old Home Day Committee is seeking your help in determining the Citizen of the Year. This person will serve as grand marshal for this year's event. We would very much like for you and/or your organization to choose a worthy recipient for this year's "Citizen of the Year" award. A special selection committee will then take all of the candidates nominated, see if they fit the criteria, and use this information to choose this year's "Citizen of the Year." This person would then become the grand marshal at the August 8, 2009 Loudon Old Home Day event.

Please return your nomination to any committee member or mail to Loudon Old Home Day Association, PO Box 7050, Loudon, NH 03307 as soon as possible, but not later than June 15, 2008. Our committee was very proud of our 2008 selection of Billy Lazos. Please use the criteria included to help you with this year's nomination.

Thank you for your help.
LOHD Committee

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR CRITERIA

1. Must have been a Loudon citizen no less than 3 years.
2. Must be of good character and a volunteer of the community. Reasons for the nomination may not include the person's job description.
3. A nomination must be by written application, from an individual or organization of Loudon and the application must list a brief background of the nominee, including names of organization he/she is a member of, or has been a member of.
4. Applications must be received by the selection committee (to be chosen on a yearly basis, as necessary) no later than the designated date chosen for that particular year.

A member of the LOHD committee, accompanied by a written letter will notify the person chosen by the committee. The person chosen has the option to decline, and the selection committee would choose an alternate.

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR APPLICATION

Nominee: _____

Person or Organization submitting: _____

List people (including yourself) making this decision:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Nominee has lived in Loudon _____ years.

Nominee has volunteered on committees and organizations (please list).

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

Please write a brief summary why you have chosen this particular person. Attach extra sheets as necessary.

Date requested by the LOHD committee: June 15, 2009

Date submitted: _____

Signature (Group representative): _____

Please note: Since, in many cases, this person may not know of his/her nomination, confidentiality is essential. The committee will announce its decision publicly or by newspaper article.

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Finding a Summer Program for Your Child

There may be cold weather and snow on the ground, but it's not too early to begin thinking about a summer program for your child.

Why a summer program? For starters, safety is an ever-present concern. Also, these days, it is likely both parents work and find it difficult, if not impossible to be at home during the summer months. The result is families rush to fill their children's summer days with everything from traditional summer camps to sports, to math and science, to dance and theater.

But parents should look at and choose summer programs thoughtfully and find something that "fits" your child. Explore all types of care options — family childcare, park and rec departments, community-based organizations, school districts, and day or overnight camps. Visit programs. Do they look safe? Do the staff enjoy talking and playing with the children? Count the staff/adult child ratio. Are there enough adults to supervise all of the different activities?

Questions parents might think about are:

How long the program has operated. What percentage of children return each year? Is the program certified or accredited by a professional association? Check references from parents who have used the program.

How is the program organized? How will children spend their time? Do the program's hours meet your needs? Will your child get physical exercise, opportunities for cultural enrichment, and practice reading, math, or other skills? Will the child have an opportunity to choose some of his/her activities? How does the program accommodate children with special needs or medical needs, allergies?

Does the program offer scholarships or financial aide? How do you apply? What are the deadlines?

Remember to ask about additional fees for things like transportation, field trips, food. How will your child's nutritional needs be met? Does the program provide healthy food or snacks? Do you need to provide lunch?

Do staff have first aid or CPR training?

Are discipline policies compatible with your own philosophy?

Remember to ask your child what types of programs he or she would like. Involve kids in the decision-making. Look for programs that focus on their interests. Some children may want a relaxed atmosphere while others need a lot of activity. Children over 12 years old may benefit by being in a leadership or counselor trainee program.

The best summer experiences are fun, provide a balance of activities and experiences and provide children with a

connection to their peers. High quality summer programs keep kids engaged in learning, teach them new skills, and allow them to develop previously unseen talents. They allow children to form relationships with caring adults, help them stay fit and active, and foster creativity and innovation.

UNH Cooperative Extension offers Barry Conservation Camp in Berlin, NH for youth with an interest in environmental education and Natural Resources.

Barry Conservation Camp is located in the White Mountain National Forest at the Berlin Fish Hatchery. Run in cooperation with the N.H. Department of Fish and Game, the camp provides a close-knit community for its 35 campers and eight staff. Nearby York Pond offers swimming and canoeing for the camp. Five cabins house up to seven campers, with a counselor in each. Central toilet and shower facilities, as well as a dining hall and kitchen, accommodate the camp.

This is a great camp for youth who love the outdoors, prefer participating in a small camp, and enjoy hands-on

learning in environmental and conservation programs. Barry Conservation Camp staff pride themselves in creating a special place where kids can discover their strengths, work together in teams and leave camp with a greater awareness of themselves and the world around them.

Check the UNH Cooperative Extension website for more information and programs at Barry Conservation Camp.

The on-line registration will be accepting registrations for 2009 mid-February.

Looking for financial aide? Contact the UNHCE Merrimack County 4-H program at 225-5505 or 796-2151.

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Summer Programs At Barry Conservation Camp: July Outdoor Skills Sessions For Youth Age 10-16

If you're looking for a summer camp where your kids will have fun while getting outdoors and active, consider Barry Conservation Camp in Berlin, N.H. Youth who love the outdoors, prefer a small camp and enjoy hands-on learning about outdoor skills, conservation and the environment will feel right at home. Barry Camp is a weekly, overnight summer camp offering specialty weeks for youth (boys and girls) age 10-16. Each camp week costs \$450. To register, contact 4Hcamps@unh.edu, call (603) 862-2184 or visit ceinfo.unh.edu/4H/4HCamps.htm. There are four sessions:

Aquatic Adventures: July 5-10, 2009 (ages 10-16) — Novice anglers learn the basic skills and equipment needed to start fishing, while campers with more experience work on improving their fishing skills and explore the finer details of the angling world. Participants also explore the ecology of the birds, bugs and beasts of nearby lakes, ponds and streams.

Shooting Sports Sampler: July 12-17, 2009 (ages 10-16). Campers learn marksmanship, the safe and responsible use of firearms, principles of hunting and archery, conservation ethics and much more. Explore the 4-H disciplines of black powder, riflery, pistol shooting and archery. No previous shooting sports experience necessary.

Hunter Education and Certification: July 19-24, 2009 (ages 12-16). Join New Hampshire Department of Fish and Game Hunter Education Program staff and volunteers to learn and practice safe hunting skills and behaviors. Explore wildlife biology and hunting ethics. Practice rifle, shotgun and archery skills daily. Because this is a certification training, participants receive a training manual in advance so they can study the materials ahead of time. To become certified, campers must pass a written as well as field exam at the end of the week. This camp week is open only to those who do not already have current hunter education certification.

Walk on the Wild Side: July 26-31, 2009 (ages 10-16). In America's technology-based culture, the gap between youth and nature is growing. This camp week is a chance to experience nature and reunite with the great outdoors. Create a meal from gathered plants, fillet a fish and cook it over an open fire, sleep under the stars, climb a mountain, swim in a pond, create nature crafts and more.

Registration is limited. Barry Conservation Camp is a cooperative effort of the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department and UNH Cooperative Extension 4-H Camps. The cost of \$450 per week includes meals, lodging, instruction and use of equipment. Register at ceinfo.unh.edu/4H/4HCamps.htm or call (603) 862-2184. ■



What Can You Afford?

By Jack Prendiville,
Century 21 Thompson Real Estate

Now that you have determined that this is a good time to buy, the next step is figuring out what you can afford. A review of your income, savings, monthly expenses, and debt will be necessary. Early on in the process you will want to get pre-qualified for a mortgage loan, which determines how much you can afford. It enables you to move swiftly when you find the right home, especially when there are other interested buyers. It also indicates to the seller that you are serious and can afford to buy the property. A pre-approval is a simple calculation done by a mortgage lender that tells you the amount you'll be able to finance through a loan and what your monthly payment will be. When you find a home to buy, a pre-approval also reassures the seller that you have the financial means to purchase his or her home. Knowing what you can afford is the first rule of home buying. It is also important to check with several lenders before you start searching for a home. The final price you can afford will depend on several factors, such as gross income, the funds you have available for a down payment, closing costs of the loan, and cash reserves required by the lender. Also your debt, credit history, the type of mortgage you select, and current interest rates will determine what you can afford. ■

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Time to Sign Up for Hunter Education

Right now is prime time to sign up to take a hunter education class. To purchase your first hunting license in New Hampshire, you must complete a hunter education course before you can hunt. Individuals 16 years old and older need a hunting license to hunt in New Hampshire. The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department offers Hunter and Bowhunter Education classes around the state, as well as Trapper Education. To find a class, visit www.huntnh.com/Hunting/hunter_ed_schedule.htm or call (603) 271-3214.

"If you want to go hunting this spring and need to take a Hunter or Bowhunter education class to get your first license, the time is now," says Pete Davison, Hunter Education Coordinator for Fish and Game. "You'll also be all set for the fall if you take a course now, when there are lots of dates and locations to choose from."

The basic Hunter Education course averages about 16 hours of classroom instruction, hands-on demonstrations, small group activities and a live-fire experience on a shooting range. A Bowhunter Education course typically runs for 8 - 10 hours, both in and out of the classroom. Courses are taught by trained, certified volunteer instructors according to national guidelines and state standards. Classes cover safe handling and identification of firearms, bows and arrows; wildlife identification and management; shot placement; hunter ethics and responsibility; outdoor safety and survival; and hunting rules and regulations. Each class concludes with a written test, and firearm courses include a practical field exam. Students must successfully pass these tests to receive a hunter or bowhunter certification card.

In 2008, volunteer instructors held 151 classes for basic Hunter, Bowhunter and Trapper education around the state, taught by more than 550 trained volunteer instructors. More than 3,600 people were certified in hunter, bowhunter and trapper education last year in New Hampshire. Classes are already underway for 2009.

Hunter education instruction and course materials are provided free of charge; instructors may charge up to \$5 per student to cover the use of facilities. To receive a certificate of completion in basic Hunter Education or Bowhunter Education, participants must be at least 12 years old by the end of the course.

In addition to traditional classes, Fish and Game offers a home-study option for completing the Hunter Education requirement. This option takes about the same amount of time as a classroom course. Initial preparation is done at home; participants then attend a required field day involving a written exam and field skills testing. There are specific deadlines for signing up for the home study option, and space is limited. Home-study course participants must be at least 15 years old. For a list of home study sessions, visit www.huntnh.com/Hunting/hunter_ed_home_study.htm or call (603) 271-3214.

"New Hampshire's hunter safety record is one of best in the country," Davison said. "A big part of this success is because Hunter Education instructors teach their students how to be safe, responsible and ethical hunters."

Hunter Education courses provided by Fish and Game are funded by the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Program.

For more information on hunter education in New Hampshire, visit www.huntnh.com/Hunting/hunter_ed.htm. ■

Historical Society Meeting Minutes — Feb. 4, 2009

Meeting came to order at 7:08 p.m.

Attendance: Carisa Carrow, John Plummer, Retta Weaver, Melanie Kiley, Bob Ordway, Ron Lane, Fay Atkinson, Betty Frost, Rev. Henry Frost, Beccy Smith, Neil Smith, Michele York.

Ron began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

We started by discussing the "Made in Loudon" expo, and what a huge success it was. We believe there were at least 50 in attendance, and most found their way into the museum to see what we have on display. There were many interested in participating in the next one to be held in November.

Beccy Smith brought in a plastic yellow bear bank that had "Loudon Bicentennial 1773-1973" stamped on the lid. It is a very unique item and she is donating it to the historical society.

Our next function will be a "Photo/Memory Share" night, to be held February 18 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. This will be a good chance for people to bring in old photos or items from Loudon to share with the public. Michele suggested we have scanners on hand to record pictures for the historical society while we have them here. Carissa and Neil have volunteered to bring theirs and help to put the pictures on the computer.

Retta brought in a puzzle she bought of the town of Henniker and suggested we do

something like that to sell at old home day. We decided that everyone tries to bring in some pictures to the next meeting and we will decide on 4 to be put onto the puzzle. John and Retta were explaining that the town had wanted to fix up the old town pound, but funding would not be available this year. All agreed that the funds made on selling the puzzles would go to fixing the town pound. It is a very important part of Loudon's history. John said Dusty had mentioned he knew someone that could do the work, so we will discuss this with Dusty.

Carissa gave me a list of those who participated in the oral histories with the honor students from MVHS last November. They were: Levi Ladd, Eileen Cummings, Diane Towle Avery, David Osborn, Beccy Smith, and Reverend Henry and Betty Frost. Mr. Ladd has since passed away, so we are thankful that he took the time to record his memories of growing up in town. It is so important that we collect as many as possible, but hard to find people to tape the interviews.

Ron said he turned in his report to be put in the town report. They will be out in print soon.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Michele York, Vice President*

Maxfield Public Library Trustees Meeting Minutes — Feb. 10, 2009

5:10 p.m.

In attendance: Trustees Sandy Blanchard, Greg Silva, Sue Kowalski, and Library Director Nancy Hendy.

The minutes from the January 6, 2009 meeting were approved.

Financial Report:

A resident at the budget hearing asked if the library was going to go over budget based on figures handed out at the meeting. To assure residents and the selectmen that the library is intending to stay within its budget, Nancy submitted the year-to-date budget to the Selectmen before the second hearing. The trustees and director expressed concern over the building maintenance line running high. Nancy pointed out other line items that the money could come from if needed.

Director's Report:

As part of an eleven-member cooperative (SILC), the Library will take advantage of a **group purchase** to provide a newly-published book for its next discussion group. Books still on the *New York Times Best Sellers* list are usually not available for interlibrary loans due to current demand. The selected title is *The Story of Edgar Sawtelle*. SILC plans to make more group purchases throughout the year. The Library has belonged to the SILC since the early 1980s. Ongoing cooperative purchases are in the category of non-print materials such as videos, DVDs, and audio books.

The total number of **interlibrary loans** for the 2007-2008 fiscal year was 769. We loaned out 538 materials to other libraries around the state and borrowed 231 for our library.

Local photographer Mary Villaume will have her work on display for the month of March. She is donating an historic shot of The Old Man of the Mountain to the Library. We continue to seek art work from local artists for our monthly displays.

Ice and snow have been removed from the roof by the main entrance at least three times so far this winter.

The **state-required annual test of the fire alarm system** in conjunction with the elevator alarm system will take place on February 12.

We will get an estimate for repair or replacement of the **broken baseboard**

heating unit on the south wall of the old section of the building on February 11.

The next **book sale** will be on February 28. The Library sends e-mail or postcard notifications to anyone who asks.

Children's Librarian's Report:

Story time numbers for the month of January: 117 children and 85 adults. There were two snow days in January which cancelled two story times.

Old Business

Children's Room update: The two love seats and two chairs were delivered as well as the chairs for the work table, computer stations, and audio/visual room. The reading nook by the elevator is also complete. A diaper changing station and handicapped bars were installed in the bathroom. One upholstered chair partially blocks a bookcase. Nancy will look into having the bookcase moved down the wall. An old wooden bookcase, large table, a cabinet, and a bench need to be removed from the area. Nancy will see if the bookcase can be moved into the Children's Librarian's office.

Maintenance: Nancy is acquiring quotes for replacing the meeting room door. The trustees toured the basement, Greg reprogrammed the outside lights which were going on and off at the wrong times. It was decided that water in sand buckets was not coming from an old pipe.

The Trustees discussed changes they had made to the **Personnel Policy**. It was decided to table the discussion until Nancy could check with other libraries about their vacation policies.

New Business

The Trustees regretfully accepted Greg Silva's resignation effective March 31, 2009. Greg cited work demands as his reason for leaving. The Trustees will notify the Selectmen and explore possible candidates to finish the last year of Greg's term.

It was decided the next meeting will be held on Monday, March 2 instead of March 3rd due to conflicts.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

*Sandra Blanchard
Gregory Silva
Susan Kowalski*

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Merrimack Valley Schoolboard Meeting Minutes — February 9, 2009

1. Roll Call and Call to Order:

The regular meeting held at Merrimack Valley High School was called to order by Chairman Hutchins at 7:15 p.m.

Award Ceremony: Superintendent Mike Martin discussed that this ceremony is the final act in a three-year process. Mike introduced Edward Murdough and Mary Heath from New Hampshire Department of Education.

Ed Murdough recognized Merrimack Valley School District for its efforts and thanked MV for being the first school to go through New England Collaborative High Performance in Schools. Ed Murdough introduced Mary Heath.

Mary Heath, Deputy Commissioner of Education, also recognized MV for its efforts and spoke about the impact of the improvements on the students' learning environment and on the economy of the district.

Ed Murdough presented a plaque for First High Performance School in New Hampshire to Mike Martin, Mike Jette and Mark Hutchins.

Kirk Stone, Jordan Institute, distributed and reviewed an Energy Fact Sheet regarding the improvements at MVHS.

Mike Martin ended the ceremony by saying that the project wouldn't have been successful without Fred Reagan and Neil Barry.

Board Members Present: Mark Hutchins, Caroletta Alicea, Normandie Blake, Lorrie Carey, Audrey Carter, Troy Cowan, David Longnecker, Will Renauld, Laura Vincent

Administrators Present: Superintendent Mike Martin; Assistant Superintendent Chris Barry; Business Administrator Robin Heins; Human Resources Manager Kathleen Boucher; Principals Mike Jette, Sandy Davis, Linda McAllister, Tom Laliberte, Tracy Murch, Mary Estee; Associate Principal Jim Gorman; Assistant Principals Pam

Hill, Pat Severance; Assistant Principal for Special Education Maureen Gross; Facilities Director Fred Reagan; MVLC Administrator Paulette Fitzgerald, Plant Manager Neil Barry

Others Present: Mary Heath, Ed Murdough, NHDOE; Bernie Davis, Consultant, MVSD; Jeremiah Goulet, Ingrid Moulton Nichols, Banwell Architects; Lou Cote, Ethan Cote, Stephen Richard, Steffensen Engineering; Kirk Stone, Dick Henry, David Henry, Jordan Institute; Gary Bertram, Hutter Construction; Carolyn Sarno, Northeast Energy Efficiency Partnership; Bill Heinz, Boscawen Resident; Margaret Jones, MVHS Student Representative; Colleen Ives, spectator

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Motion by Normandie Blake, second by Caroletta Alicea, to approve the January 12, 2009 School Board Meeting minutes (pages 1-4 in the packet), the January 27, 2009 Public Hearing minutes (page 5 in the packet) and the January 27, 2009 School Board Meeting minutes (page 6 in the packet). The board discussed two corrections on the January 12th meeting minutes. With these two corrections, the motion passed unanimously.

3. Financial Report:

Robin Heins reviewed the NOTES FOR FINANCIAL STATEMENT on page 7 in the packet and reported that everything is going well. *Motion by Normandie Blake, second by Laura Vincent, to approve the financial report as presented on pages 8-19 in the packet. After a brief discussion, the motion passed unanimously.*

4. Public Participation:

Margaret Jones, MVHS Student Representative, reported on sports and activities at the high school.

5. Good News:

Superintendent Mike Martin reported on the good news items included in the packet (pages 18-24). Mike Jette reviewed highlights from MVHS News and Mary Estee reviewed highlights from MVMS News.

6. Committee Reports:

FACILITIES CITIZEN TASK FORCE: Mike Martin reported on the January 14, 2009 Facilities Citizen Task Force meeting (minutes on page 26 in the packet).

WELLNESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Chris Barry reported on the January 26, 2009 Wellness Advisory Committee meeting (minutes on page 27 in the packet). The next Wellness Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 16, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at the SAU office.

POLICY COMMITTEE: Chris Barry reported on the February 2, 2009 Policy Committee meeting (minutes on page 28-29 in the packet). Policy IIC (Instructional Time — Schedule) is included in the packet (page 30) for a first read.

Chris reported that the Committee voted to recommend that the board suspend the Foreign Exchange Student Program for one school year with a plan to have a revised policy in place by October 1, 2009. *Motion by Normandie Blake, second by Caroletta Alicea, to suspend the Foreign Exchange Student Program for one school year with a plan to have a revised policy in place by October 1, 2009. Motion passed unanimously.*

The next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 16, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at the SAU office.

OTHER: The next **Transportation Committee** meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 16, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. at the SAU office.

The next **Curriculum Committee** meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 16, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the SAU office.

7. Old Business:

IB STATUS REPORT & STEERING COMMITTEE: Chris Barry distributed and reviewed a flowchart of the IB application process. Tracy Murch reported on teacher feedback from the IB presentations and discussions. The board discussed how to present IB at the Annual Meeting.

NHSBA DELEGATE ASSEMBLY: Troy Cowan reported on the NHSBA Delegate Assembly he attended on February 17, 2009.

OTHER: Responding to a question from a board member, Fred Reagan reported on recycling throughout the district.

The board discussed inviting high school guidance counselors and art teachers to a future board meeting.

8. New Business:

FIELD TRIP REQUEST: *Motion by Normandie Blake, second by Lorrie Carey, to approve the Middle School Appalachian*

Mountain Club overnight hiking trip. Motion passed unanimously.

WARRANT & MS26 SIGNATURES: Robin Heins reviewed changes in the Warrant. School board members will go into the SAU to sign the Warrant when it is finalized. The MS26 was circulated for board member signatures.

STIMULUS PLAN: Mike Martin discussed the stimulus funding. Fred Reagan reviewed a list of possible projects.

SNOW REMOVAL: Robin Heins reported on sending a letter to the City of Concord regarding plowing sidewalks after snow events. Robin will keep the board informed.

OTHER: Mark Hutchins discussed using David's articles as handouts at the Annual Meeting. He asked everyone to look them over carefully and send feedback to the SAU. The board also discussed needing an updated handout regarding the use of WSS.

9. Manifests/Journal Entries to Sign:

Troy Cowan reported that the **Finance Committee** met before tonight's board meeting and voted to recommend that the board approve the manifests and journal entries. *Motion by Troy Cowan, second by Normandie Blake, to approve the manifests and journal entries. Motion passed unanimously.* Manifests and journal entries were circulated for board member signatures.

10. Board Chairperson's Report:

None

11. Assistant Superintendent's Report:

Chris Barry invited the board to gather at her house after the Annual Meeting.

12. Superintendent's Report:

Mike Martin notified the board that we are preparing for a K-9 Sweep at the middle school.

Motion by Normandie Blake, second by Laura Vincent, to go into non-public session in accordance with RSA 91 A:3II to discuss personnel at 9:35 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Roll Call: Mark Hutchins, Caroletta Alicea, Normandie Blake, Lorrie Carey, Audrey Carter, Troy Cowan, David Longnecker, Will Renauld, Laura Vincent

Break (9:35-9:45)

13. See Non-Public Session Minutes.

Motion by Lorrie Carey, second by Will Renauld, to go out of non-public session at 9:57 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Normandie Blake, second by Laura Vincent, to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.

14. Meeting adjourned at 9:57 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Sally Welch, Clerk*

MVSD School Board Meeting Dates and Locations

2009-2010

MEETINGS START AT 7:15 PM

Date of Meeting	Place of Meeting
April 13, 2009	Boscawen Elementary School
May 11, 2009	Loudon Elementary School
June 8, 2009	Salisbury Elementary School
July 13, 2000	Merrimack Valley High School
August 10, 2009	Merrimack Valley High School
September 14, 2009	Webster Elementary School
October 5, 2009	Merrimack Valley Middle School
November 9, 2009	Merrimack Valley High School
December 14, 2009	Merrimack Valley High School
January 11, 2010	Merrimack Valley High School
February 8, 2010	Merrimack Valley High School
March 8, 2010	Penacook Elementary School



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Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — February 10, 2009

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

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

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

Selectman Maxfield moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, February 3, 2009 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. Majority vote in favor. Motion carried. Selectman Maxfield moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting and Final Budget Hearing Minutes of Wednesday, February 4, 2009 as presented. Chief Burr said that there was a comment he made relative to volunteers covering the stand-by shift and in the minutes it states "Chief Burr said part of the criteria of the town for the volunteer position is that the individual must reside in the town." He said what he meant to say was the volunteer had to be present in the town during the shift they cover. *Seconded by Selectman Bowles. Majority vote in favor. Motion carried.*

Selectman Bowles opened the Board of Permit.

Bob Fiske stated that Earl Tuson of Pittsfield Road has inquired about a 4 X 6 sign with 1 X 4 pieces of wood hanging by chains from the sign advertising particular produce that is in season. Dave Powelson reviewed the Zoning Ordinance relative to signs as well as the AFP District. Discussion ensued. The Board felt if Mr. Tuson could shrink the main part of his sign down to 12 square feet maximum, and the hours of operation sign cut to 8 inches X 3 feet and then 1 foot squares with the produce pictures would be allowable. Mr. Fiske will advise Mr. Tuson of the Board's decision.

Dave Powelson discussed a request for an Auto Inspection Station for Mr. Gagne on Clough Hill Road. Discussion ensued regarding the length of time this property had been operating as Loudon Repair and Fabrication, zoning issues, status of being grandfathered, if there had been a lapse of eighteen months or more where the business was not in operation, as well as concerns regarding assessment of the property. Selectman Bowles stated he wanted to be sure that the board proceeds with caution to be certain that nothing is overlooked. He said there have been other property owners who have had to adhere to conditions set by various boards. Mr. Fiske stated that he is familiar with this particular property as the business had originally been his brother's and is now being run by his brother's son-in-law. He said the busi-

ness has been ongoing continuously and was never in jeopardy of being part of the eighteen month lapse issue. Discussion ensued regarding the state inspection permit and the role that the town plays. Selectman Bowles stated that there appears to be enough information on this particular property that shows the business was in operation prior to zoning. He said his only concern is if there is enough proof to show that there was no lapse in operation or use at any point. Mr. Fiske said he would go on record to say that he sees nothing out of the ordinary about allowing this inspection station permit to be signed. He said he would have already been at the property shutting them down if there were any zoning violations. Mr. Fiske stated there have been no complaints on this property and they have continued to do the transmission work. Selectman Bowles stated that he agreed and his concern is that this information has not been real public that it is an ongoing business for the zone it is located. Mr. Powelson discussed the issue of the possible increase in clientele with an inspection station versus the transmission repair. Mr. Fiske discussed other property owners with businesses and stated he felt that they could also apply for the state inspection permit if they chose. Discussion ensued regarding stipulations and conditions that have been set on other properties. Mr. Powelson stated he felt he does not have a big issue with allowing a repair center as it predates zoning, but he is concerned that the owners might consider it an expansion of their business. He said it would be something to watch for as he does not know how many vehicles they process per day or week. Mr. Fiske asked how a number could be put on a grandfathered business if it has no stipulations. Mr. Powelson said it could be based on the busiest day per month. Chief Burr said he felt the owners are asking for an inspection station which would increase the number of vehicles they see so asking for the previous figures based only on the repairs would be like comparing apples to oranges. Mr. Powelson said that if the amount of vehicles increases over what is currently serviced it could be an issue. He asked if the property owner would be willing to define the size of the business. Mr. Fiske said he felt they would. The Board stated they felt a new form should be obtained as the current form had been marked as "defer action pending further investigation." Selectman Bowles said when the new form arrives the Board will comment that they have reviewed the application, that it is grandfathered, and the town is satisfied. Mr. Powelson stated he felt it might make the Board feel better if there was some restriction on how much business they will be

allowed to do. David Rice stated that there are restrictions by the State on how many inspections can be done in an eight hour period per bay, and they only have one bay. He said he thinks the number is thirteen per day. Selectman Maxfield stated it does not mean that they will actually be doing thirteen inspections per day. Mr. Fiske asked if everybody was aware that this was an inspection station before as part of the grandfathered use. Selectman Bowles said if it were an inspection station before then it must have lapsed and asked how long the lapse was. Mr. Fiske said they could let the inspection station lapse for as long as they want, it does not change the requirements of the town's zoning. He said the State is only asking if they meet the requirements of the Town of Loudon. Mr. Fiske said they have. Mr. Powelson said they have to be a repair station and an inspection station is customarily a part of repair. Selectman Bowles stated the Selectmen will forward the application back to Mr. Gagne advising him that the Board would like to have a clean permit to sign and add their comments. Discussion ensued regarding having a letter of intent on record stating the hours of operation, number of vehicles, etc.

Bob Fiske stated he had spoken with John Zudell of NHMS regarding the drainage and storage pond on Gues Meadow Road as well as the culvert replacement for Gues Meadow Road. He said he advised Mr. Zudell that he needed to provide a finalized stamped plan and approval from DES regarding the drainage pipe. Selectman Bowles said Mr. Zudell met with the Board and discussed the culvert and widening of Gues Meadow Road. Discussion ensued regarding the evacuation plan, possible evacuation routes, as well as roads, bridges and maintaining the right-of-way. Selectman Bowles stated that he wished some of the federal funds could be utilized for widening of two bridges.

Selectman Bowles stated that due to the first session of Town Meeting on Tuesday, March 10, 2009 and Dare Pizza Night on Tuesday, March 17, 2009 the March Board of Permit has been canceled unless something major comes up.

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

The Board met with Road Agent David Rice.

Discussion ensued regarding pushing snow banks back in preparation for upcoming events and visibility.

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

Mr. Fiske advised the Board that he had been approached by the organization that holds the bicycle race through town each year and that they have decided to give Loudon Elementary half of their proceeds for allowing them to stage their event at the school.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received a request to respond to the information regarding the NHMS evacuation planning from Reuben Goldblatt. Discussion ensued. Mr. Fiske will fill out the information and provide the Board with copies.

The Board received copies of the draft abutter notices for the Staniels Road war-

rant article for review and approval. The Board agreed to forward the letters.

The Board discussed the proposed warrant article regarding the Recreation Revolving Fund relative to the wording and understanding of what funds are to be deposited into the fund. Both Selectmen Bowles and Maxfield stated they recommend and support this article.

The Board received copies of an e-mail received from Bob Bottcher regarding the Budget Hearing Minutes. The Board stated they appreciated Mr. Bottcher's e-mail.

The Board received a quote from Harry O Electric for replacement emergency lighting at the Town Office Building as well as information on replacement bulbs and batteries for the emergency lights at the Community Building. *Selectman Maxfield moved to have Harry O Electric replace the 3 Battery Emergency Light Units (LED Exits with Emergency Heads) at the Town Office Building for the sum not to exceed \$700.00. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. Majority vote in favor. Motion carried.* Selectman Bowles said the Board will contact the fire department and request that they follow through with the purchase of the replacement batteries and bulbs for the Community Building. Selectman Maxfield stated the funds would be withdrawn from the current budget to cover the cost.

The Board received a request for assistance with an ambulance billing issue. The Board will have Office Manager Jean Lee check further on this issue.

The Board received information regarding participation in the NH Public Radio Town Meeting Map project. The Board said they were not interested in participating.

The Board received copies of the NHMA Legislative Bulletin #6 for review.

The Board received information on composting items. The Board will have Steve Bennett place the information in the *Loudon Ledger*.

Selectman Bowles said the Board had received the maintenance records for the 1999 Ford F-350 Super Duty Ambulance, as requested. He said the repairs have not been extensive; they have been more maintenance items than repair costs. Selectman Bowles said the mileage as of October 2008 was 80,300 and as of February 10, 2009 there are 81,400 miles on the vehicle. He said he is not sure that this ambulance absolutely needs to be replaced this year as it is a diesel and can generally function for more miles and hours than a gas powered vehicle.

The Board recognized John Plumer from the audience.

Mr. Plumer asked if there was a maintenance program for the town buildings to check on things such as batteries and fire extinguishers. Selectman Bowles said he was not sure and would have to look into this. Discussion ensued regarding monthly inspections as well as the annual inspections.

Selectman Maxfield moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

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Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — February 17, 2009

Present: Selectmen Ives, Bowles, and Maxfield.

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

Selectman Maxfield moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, February 10, 2009 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. Majority vote in favor. Motion carried. Chairman Ives abstained from voting as he was not present at that meeting.

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

Chairman Ives read the beginning portion of the official Town Warrant for those present. *Selectman Bowles moved to sign the 2009 Town of Loudon Warrant. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.*

Selectman Bowles moved to sign the Pole and Petition License #780/12Y and 780/12YS located on 143 Bear Hill Road, Loudon. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board received the inspection station permit form for Mr. Gagne on Clough Hill Road as discussed at last week's Board of Permit meeting. Selectman Bowles stated there was lengthy discussion regarding this property and it was agreed the hours of oper-

ation and number of vehicles expected to be on the premises would be obtained from the property owner. He said that Mr. Fiske agreed to gather that information. Discussion ensued.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received notification that Paul Johnson of Best Septic donated his services to pump and thaw out the septic tank at the Town Office last week. The Board will forward a thank you letter to Mr. Johnson.

The Board received copies of the annual disbursement from the NH Charitable Foundation for the Veteran's War Memorial Fund in the amount of \$2,343.04.

The Board received copies of the annual disbursement from the NH Charitable Foundation for the Tewksbury Memorial Fund for the Fire Department in the amount of \$746.35.

The Board received copies of the Planning and Zoning Board Meeting Agendas for review.

The Board received copies of a letter from the Property-Liability Trust that the increase for year 2 of the multi-year agreement will be held to 5% for July 2009.

The Board received a request for use of the Recreation Field for a May Girl Scout event. The Board agreed the Girl Scouts

could use the Recreation Field for their event and noted that they should contact the Fire Department if they are planning on any type of camp fire.

The Board received information pertaining to a past due ambulance account. The Board agreed to refer this back to the collection agency for further collection.

The Board received copies of Legislative Bulletin #7 for review as well as information on State budget cuts.

The Board received copies of an e-mail from DES regarding their expectations from the stimulus package.

The Board received copies of the September and October Solid Waste Committee Minutes for review.

The Board received copies of the Ice Storm damage report from PSNH.

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

The Board discussed looking into grant monies for ambulance replacement. Selectman Maxfield will follow up on this issue and contact Chief Burr with the information he receives.

Selectman Bowles discussed the need to replace the flags at the Town Hall. Chairman Ives will follow up on this issue. Chip Cochran stated he would check with Con-

gressman Paul Hodes to see if flags from his office could be obtained. Discussion ensued.

Selectman Bowles moved to appoint Selectman Maxfield in charge of the Veteran's War Memorial. Seconded by Chairman Ives. Majority vote in favor. Motion carried. Selectmen Bowles and Ives stated that they were in support of whatever Selectman Maxfield felt needed to happen with the Memorial.

John Plumer was recognized from the audience.

Mr. Plumer asked if the Board knew what affect the State budget cuts would have on the town. The Board advised Mr. Plumer that the proposed cuts would not affect the current budget; it would be on the 2010–2011 budget. Chairman Ives said the Board needs to be preparing for the possibility of funding not being available in the future.

Mr. Plumer advised the Board that he has researched the historical information on the Town Pound. He said it cost \$71.00 to build the original Town Pound.

Selectman Bowles moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

THE LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Steven R. Ives, Chairman
Dustin J. Bowles, Selectman
Roger A. Maxfield, Selectman

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — February 24, 2009

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

Also present: Road Agent David Rice and Fire Chief Jeff Burr.

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

Selectman Maxfield moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, February 17, 2009 as presented. Seconded by Chairman Ives. Majority vote in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Ives stated for the record that seven pistol permits were submitted for signature and approval.

The Board met with Fire Chief Jeff Burr.

Chief Burr advised the Board that it appeared Wellington Lane was beginning to get very narrow due to all the snow.

Chief Burr advised the Board that the dry hydrant at the Village Dam is frozen. He stated that this is the third year in a row that it has happened. Discussion ensued.

Chairman Ives asked about the status of the cistern on School Street. Chief Burr stated that it was not complete at this time. Chairman Ives stated that it was noted that the cistern had to be complete prior to any Certificates of Occupancy being issued and it appears that one house has received its CO. Chief Burr discussed the progress of the cistern. Chairman Ives said that the Planning Board is going to be watching this issue to be sure that no CO's are issued until all work is completed as required by their approvals.

The Board met with Road Agent David Rice.

Mr. Rice advised the Board that the Highway Crew was continuing to screen sand. He stated they had a few breakdowns with the trucks during the storms but nothing major had happened. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Rice stated that the Bobcat Skid-steer was at Bobcat having repairs and should be back at the end of this week.

Selectman Maxfield asked about the Highway Overtime budget. Mr. Rice stated

that there was still enough money in this line.

Selectman Maxfield moved to issue a Town of Loudon Business License pursuant to NH RSA 31:41a to New Hampshire Motor Speedway with an expiration date of December 31, 2009 for a fee of \$100.00. Seconded by Chairman Ives. Majority vote in favor. Motion carried.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received a memo from Darren Gagne of D & S Transmissions regarding the hours of operation and estimated number of clients. Discussion ensued.

The Board received copies of expenditures for review.

The Board received notification of the NHMA meeting to review Governor Lynch's proposed budget cuts.

The Board received copies of a memo from Bob Fiske requesting a waiver for Corporal Bob Akerstrom to utilize his accumulated sick leave for Family Medical Leave for a period of four to six weeks. The Board approved Corporal Akerstrom's use of accrued sick time for the Family Medical Leave.

Selectman Maxfield stated he had followed up on an e-mail received last week from DES regarding the replacement of vehicles to reduce emissions. He said he received an e-mail back from DES, which states the program is intended to encourage the retirement of newer vehicles to achieve the greater emissions reduction, and replacing an older vehicle for a new ambulance does not qualify. The Board agreed that this statement does not make sense. Chairman Ives said the ambulance that they would be replacing is not an end of life vehicle, it is still in operation. Selectman Maxfield suggested that Chief Burr contact Barbara Bernstein at DES to get some additional information.

The Board received copies of the ESMI host community fee calculation for the 4th quarter of 2008 for review.

The Board received copies of the list of appointments to expire March 31, 2009 for review.

The Board received copies of the February Planning Board minutes for review.

The Board received copies of the December property transfers.

The Board received copies of the NHMA Bulletin #8.

Chairman Ives called the Public Hearing to order to discuss the petition from Wellington Way Properties to accept Wellington Lane as a Town Road.

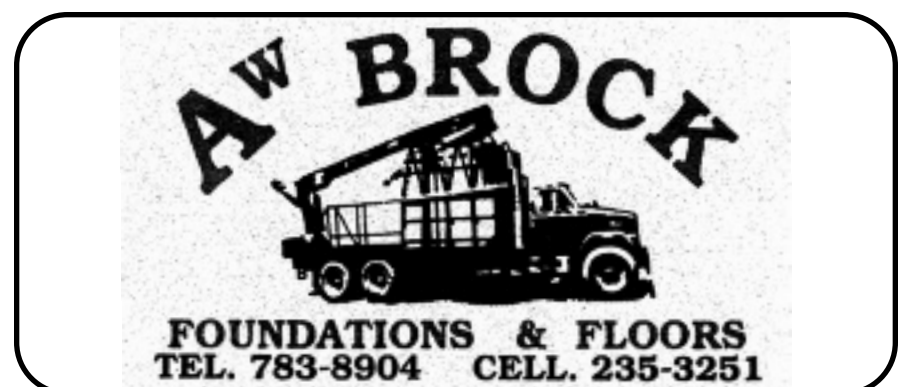
Chairman Ives read the Public Notice for those present. He stated that it encompasses 3.2 +/- acres with 2,783.88 feet of the existing Right-of-Way known as Wellington Lane. Chairman Ives noted that Dan Aversa of Wellington Way Properties, as petitioner, was in the audience.

Chairman Ives stated there had been a list of items that Mr. Aversa/Wellington Way Properties needed to address based on the findings of Town Engineer Tony Puntin and those items have been addressed, and Mr. Puntin has reviewed the progress and found all the items to have been corrected. He said the Selectmen have received notification from an abutter on Tax Map 2, Lot 26 owned by Leroy Bragdon & Patricia Mackenzie through the Code Enforcement Office regarding an issue with silt. Chairman Ives

stated that a written agreement from Mr. Aversa/Wellington Way Properties would need to be prepared and resolved to a reasonable satisfaction prior to any acceptance. Mr. Aversa presented some photos for the Selectmen's review and stated that the water has been an issue since prior to any development. Mr. Aversa agreed that he would address the silt issue. Chairman Ives stated that he felt there would need to be three additional conditions met in order to accept the road which are: 1) written agreement between Mr. Aversa/Wellington Way Properties and the owners of Tax Map 2 Lot 26, 2) a deed to be drawn up for the road and the property that the cistern is located on, and 3) a maintenance bond in the amount of \$69,556.51 to be issued for a period of five years. Chairman Ives explained that the maintenance bond of \$69,556.51 represents 15% of the original construction bond which was \$463,710.09. He advised Mr. Aversa that the current amount of the construction bond is \$50,000 and that Mr. Aversa would need to roll it over to a maintenance bond and increase it by \$19,556.51.

Selectman Maxfield moved to accept Wellington Lane as a Town Road effective February 24, 2009 with the conditions that a written agreement be drawn up between Mr.

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Aversa/Wellington Way Properties to remove the silt with the property owners of Tax Map 2 Lot 26, a deed be drawn up for the transfer of the road and property where the cistern is located to the Town of Loudon, as well as the issuance of the maintenance bond in the amount of \$69,556.51. Seconded by Chairman Ives. Chairman Ives stated there is a recorded plan for this development at the Merrimack County Registry of Deeds Plan #17030. Selectman Maxfield stated that Mr. Aversa/Wellington Way Properties has completed all of the requirements listed by the Town Engineer. Chairman Ives stated the requirement to remove the silt would be at a reasonable expectation. Selectman Maxfield stated the maintenance bond would remain in place for a period of five years and stated that if there were any issues with the road the Town could call the bond and make the repairs as necessary. *All in favor. Motion carried.* Chairman Ives stated that once the conditions are met Wellington Lane would be a Town Road. He advised Mr. Aversa that once the Town takes over the road the Highway Crew would be going and winging the snow bankings back to open the road.

James Childress, of 19 Wellington Lane asked about the status of the school busses picking up children on Wellington Lane once the road is taken over by the Town. Dave Rice advised Mr. Childress that anything pertaining to the school busses would need to be addressed with Merrimack Valley School District Transportation office. Selectman Maxfield advised Mr. Childress to contact the SAU office and speak with Robin Hines. *Selectman Maxfield moved to close the Public Hearing at 7:13 PM. Seconded by Chairman Ives. Majority vote in favor. Motion carried.*

Chairman Ives reconvened the Selectmen's Meeting.

John Plumer asked about Candidates Night. The Board advised Mr. Plumer that Candidates Night is scheduled for Wednesday, March 4, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Building.

Selectman Maxfield moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m. Seconded by Chairman Ives. Majority vote in favor. Meeting adjourned.

THE LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — March 3, 2009

Present: Selectmen Ives, Bowles, and Maxfield.

Also present: Conservation Commission Chairman Julie Robinson.

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

Selectman Maxfield moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, February 24, 2009 as presented. Seconded by Chairman Ives. Majority vote in favor. Motion carried. Selectman Bowles abstained as he was not present at that meeting.

The Board met with Conservation Commission Chairman Julie Robinson.

Mrs. Robinson discussed a conservation area that NHMS is purchasing from Roy Merrill on Taylor Haines Road, to donate to the Town for conservation, so they can install culverts on a portion of property they currently own in a wetland area for mitigation purposes. Mrs. Robinson went on to discuss the benefits of obtaining this property. She stated that NHMS will also provide funding to the organization that will be getting the Conservation Easement for monitoring purposes. Discussion ensued. Mrs. Robinson stated that the monitoring of the conservation land will not cost the Town of Loudon any money as the agreement will be with either Five Rivers Trust or Fish and Game. Discussion ensued regarding monitoring, the fact that this parcel is nearby other land that is in conservation, as well as the location of the parcel. The Board members agreed they felt this would be good for the town. Mrs. Robinson will bring more information to the Selectmen as the transaction gets closer to finalization.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received copies of a Memo from Office Manager Jean Lee regarding Town Road deeds and Town Meeting. Chairman Ives stated that the Office Staff had been researching deeds. Chairman Ives stated that the would be contacting John Rice of the Boy Scouts and Selectman Bowles will contact Cecile Merrill regarding the Girl Scouts for their set up at Town Meeting. Chairman Ives stated he would be contacting Fred Reagan of MVSD regard-

ing set up of the Elementary School for Town Meeting.

The Board received information from DRA regarding the 2008 Equalization Ratio for review.

The Board received copies of a draft Irrevocable Letter of Credit for Road Maintenance Bond for Wellington Lane for review.

The Board received copies of NHMA Legislative Bulletin #9 for review.

The Board received copies of ESMI 4th Quarter HCF in the amount of \$29,475.96.

The Board received copies of two Regional Impact Notices from the Town of Goffstown.

The Board received copies of the 2010 Census information for review.

The Board received copies of service changes from Comcast.

Chairman Ives opened the Public Hearing to accept monies in access of \$5,000.00 for the Arthur E. McNeil and Raymond C. Cummings Memorial Scholarship Fund at 7:00 p.m.

Chairman Ives read the public notice for those present. Chairman Ives stated the Board was in receipt of two checks, one from Bob and Sandra Bahre in the amount of \$100,000.00 and the other from Gary Bahre in the amount of \$100,000.00. *Selectman Maxfield moved to accept the funds totaling \$200,000.00 from Robert, Sandra, and Gary Bahre for the Arthur E. McNeil and Raymond C. Cummings Memorial Scholarship Fund. Seconded by Selectman Bowles.* Selectman Bowles thanked the Bahre Family for their generous donation and stated that in the future there will

be a fund set up to pay for this Scholarship Program so the funds will not be coming directly from the Bahre's personal accounts. Selectman Maxfield stated this will be a perpetual fund. Chairman Ives stated the fund is for High School Seniors and College students attending an accredited school full time and must be a resident of Loudon. Chip Cochran asked if all of the scholarship money was used last year. The Selectmen stated that all of the money was awarded, but sometimes a student changes their mind and does not go or does not finish their year out and the money remains in the Scholarship Fund. Discussion ensued. *All in favor. Motion carried.*

Chairman Ives closed the public hearing.

Jeff Benner was recognized from the audience.

Mr. Benner stated that there was a property owner who had contacted the fire department about offering a mobile home for training purposes and was supposedly told that the Selectmen declined the offer. He asked the Board for clarification. The Board stated they did not recall being contacted about this and that they would have checked with the fire department regarding this issue. Discussion ensued.

Selectman Bowles moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

THE LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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

Planning Board Meeting Minutes — February 19, 2009

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

Attendance:

Chairman Tom Dow, *Vice Chairman* Stan Prescott, Tom Moore, Gary Tasker, *Alternates* Bob Ordway and Jeff Green, and *Selectman* Steve Ives.

Bob Ordway was appointed as a voting member in the absence of Henry Huntington.

Jeff Green was appointed as a voting member in the absence of Steve Jackson.

Selectman Ives was appointed by the Board of Selectmen to sit in the absence of *Ex-officio* Dustin Bowles.

The Conservation Commission was represented by Julie Robinson.

Acceptance of Minutes:

January 15, 2009 Zoning Ordinance Public Hearing — Bob Ordway made a motion to accept the minutes as presented; seconded by Jeff Green. All were in favor.

January 15, 2009 Regular Meeting — Stan Prescott made a motion to accept the minutes as presented; seconded by Jeff Green. All were in favor.


Conceptual Review:

Fortier — Mark DeGrace of Holden Engineering spoke on behalf of Hermel Fortier about Map 28, Lot 12, a 90 acre parcel on Oak Hill Road. Mr. DeGrace stated that there is an existing house and septic system on this parcel. He explained that Mr. Fortier would like to dedicate a lot

around the house and necessary acreage. Mr. DeGrace pointed out that the lot has 248' of frontage, noting that using that frontage for the house lot would restrict access to the backland. He said they are proposing to build a short section of roadway into the parcel to create frontage for the house lot, noting that the proposed plan would create an odd shaped lot configuration. Tom Moore asked if they would have a fifty foot right-of-way for the road. Mr. DeGrace said that they would and that they would have to redirect the existing driveway. He asked if the proposed cul-de-sac could be constructed at the time of subdividing the back portion of the acreage. Tom Dow said that the Board prefers not to set any precedents.

Gary Tasker said that the lot shape is of concern. He asked if the cul-de-sac would be built as a private road and if the road has to be built to town standards to be considered frontage. Mr. Tasker said it would be risky to do without the cul-de-sac. He said even with the cul-de-sac he is not sure that the lot is not gerrymandered. Jeff Green stated that the 180 x 240 configuration is there and the lot meets the 4:1. Mr. Tasker asked if the Board has been seeing more cul-de-sacs to create frontage. Stan Prescott said that it is not unusual, but this is a funky lot and he is not sure there is any better way to accomplish Mr. Fortier's intention. He noted that the current house is inhabited by

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Mr. Fortier's daughter, and he said this is the most opportune time to see future plans for the remaining acreage. Gary Tasker said that Mr. Fortier might want to consider building a road knowing that future development is possible. The Board agreed that the shape of the lot is of concern and they recommended bringing the road in further.

Shaw — Bill Dufresne of Merrimack Engineering spoke on behalf of Clinton and John Shaw about Map 3, Lot 3, a 209 acre parcel on East Ricker Road. Mr. Dufresne explained that the Shaw brothers want to divide the parcel, which has an existing hunting camp on it, for their children. He said that he has a general sense of the wetlands and slopes on the property and has done a conceptual for four pieces by dividing the upper and lower sections. Mr. Dufresne said that they are here to discuss how they can do the division without having to survey the entire piece and doing soil testing. He explained that this is just to split between the brothers and there are no plans to develop. He said this is simply to deed the pieces to their sons as inexpensively as possible. Mr. Dufresne said that a perimeter survey would be done and he has done some random soil testing. Through USGS and site visits, Mr. Dufresne has shown wet areas. He asked if the parcel could be subdivided with the understanding that there would be no further development, again noting that this is merely for conveyance at this point.

Stan Prescott said that he did a tape and compass survey on this property years ago. He said he is more concerned with seeing a building lot on each parcel than having to do a complete survey. Mr. Dufresne asked if it would be satisfactory to identify a building lot on each parcel to the town's regulations rather than survey the entire 209 acres. Gary Tasker said that the Board has not made others do the entire survey. Bob Ordway stated that it would be very helpful to identify buildable lots with frontage and acreage. Stan Prescott said that they would be meeting the requirements that way. Gary Tasker felt that was a good idea. Mr. Prescott said they are not talking about finite, just make it four lots. The Board agreed to identifying a building lot on each parcel.

Old Business:

Application #08-16, Peter & Margaret Schauer — Minor Subdivision, Located on Cross Brook Road in the RR District. Map 12, Lot 44. Jeff Green stepped down from the Board. Jeff Green of JL Green Enter-

prises represented the applicants. There were no abutters present. Mr. Green gave an overview of the plan. He explained that he has made changes based on comments from the Planning Board and the Louis Berger engineer. Mr. Green said that he has created a drainage easement on Lot 44, noting that there is currently an easement on Lot 45 from the center of the existing cul-de-sac. He went through the town engineer's initial comments, his own response to those comments, and the follow up comments from the town engineer.

Mr. Green talked about the town engineer comments #10 and #11. Stan Prescott said that he does not like sheet flow as it can be icy in the winter. He noted that there is mention of a level spreader but did not see it on the plan. Mr. Green explained that it is on the detail sheet. Mr. Prescott said that it appears that the water will go on the neighbor's property. He asked if the road agent has looked at the plan for drainage work. Mr. Green said that he can make the easement as big as needed as that point of the parcel is not usable. Mr. Prescott said that it is important that the road agent have input on the easement. Mr. Green noted that the town's engineer said that the easement was sufficient for drainage but he can have the road agent look at the plan. In addressing comment #11, Tom Dow said that he would recommend leaving the drainage as designed by the applicant's engineer. Stan Prescott said that he would agree.

Stan Prescott asked if there was supposed to be a note about no further subdivision. Mr. Green said that he would add that as Note #9. He said that he also has to add the -2% driveway requirement. Stan Prescott asked if that would be on the recorded plan. Tom Dow said that the note has to be on the recorded page so anyone looking at the plans can see it. Mr. Green said that he shows the existing driveway and the profile. He asked if it could be done as a note. Tom Dow said that he thought it could be done as a note. The consensus of the Board was that Mr. Green could draw the driveway.

Chairman Dow closed the hearing to the public and opened it to the Board only. The chairman read a request for a waiver of Section 12.4.9. *Tom Moore made a motion to approve the waiver; seconded by Stan Prescott. All were in favor.* The chairman read a request for a waiver of Section 23.1.7. *Bob Ordway made a motion to grant the waiver; seconded by Gary Tasker. Steve Ives asked if the plan involves a cistern or sprinklers. Jeff Green stated that neither is*

required as this is a minor subdivision. All were in favor of the motion.

Mr. Green is to provide the following for the next meeting: 1) profile of driveways, sheet 2; 2) speak with the road agent about the easements; 3) note #9 about no further subdivision; and 4) construction estimate. Stan Prescott asked about the bounds being set. Mr. Green said that he will not provide final plans for recording until they are set.

Gary Tasker made a motion to continue this application to the meeting of March 19, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Building; seconded by Tom Moore. All were in favor. There will be no further notification.

Jeff Green returned to the Board.

New Business:

#09-01, Sceptre Custom Homes — Minor Subdivision, Located on School Street in the RR District. Map 38, Lot 7-3. Tony Merullo represented the owner. There were no abutters present. Mr. Merullo explained that the plan is to divide this lot into two lots. He said that the new lot, shown as 7-4 on the plan, would have 2.74 acres, 1.5 acres buildable, and 390+ feet of frontage. He said that lot 7-3 would have the remaining 2.8 acres, 1.9 acres buildable, and 393+ feet of frontage. Mr. Merullo stated that State subdivision approval was granted on 2/17/09. He said they have State wetland crossing approval #208-02112 and received Loudon ZBA approval for the crossing on 1/22/09.

There was discussion about the cistern that Mr. Merullo has installed on the opposite side of School Street. The cistern was to be operational by the end of November, however, due to hitting ledge and winter setting in, the cistern is not yet operational. The Board voiced their concerns with the cistern not being done by the time they were assured it would be, the fact that the cistern is not completely underground because of

the ledge, and the fact that there will have to be a retaining wall in front of the cistern.

Gary Tasker made a motion to accept this application as complete and move to public hearing; seconded by Jeff Green. All were in favor.

Gary Tasker asked if this lot was part of the agreement with the cistern. Tom Dow stated that it was to be part of the cistern or have sprinklers. He said that there is a wetland crossing that was approved by the ZBA and asked if the Conservation Commission had weighed in on the crossing. Julie Robinson said that the Conservation Commission had seen the paperwork and agreed to the crossing as long as the impact was kept to a minimum. She asked Mr. Merullo about the culvert. Mr. Merullo said that it would be a 36" high density polyethylene culvert with 6" imbedded in the ground. He explained that it was determined to be an intermittent stream and the culvert was best suited for such conditions.

Tom Dow asked if either lot has a building permit. Mr. Merullo said that there are no permits on these lots. Gary Tasker asked if the plan should have a note concerning the cistern. There was further discussion about the cistern. Mr. Merullo was asked to provide the following for the next meeting: 1) note on plan, operational cistern before CO is issued; 2) reference the cistern across the street; 3) label the location of the cistern; 4) need wetland scientist stamp; 5) make markers consistent.

Chairman Dow closed the hearing to the public and opened it to the Board only. *Stan Prescott made a motion to continue this application to the meeting of March 19, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Building; seconded by Gary Tasker. All were in favor.* There will be no further notification.

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Planning — cont. from page <None> Board Discussion:

CIP. There was brief discussion about the need to do a thorough review and update of the CIP book. It was agreed that the update would run for the six-year period of 2010/11 through 2015/16 because the 2009/10 budget has already been addressed. Stan Prescott said that he would participate on the sub-committee. The matter was tabled to a future meeting.

CVAD. It was noted that the town engineer's review of the CVAD site plans had a question about the project needing a construction estimate and bond. Tony Marcotte inquired of the office if this was a requirement. The Board agreed that there was no need for a construction estimate or bond on the site development as there is no road involved.

Parking permits. Donna stated that she asked Chief Fiske and Chief Burr if they had any concerns with daytime parking permits after the last race season. Chief Burr sent a memo with the following remarks: 1) Wilson Smith parks cars but there does not seem to be a permit for that property; 2) a new map should be submitted every time a property changes hands; and 3) a new map should be submitted every four years. The Board agreed that Mr. Smith should meet the same criteria as other permit holders and any parking that is not on NHMS property needs a permit. Gary Tasker said that he did not feel a new map was necessary unless there are layout changes on any of the permitted properties. It was agreed that a permit holder must come in with a new plan if there were changes to the traffic pattern.

Memo on Wellington Lane. A copy of a memo from Bob Fiske to the Board of Selectmen was received. The memo addressed a drainage issue on a property that abuts Wellington Lane. The Board agreed that the drainage issue needs to be addressed by the developer.

Report of the ZBA. Donna reported that there is a Special Exception for a driveway in a side setback on School Street, a Special Exception for steep slopes on School Street, a request for building permit extensions, and a discussion about a property on South Village Road on this month's ZBA agenda.

Report of the Board of Permit. Stan Prescott stated that he was unable to attend the February Board of Permit. Steve Ives reported that a sign for a farm stand and an inspection station on Clough Hill Road were discussed.

Adjournment. A motion to adjourn at 9:45 p.m. was made by Gary Tasker; seconded by Stan Prescott. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna White

Zoning Board of Adjustment Meeting Minutes — Feb. 26, 2009

Chairman Dave Powelson called the Loudon Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting of February 26, 2009 to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Loudon Community Building.

ROLL CALL:

The following members were present: Chairman Dave Powelson, Howard Pearl, and Alternate Jim Venne. Jim Venne was appointed as a full voting member for this meeting.

Chairman Powelson explained the hearing process with fewer Board members.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

Regular Hearing. Howard Pearl made a motion to approve the minutes of January 22, 2009; seconded by Jim Venne. All were in favor.

DISCUSSION:

Denise Leclerc. Mrs. Leclerc explained that she owns a multi-unit property on South Village Road. She spoke about the Village Committee plan that was being proposed at the time that she purchased the property but has not happened. Mrs. Leclerc said that the dog grooming business that is in her building is moving to Concord for better visibility and location. She said she would like to convert the building back to four apartments as it was when she purchased the property. Dave Powelson noted that permitted uses for the Village District allow multi-family dwellings of not more than three dwelling units per building. Mrs. Leclerc said that she would like to return the unit to an apartment and leave it that way. Mr. Powelson said that it was his recollection that it was four apartments which was non-conforming and one was turned into the grooming shop which made it more conforming. Mrs. Leclerc stated for clarification that the property was four apartments when she purchased it five years ago.

Howard Pearl asked what was done to create the shop. Chairman Powelson stated that a special exception for a dog grooming shop was granted in October of 2004. He read from the minutes of that meeting. Mrs. Leclerc noted that there was a lot of conversation about the Village District being built up and that is why the groomer chose to set up there. She said that it had been proposed that the post office was to come to the Village and there would be shops and sidewalks. Howard Pearl said that he was not sure that the Board has the authority to approve this back to a non-conforming status. The chairman read from the non-conforming section of the Zoning Ordinance. Mr. Pearl asked if three units and a small business make the property a conforming

use or if it would still be non-conforming. Mr. Powelson said that it was made less non-conforming when it got the special exception. He said if the owner could make a case that the Village plan had changed the apartment might be more appropriate than an empty shop. Mrs. Leclerc spoke about the Yankee store being empty and that the Village is not the plan as discussed when she bought the property. Howard Pearl said the only way he could see relief was in Section 602.2. He said the owner could say that the Village District is not what they had hoped and apply for a special exception to change one non-conforming use to another non-conforming use. The chairman explained the application process. Mr. Pearl read from Section 602.2. Jim Venne asked if any physical changes are needed to put the unit back to an apartment. Mrs. Leclerc said that no structural changes would be necessary.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Case #09-02, Tony Merullo — Special Exception for Steep Slopes, Map 38, Lot 8. Abutters have been notified; none were present. Mr. Merullo spoke on behalf of the owner, Peter & Gary, LLC. He stated that a site walk was done earlier in the day where the Board members viewed the property. Mr. Merullo said that they are trying to create a 1.5 acre contiguous buildable area using some 25% slopes. He said that it was his understanding that there is an amendment on slopes coming up for a vote on the ballot in March. Chairman Powelson explained the proposed change. Mr. Merullo explained that the lot is dissected in half by wetland. He said in order to get 1.5 acres of contiguous area without using the slopes they would have to cross the wetland and buffer to get to the back of the property.

Mr. Merullo asked if pockets of steeper areas create a steep slope district. Chairman Powelson stated that that was part of why they would like to see the definition changed, noting that the current ordinance does not give any area of size. Howard Pearl concurred with Mr. Powelson's statement, saying that any knob has to be counted as the ordinance is currently written. Mr. Merullo said that he applied for a special exception to use some of the 20-25% area as driveway and building area. He said that he understood the Zoning Ordinance to include more and asked if the Board has the power to change from 20% to 25%. Mr. Powelson said that the Board does not have that power and explained that they have done similar things through variances. He said that the Board could grant special exceptions to build driveways, roads, and utility lines in steep slope areas. Mr. Merullo discussed the area that would be disturbed for the driveway. Discussion continued about the total area of disturbance.

Howard Pearl asked if the shaded area of the plan depicts slopes. He said what is being asked is beyond the power of the ZBA. There was discussion of options: move the driveway, wait for the vote on the

amendment, apply for a variance. Mr. Pearl said that some things have been mentioned that could be hardships and that Mr. Merullo has to decide which way is best. Mr. Merullo asked to have this application tabled until next month. Howard Pearl made a motion to continue this application to the March 26, 2009 meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Building; seconded by Jim Venne. All were in favor. There will be no further notification. There was discussion of when Mr. Merullo could modify this application and the deadline for submitting a new application.

Case #09-03, Tony Merullo — Special Exception for Driveway in Setback, Map 38, Lot 8-6. Abutters have been notified; none were present. Mr. Merullo spoke on behalf of owner Patrick Picardi. He explained that this property is at 7336 School Street and is a two-acre parcel in the RR District. Mr. Merullo said that the existing driveway was installed for a log landing and he is asking to allow it to remain in that location as the approved residential driveway. He read through the points of the application. Mr. Merullo stated that he spoke with the abutters to the driveway location (DeHart) and they have no problem with the request. He explained how moving the driveway to the east would put it in the higher area with outcroppings of ledge and closer to the new PSNH pole and wider section of the PSNH right-of-way.

Mr. Merullo stated that they are asking for a 10' setback. He said that a tape was pulled at the site earlier in the day and it was thought that 15' might work. Mr. Merullo explained that the current location gives proper room for swales to each side of the driveway and he thinks that it would be best to ask for 10' because of the drainage. Howard Pearl said that his questions have been answered between the site walk and Mr. Merullo's presentation. Jim Venne said that he had no questions.

Chairman Powelson closed the hearing to the public and opened it to the Board only. Jim Venne made a motion to allow the Special Exception, reducing the westerly side setback from 30' to 10' for the purposes of a driveway; seconded by Howard Pearl. Mr. Pearl said that the best location for the driveway would be at the 10' setback based on having been on the site walk and the case being made for the ledge to the easterly side of the driveway. Dave Powelson said that it has been the tradition of the Board to go half of the setback to 15' but he believes that 10' is best in this situation. A roll vote was taken: Howard Pearl — Yes; Dave Powelson — Yes; Jim Venne — Yes. Unanimous — PASSED

ADJOURNMENT:

Howard Pearl made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.; seconded by Jim Venne. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna White
Administrative Assistant



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April 2009 in Loudon						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 2pm•Storytime @ Library 5:30pm•Arts & Music Night @ LES 7pm•Library Book Group 7pm•Historical Society	2 10:30am•Storytime @ Library 6:30pm•Boy Scout Troop 247 @ Legion 6:30pm•Incoming Kindergarten Info Night @ LES 7pm•Boy Scout Venturing Crew 247 @ Legion 7-8:30pm•Senior Project Showcase @ MVHS	3 TERM 3 ENDS 7:45-11am•Senior Project Presentations @ MVHS	4 8-Noon•PTA Easter Breakfast, Craft Fair, Raffle, Goodies Hop, Egg Hunt @ Elementary School 9-1•Library Book Sale 7pm•True Witness @ GraveRobbers Cafe
5 PALM SUNDAY	6 6:30pm•Happy Hill 4-H @ American Legion 6:30pm•Rec. Com. Rink Park Subcommittee @ Com. Bldg.	7 10:30am•Storytime @ Library 5pm•Library Trustees 6:30pm•Selectmen's Meeting @ Com. Bldg. 7pm•Lions Club @ Library	8 2pm•Storytime @ Library 6pm•Conservation Com. @ Com. Bldg. 6:30pm•Girl Scout Volunteers @ LES	9 1st DAY OF PASSOVER Kindergarten Screening & Testing REPORT CARDS SENT HOME 10:30am•Storytime @ Library 6:30pm•PTA @ LES 6:30pm•Boy Scout Troop 247 @ Legion 7pm•Boy Scout Venturing Crew 247 @ Legion	10 GOOD FRIDAY	11 Lion's Pancake Breakfast @ American Legion Spring Concert Grades 1-5 7th & 8th Grade Dance
12 EASTER	13 8pm•Loudon Fire Dept. Meeting	14 10am•Young at Heart @ Com. Bldg. 10:30am•Storytime @ Library 6:30pm•Selectmen's Meeting/Board of Permit @ Com. Bldg.	15 7pm•American Legion & Auxilliary Meeting	16 Senior Portfolio Due 6:30pm•Boy Scout Troop 247 @ Legion 6:30pm•Middle School PTO 7pm•Boy Scout Venturing Crew 247 @ Legion 7pm•Planning Board @ Com. Bldg.	17 LOUDON LEDGER DEADLINE FOR APRIL 2009 ISSUE	18 9am•Bicycle Safety Program @ Safety Bldg.
19 6:30pm•Old Home Day Com. @ Kim Bean's	20 SPIRIT DAY @ LES 6:30pm•Communications Council @ Com. Bldg.	21 10:30am•Storytime @ Library 6:30pm•Selectmen's Meeting @ Com. Bldg. 7pm•Lions Club @ Library	22 6:30pm•Recreation Committee @ Library	23 6:30pm•Boy Scout Troop 247 @ Legion 7pm•Boy Scout Venturing Crew 247 @ Legion 7pm•Zoning Board @ Com. Bldg.	24	25
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