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Merrimack Valley Girls Basketball Team 2014 Division II State Champions



Front Row, left to right: Jeremiah Haywood (Manager), Olivia Thurber, Mary Mullen (Captain), Emily Mulleavey (Captain), Erin Frost (Captain), Haley Adams, Colleen James (Manager), Megan Johnston, Danielle Wiley (Manager). Back Row: David Huckins (Head Coach), Alyssa Rollins (Assistant Coach), Sierra Dube, Morganne Waldo, Mayson Kimball, Morgan Burr, Cassidy Huckins, Sammi Osborne, Madyn Kenney, Camryn Burr, Katelyn Hill, Mike Mahoney (Assistant Coach). Photo by Kathleen Dempsey

Town Meeting Wrap-Up

By Mary Ann Steele for the Communications Council

Town Moderator Michael LaBonte called the second session of the 2014 Town Meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. at Loudon Elementary School. The Moderator introduced Boy Scouts from Troop 30 who posted the colors, then led the assembly in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. The Moderator asked for a moment of silence to recognize our veterans and those active service members serving at home and abroad. The Moderator then thanked the Merrimack Valley School District and LES Principal Tom LaLiberte for the use of the school, and he thanked the highway crew for setting up the hall for the meeting. The Moderator introduced elected officials who were present for the meeting before reading the Moderator's Rules. The Moderator reported the results of Tuesday's elections as follows: Moderator for 2 years — Michael P LaBonte; Selectman for 3 years — Robert P. Krieger; Supervisor of the Checklist for 2 years — Francine Clave; Supervisor of the Checklist for 4 years — Tracy Huckins; Tax Collector for 3 years — Helen McNeil; Treasurer for 3 years — Melanie Kiley; Trustees of the Trust

Town Meeting — cont. on 4



The Recycling Committee presented a skit at this year's Town Meeting with the help of Loudon's Girl Scouts. Participating were girls from Troop 10955 and Troop 12083.

Mission Statement...

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

**Town of Loudon Office Hours
Selectmen’s Office**

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

Town Clerk

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

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PO Box 7837 • 798-4540 • loudonplanningoffice@comcast.net
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Tax Collector

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

Police Department: Emergencies: 911

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

Code Enforcement

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

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

Loudon Elementary School

7039 School Street • 783-4400
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Transfer Station

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

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

John O. Cate Memorial Van

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Loudon Food Pantry

30 Chichester Road, Unit D, Loudon
Intake Hours: Monday–Thursday by appointment only.
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For more information, call Sue or Sarah at 724-9731 or email LoudonFoodPantry@yahoo.com

Loudon Representatives

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Howard M. Moffett: 66 Cogswell Rd., Canterbury, NH 03224-2011
Merrimack County — District 26
Lorrie J. Carey: 151 King St., Boscawen, NH 03303-2107
Senators — District 17
John Reagan: 53 Mt. Delight Rd., Deerfield, NH 0303-1304

Loudon Ledger Submission Policy

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Ongoing Evening Adult Bible Studies: call for details



Faith Community Bible Church

Evangelical Free Church of America
Jeffrey Owen, Senior Pastor • Joshua Owens, Associate Pastor
334 North Village Road, Loudon, NH 03307 • 783-4045 • www.fcbcnh.org
Office Hours: Mon.–Thurs. 9 a.m.–2 p.m.
Sunday Worship Hours: 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. (Nursery provided.)
Sunday School Classes: 9:30–10:30 a.m.
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Bible Study: Thurs. 9:30 a.m. (3rd Thursday of the month, meets at noon)
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Pastor Paul J. Clow
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Sunday School and Bible Classes for all ages: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship Service (Jr. Church Provided): 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening Service: 7 p.m.
(Nursery provided for all services.)
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Loudon Center Freewill Baptist Church

Rev. Linda Overall, Pastor — 603-875-5822
433 Clough Hill Road. Mailing address: P.O. Box 7852, Loudon, NH 03307
Member of the American Baptist Churches of VT/NH (Lakes Area Association)
Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m.



Loudon Congregational Church

Rev. Dick Carter, Interim Minister
7018 Church Street, PO Box 7034, Loudon, NH 03307 • 783-9478 • www.loudoncongregational.org
Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m. followed by Fellowship Time
Wednesday Evenings: Bible Study
Loudon Congregational is a member church of the
Conservative Congregational Christian Conference (www.cccusa.org).



New Beginnings Church of the Nazarene

Senior Pastor Rev. Joshua T. Johnson
Youth Pastor Brian Bollinger
33 Staniels Rd, Loudon NH 03307 • Ph: 224-1311 • Office Hours: 9–2, Mon.–Fri.
office.LNBnazarene@gmail.com • www.LNBnazarene.org
Sundays: Sunday School & Adult Bible Studies: 9:15 a.m.
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Children’s Church (Grades 1–4)
Tuesdays: Early Youth Group (Grades 5–6). 6:30–8 p.m. Brian & Jill Bollinger: 267-1744
Wednesdays: Youth Group (Grades 7–12). 6:30–8:00 p.m.
Adult Bible Study with Pastor Josh: 7–8 p.m.
Kids Time (Grades 1–6). 7–8 p.m.
Other: Once a month will also have events for men, women, adults, and seniors (50+) called OASIS.
Please visit our website or call the church office for details.



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

Loudon Church News

New Beginnings Church of the Nazarene Holy Week and Easter Services

Good Friday, April 18, 2014:

We will have a one hour Good Friday Tenebrae Service of Darkness starting at 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 20, 2014:

Easter Continental Breakfast from 8:20–9:15 a.m.
Sunday School & Adult Bible Study Classes at 9:15–10:15 a.m.
Resurrection Family Worship Service with our worship band and sermon by Senior Pastor Joshua Johnson; begins at 10:30 a.m.
We are located at 33 Staniels Road in Loudon (off Rte. 106 near the Red Roof Inn). Our facilities are handicap accessible and everyone is welcome to join us for this special time of year.

Faith Community Bible Church

Easter Sunday Worship Hours

8:00 a.m. and 9:45 a.m. There will also be a Sunrise Service held at the Town Gazebo at 6:00 a.m.

Loudon Center Freewill Baptist Church

Caregiver’s Support Group every second and fourth Mondays at 6 p.m. Call Rev. Overall for more information at 603-875-5822.
Bible Study every other Saturday at 8 a.m. with a potluck breakfast. We are studying the book of Genesis. Please call Rev. Overall for dates/locations at 603-875-5822
Please join us for a Good Friday service here at the church at 7 p.m. We will be observing the Stations of the Cross.
This month’s potluck supper will be cancelled due to Easter.
Please join us at 7 a.m. Sunday, April 20 for an early morning Easter service followed by an Easter breakfast and then the regular service at 9:30 a.m.
Please join us and spread the word that we are hosting a **FREE COMMUNITY RESOURCE FAIR** on Saturday, April 26, 2014 from 10 a.m.–2 p.m. There will be an activities table for the kids. There will be lunch items available for a nominal fee. Come find out what resources are available for people of all ages! Please call Stephanie if you offer services and want to have a table at the fair at 603-568-5080 or email gagne7@live.com.
We would love to have you join us as we worship the Lord on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. ■



FREE COMMUNITY DINNER

SATURDAY, APRIL 12, 2014
Serving dinner at 4:30-6:30 PM
The Family Bible Church
676 Loudon Ridge Road
Loudon, NH 03307

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

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Town Meeting — cont. from 1

Funds for 3 years — Susan Kowalski; Library Trustee for 3 years — Alice C.J. Tucson; Planning Board for 3 years — Stanley H. Prescott, II and Robert A. Cole; Zoning Board for 3 years — David E. Powelson and Howard Pearl. He also reported that Article 2, the single zoning amendment on the ballot, had passed with a vote of 158 to 59.

Voting on each of the Articles was done with a show of hands (voting cards). Articles 3–9 and Articles 11–14 were passed as written, with little discussion. Steve Jakubowski did offer an amendment to Article 8 regarding an increase in the disability exemption for property tax purposes, which would require otherwise eligible property owners to be a resident of Loudon for at least 5 years to qualify, and not simply a resident of New Hampshire for 5 years. There was discussion about whether or not such an amendment would be legal. The Selectmen indicated that Town Counsel was not present at the meeting to give such an opinion, but that the original article had been reviewed by Counsel and was acceptable as written. On a show of hands, the amendment was defeated and the article passed. Following adoption of that article, a motion properly made by Peter Pitman to restrict reconsideration of Articles 3 through 8 was seconded and adopted.

Before taking up Article 9, which was similar to Article 8 and involved additional property tax exemptions for the elderly, Steve Jakubowski asked the Selectmen to review Articles 8 and 9 with legal counsel to determine whether the Town, in a future meeting, could restrict property tax exemptions to those who had been residents of Loudon for at least 5 years, and not simply residents of New Hampshire.

Trudy Mott-Smith gave a brief explanation of Article 10, which appeared on the Warrant by petition, and asked the Town to approve a resolution opposing the transport of tar sands oil through New Hampshire in projects such as the one proposed by owners of the Portland Montreal Pipeline. After a brief discussion and some questions and answers, a vote was taken by show of hands. The Moderator determined that the vote was too close to call, and asked the Ballot Clerks to count the actual vote. The Article was narrowly defeated in a vote of 68 to 60.

Articles 11 and 12, which were passed without discussion, covered appropriations to the Capital Reserve Funds and the Expendable Trust Funds. Discussion on the budget as it appeared in Article 13 generated several questions. Peter Pitman asked the Selectmen to explain why the legal expenses listed on line 41531 had increased from \$20,000 to \$80,000. The Selectmen explained that NH Motor Speedway had applied

for a property tax abatement based on the valuation of the property, asserting that their taxes were too high. The Selectmen indicated that they had approved an abatement, but not as large an abatement as the Speedway owners requested. As a result, the Town is now engaged in a lawsuit with the Speedway, and on the advice of counsel, expecting substantial costs in litigation, the legal budget was increased to cover those anticipated costs.

Preston Lawrence asked what the overall impact of the budget would be on taxes. The Selectmen tried to provide a rough calculation, but explained that there were too many variables including property values, revenues and costs associated with the school district to give a reliable percentage of increase. Mr. Lawrence also asked for an explanation of increases in the Selectmen's budget and the Elections budget. The Selectmen indicated that the majority of the increase in the Selectmen's budget was to replace computer equipment that was old and no longer sufficient to handle the various town departments' needs. They said that the elections budget fluctuates from year to year, depending on the number of elections held, and that the Selectmen had included a small increase in compensation for election officials who have to spend all day at the polls each and every election. With no further questions on the budget, the Town voted to adopt Article 13, and adopted a budget, excluding amounts raised and appropriated under Articles 3–12, in the amount of \$4,142,211.00. Following that vote, Peter Pitman made a motion, which was properly seconded, and the Town voted to restrict reconsideration on Articles 9–13.

Further discussion occurred under Article 14, which allows the Town to transact any other business that may legally come before the voters at the meeting.

Lee Laughlin asked the Town to publish its annual report in electronic format in order to cut down on some of the costs of printing, and allow others like herself to download the report to an electronic device that they can use to more easily scan and study the report. Ms. Laughlin encouraged everyone to attend D.A.R.E. Pizza Night, a fund-raiser that supports the D.A.R.E. program and showcases local businesses that provide donations and prizes to support the program. She also asked the Board of Selectmen if they could give a brief update on progress toward building new Town Offices.

In response to Ms. Laughlin's inquiry, the Board said that once Town Meeting was over and a budget adopted, the Board planned to start a building committee to begin working on needs and designs. They explained that the goal was to build offices that met the needs of those who worked there, and to do so without having to raise any additional monies through a bond.

David Steele, Assistant Town Moderator, told the meeting that Representative Howard Moffett, who was present at the Meeting, invited everyone to meet with Representatives Lockwood, Carey and Moffett on April 12th at 10:00 a.m. at the Maxfield



Public Library to discuss pending bills, or other concerns. He said that coffee and donuts would be provided.

Steve Jackson told the meeting that he had attended the Merrimack Valley School District Annual Meeting, and that only about 112 Loudon voters were present. He encouraged more to attend, saying that with a 14.6% increase in the district budget and increases in per pupil costs to more than \$15,000 per student per year, despite declining enrollments, the tax burden had become unreasonable and that something needed to be done. He said that double-digit increases needed to stop, noting he had been identified by school officials as one of a "small vocal group" who were speaking in opposition to those increases. He said that taxes were driving people from their homes, and that continued growth in the budget needed to be reined in. David Steele said that the best way to get increased participation would be to conduct the district meeting through video conferencing so that voters in the other towns in the district could go to their own schools in their own communities instead of having to travel to MVHS for the meeting.

The Moderator asked the Town to recognize Deena Leonard, who was retiring from the Fire Department, noting that she had "given three sons to the department." Ms. Leonard received a standing ovation.

The Girl Scouts gave a presentation on recycling, performing an informative, entertaining skit to highlight the ease and benefits of recycling for everyone.

Preston Lawrence asked the Town when repairs might be made to Wales Bridge, and Wales Bridge Road, asking if the bridge itself was red-listed. The Selectmen said that they did not know if the bridge was red-listed but agreed that the road was in serious need of repair.

Earl Tucson asked if the Town could consider leaving the Merrimack Valley School District and having schools of its own. The Selectmen said that even if the Town were to leave the district, Loudon would remain financially responsible for all the bonds that the district had passed. The Selectmen noted that several years ago there was an attempt to leave the district, but that the effort was defeated by the voters.

Mr. Tucson asked the Board to consider using a woodchip heating plant when new Town offices are constructed, saying that a single heating plant using renewable energy could replace the fossil fuels currently heating town buildings. The Selectmen said they were not certain that there would be a true cost savings, and they would have to look at the overall cost of construction and operation. They agreed that they wanted the new construction to be as "green" and energy efficient as possible.

At 10:25 a.m., Peter Pitman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. That motion passed without further discussion. ■

The Recycling Committee presented a skit at this year's Town Meeting with the help of Loudon's Girl Scouts. Participating from Troop 10955 were Sophie LeBlanc, Sierra Bourque, Olivia Croteau, Brianna Ramsey, Lacie Sleeper, Emily Theberge, and Deanna Bourque. The following members of Troop 12083 also assisted: Sabrina LeBlanc, Amber Radcliffe, and Elizabeth Dunn.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY

APRIL 12TH, 2014

8:00 am to 12:00 pm

Loudon Transfer Station

This event is open to all residents of Loudon.

Must bring proof of residency.

WHAT TO BRING

From your workbench:

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

From Your garage:

- Engine degreasers, brake fluids

From your yard:

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

From your home:

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

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

WHAT NOT TO BRING

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

TO ENSURE YOUR SAFETY

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

Loudon Master Plan Update Community Visioning Session

Loudon Elementary School
Saturday, May 10 — 9:00 a.m. until noon

The Loudon Planning Board invites you to attend a Community Visioning Session on Saturday, May 10, a public input event for the Loudon Master Plan Update. This is an opportunity for residents to offer suggestions on important town issues and to get involved in the community planning process.

Topics to be discussed include Community and Recreational Facilities, Transportation, Natural Features, Utilities and Public Services, Housing, Demographics, Economic Development, and Land Use.

Refreshments and registration begin at 8:30 a.m., and the Visioning Session commences at 9:00 a.m.

If you are interested in participating in the development of the Master Plan update or just want more information, please call Donna White at 798-4540 or send an email to loudonplanningoffice@comcast.net.

Legislative Listening Session To Be Held at Maxfield Public Library April 12

State Reps Priscilla Lockwood, Lorrie Carey, and Howard Moffett would like to invite Loudon residents to a non-partisan **Legislative Listening Session at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 12**, at the Maxfield Public Library. We want to know how you feel about bills coming before the NH Legislature, and we'll answer questions about why we've voted the way we have on bills that are of particular interest to Loudon voters. Coffee and donuts will be served. Please come and let us know how you feel about issues ranging from the condition of state roads to Medicaid expansion, the proposed hike in the minimum wage, gambling, Second Amendment issues, repeal of the death penalty, wind turbines, Northern Pass, and any other bills you have been following. ■

I want to thank the voters of Loudon for venturing out on Campaign Night March 5, 2014 and supporting me in the MVSBS School Board Representative election held on March 6, 2014. Though I wasn't triumphant, their votes and concerns were much appreciated.

David A. Merwin
Salisbury, NH

Visually-Impaired Loudon Artist Featured At Exhibit

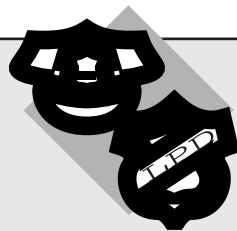


Richard Clark is shown here with his original painting "Homeward Bound." His artwork is on exhibit at Merrimack County Savings Bank.

Loudon resident Richard Clark has been selected to exhibit his artwork at this year's Merrimack County Savings Bank Art Show. Dick is a self-taught artist who has been sketching, painting, and taking photographs all his life. Five of his pieces, including "Homeward Bound," a painting in acrylic and mixed media, will hang in the lobby of Merrimack County Savings Bank on Main Street in Concord. Formerly an art walk in Concord, MCSB is instead hosting the exhibit at their 89 N Main Street location in conjunction with the Friends Program's annual charity auction.

Dick's artwork will be on display, along with works by four other area artists, from April 15th to May 9th, with a reception open to the public on April 18th at 6:00 p.m. When asked about his creative process, Dick replied that he envisions the subject matter he finds most intriguing, and determinedly proceeds to create it. Although Dick is visually impaired, his artwork is vivid and expressive, and features themes of landscapes, nature and animals.

Show your support of our local talent by visiting the exhibit this month. For more about Dick's work and art reproductions, contact him at Inland Prints, dickclark12@comcast.net. To learn about the charity auction and the great services provided by the Friends Program, visit www.friendsprogram.org. ■



Loudon Police Department News

By Robert N. Fiske, Chief of Police

On March 19, 2014 we held our annual D.A.R.E. Pizza Night. Again the support from our community was overwhelming and humbling! This fundraising event supports our D.A.R.E. Program in several ways, including supplies, sporting events, community day, and D.A.R.E. graduation, as well as offering scholarships to graduating high school students from Loudon. The monies raised stay within our community. A HUGE thanks to the support of the volunteers, individuals, businesses, and, of course, all who attended to support our cause!

We are currently advertising for a lifeguard for Clough Pond Beach. The Lifeguard's schedule at Clough Pond Beach runs from Father's Day Weekend until Labor Day Weekend. The Lifeguard will be on duty Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m. Even if there is a lifeguard on duty during these times, we ask you to take responsibility for your young children and do not drop them off on their own. Improper behavior will result in them being asked to leave.

Merrimack Valley School District will be on vacation during the week of April 21st. Please use extra caution on the roadways as nicer weather is approaching (we hope!) and we anticipate seeing kids out and about on their bicycles, skateboards, etc.

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. ■



Fifth Annual Speedway Star Accepting Entries

Winners of national anthem singing competition to sing before NASCAR races

Calling all singers! New Hampshire Motor Speedway is in search of New England's best vocalists for what is expected to be the biggest and most competitive Speedway Star competition to date. Speedway officials are currently accepting entries for the fifth annual singing contest. Deadline for entries is April 11 at 5 p.m.

Last year, Whitney Doucet dazzled judges and spectators at the Mall of New Hampshire in Manchester. The 23-year-old native of Fitchburg, Mass., stood out from a cast of talented contestants to win the Speedway Star competition and few months later was standing in front of enthusiastic NASCAR fans, singing the national anthem before the NASCAR Nationwide Series race at New Hampshire Motor Speedway.

"The Speedway Star competition was a great time," said Doucet. "To have the opportunity to sing in front of NASCAR fans, which are the most fun people to sing for, was such an amazing experience. If there were ever another opportunity for me to sing the national anthem at the New Hampshire Motor Speedway I would do it again in a heartbeat."

The Speedway Star competition will again be held at the Mall of New Hampshire on Saturday, April 26. Prospective contestants are asked to submit a DVD, CD, .wav file or .mp3 file of them singing "The Star Spangled Banner" a cappella style (without music or other accompaniments).

Submissions will be accepted until Friday, April 11 at 5 p.m.

Contestants will be competing for two spots to sing in front of thousands of fans at a NASCAR sanctioned event in July and September.

For more information and for rules and regulations or for an official entry form click on the following link www.nhms.com/speedwaystar. ■

Miles Smith Farm Country Inn Open House

Have you ever wanted to stay on a farm where you could feed cattle, interact with a rabbit or ride a cow? Ride a cow??? On February 21 and 22, Loudon residents visited the newly-opened Miles Smith Farm B&B on Whitehouse Road. Actually, according to Carole Soule, farm owner, it's a "Make your Own" B&B. Make your own breakfast and make your own bed, just like home!

The apartment looks out over fields that support cattle — Scottish Highlanders and Angus cross cattle — ducks, geese, chickens, and now a pig named Charlotte, who entertains visitors by rolling over to have her belly scratched. And Angus, a lop-eared rabbit, who will gladly spend time with guests in the apartment.

Staying in the apartment offers the experience of living on a working farm and yes, cow riding. The farm has some very tame Scottish Highlander cows that love to interact with people and will take you or your children for a quiet, slow ride around the farm.

This experience is not all that new. In the early 1800's the farm served as an inn for visitors to Shaker Village. Sarah Whitehouse, one of the early farm owners, rented rooms to travelers coming and going from the village. ■



Loudon Village Arts SPRING ART SHOW June 7 & 8, 2014

Maxfield Public Library
8 Route 129, Loudon, NH 03307
603-798-5153

TRASH TO TREASURE CONTEST 2014

First prize will be awarded \$100
No entry fee required

Do you like a challenge? Are you creative? Can you picture things as they might be rather than as they are? Then this may be just the contest for you! Start with a boring, mundane or downright ugly object — a tray, a mirror or picture frame, an end table, whatever. Take a "BEFORE" picture. From there, see if you can transform it into art. Whether whimsical, beautiful or just interesting, the end product should be worthy of an "AFTER" shot.

Items entered in competition will be displayed at the library through the close of the Loudon Village Arts Spring Art Show, Sat., June 7, 9 a.m.–2 p.m., and Sun., June 8, noon–3 p.m.

ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED THROUGH MAY 1, 2014 and must be accompanied by a BEFORE photograph.
One entry per person.

First prize will be awarded at the opening of the Spring Art Show on June 7. A popular vote will be taken during the show.

Entrant's Name _____
Address _____
City/State/ZIP _____
Telephone _____ Email _____
Object Description _____
Signature _____

For more information, call 798-5153.



Lions Club Sponsoring Angels 5K Road Race

Put on your running shoes! The Lions Club is sponsoring the 9th Angels 5K Road Race and Fitness Walk on Thursday, May 1 at Merrimack Valley High School. Start time is 6:00 p.m. All proceeds go towards scholarships for two MVHS seniors. The direct link to register is www.active.com/penacook-nh/running/distance-running-races/angers-5K-race-and-fitness-walk-2014. People can also find it by searching www.coolrunning.com.

Lions Club International is sponsoring an initiative to reach out to US veterans to become members. If you join before June 30, 2014, the entrance fee will be waived. We invite anyone who is interested to come to a meeting and learn about us.

The Loudon Lions Club meets on the first Tuesday of the month at the Maxfield Library at 7:00 p.m. See you there! ■

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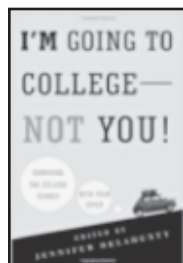


Between the Covers: Preparing for College!

By Kate Dockham

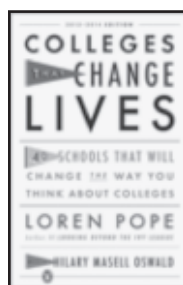
URGH! There comes a time in everyone's life when they must admit they are in over their head. As hard as it is to admit, this is my time. OK, one of my times. Our only child is a junior at MVHS and we are beginning the college search. I have never been more sure I am going to lead him in the wrong direction and help him make the worst decision in his young life. I believe I actually had my first anxiety attack over the whole situation last month. So I have decided to fall back on the words of *School House Rock*, a great American television show, "Knowledge is power." I am searching, reading, and making lists from any authority on the subject I can find. In hopes of saving others from extra gray hairs, this month I'll share what I have found and wish you all good luck!

Most likely, your first procurement on this journey will be an SAT prep book. We received *The Official SAT Study Guide*, 2nd edition from the tutor our son was working with at Parker Academy in Concord. This volume not only contains 10 practice tests, but also has detailed descriptions of the three sections of the test, practice essay questions, and sample essays with annotations and test taking. Students can find answers, explanations, and score reports at collegeboard.com. There are many preparation books available. This one is published by the College Board, a nonprofit organization committed to college success. The College Board runs the SAT program and who better to help prepare one for the test than those in charge of the test? Speaking of the College Board, if you are in the process of the college search, you need to log into collegeboard.com! From this site you and your student can investigate majors and colleges. This site has so much information — everything from class size to available sports to academic requirements.



Once we got our son set prepping for the test, I needed some help. I purchased *I'm Going to College — Not You!* after Amazon's description told me it would make me "less of a helicopter and more of a booster rocket" and that this book would keep us "from wanting to kill each other." Jennifer Delahunty, a dean at Kenyon College, assembled a group of best-selling authors, college professors, and admission directors to write essays on all aspects of higher education. Sometimes humorous and sometimes poignant, the essays in this short collection will help you understand, at least temporarily, that all will work out. This is an easy read and being in essay form, you can pick it up and put it down as needed. I even shared a few of the writings with my son, hoping we could share perspectives of the journey we are taking. I have been feeling overwhelmed through this process and Delahunty's collection of musings were helpful in boosting my spirits.

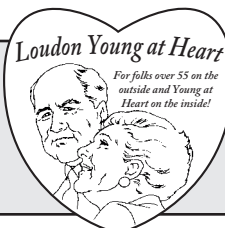
A guide book would seem to be the next logical step (if there is any logic in this process). The two most recognized guides are *US News and World Reports: Best Colleges of 2014* and *The Best 377 Colleges, 2014 Edition* by The Princeton Review. Both books rank schools by many categories: Best Universities, Best Liberal Arts College, and Best Regional Schools. They also rank schools by programs and ethnic backgrounds. There are even rankings by food quality and campus appearance! Parents and students can find information about the student population, class sizes, the level of teacher education, and more. We chose to purchase *US News and World Report Compass*, the online companion to the book. Since all of this information is time sensitive, our one-year \$32 subscription seemed the right choice. While the publishers of these two books often get interviews on the morning talk shows, they are not the only ones out there.



A lesser-known guide, *Colleges That Change Lives: 40 Schools That Will Change the Way You Think About Colleges* by Pope and Oswald intrigued me. Updated for the 2013-2014 school year, this book claims to be the guide for parents and students who want more from college than "football, frat parties, and giant lectures." Organized by geographic regions with an alphabetic index included, this book focuses on schools that are different from large universities and the Ivy League colleges. Concentrating on liberal arts schools of approximately 3,000 in size, this book is for a student with narrower search requirements. Also updated is *Colleges of Distinction 2013-2014*. Only available as an e-book, this guide has a longer list of schools than Pope and Oswald's entry, including a wider variety of colleges and universities. This book is tied to an organization and web site. Each school on their list meets excellence in four "distinctions." The distinctions are engaged students, great teaching, a vibrant community, and successful outcomes. Some schools on the list are well known like Hofstra University and University of New Hampshire, and some are not so well known such as Houghton College and Lenoir-Rhyne University.

So once your child has made a choice, it's over! Right? One can only hope, but next comes applications and the college essay. Alan Gelb, a college essay coach and professional writer, has published *Conquering the College Admissions Essay in 10 Steps*. Considered a leader in its field, this volume ranks high on Amazon's list of books about college entrance. Gelb's list of steps includes finding and narrowing the topic, self-editing, and final polishing. All the steps clearly outline the qualities and techniques needed for excellent personal statements. The much-needed advice in this short book can give confidence and skills needed as students write an extremely important paper. At just 74 pages, *The College Essay Trap: Rescue Your College Application Essay From the "Maybe" Pile*, twists the common thinking of the college essay. A commonly-written complaint from deans of admissions is the formulaic essay with stale topics. In this book, author Cassie Nichols discusses the common mistakes and the topics students think they should write about that will actually hurt their chances of acceptance. Nichols shows students how to use their essays to set themselves apart.

The journey to get our children into college is traveled — and survived — by many. I am beginning to believe at some point we just need to take a deep breath and allow fate to take over. I think I will end up going back to the essays in *I'm Going to College Not You!* many times. In her essay, "A Cautionary Tale," Christine VanDeVelde talks about her new found mantra. Trying to remind herself that it all works out and wherever one goes to college does not make the person, VanDeVelde found herself repeating, "the Unabomber went to Harvard." I know it sounds harsh. "Nothing against Harvard," VanDeVelde says. We just need to keep perspective. She uses the mantra to remember that parents are not always right, where one goes to school is not the sole determining factor in future success, and there is no right answer. Breathe deep, relax, and keep turning those pages. ■



Loudon Young at Heart

On March 11, 2014, thirty-seven members of the Loudon Young at Heart gathered at Charlie's Barn to listen to the presentation on *Stone Walls* given by Kevin Fife. Kevin lives in Northfield and has been in business for eighteen years as owner and president of Twin Elms Landscape. He has been building stone walls for thirty years. Kevin's stonewalls have received international recognition and he has completed restorative work at several historic landmarks in New Hampshire including Canterbury Shaker Village, The Fells/John Hay Estate in Newbury, and the New Durham Meetinghouse.

Kevin's presentation included the history of stone walls and ways to move stone walls. The highlight of stone wall building was between 1750 through 1850. The worst enemy to stone walls was the barbed wire fences that began in 1874. Kevin showed many slides of walls he has done locally. The granite he used was acquired in Penacook.

There were several door prizes given out and the winners were: Diane Burr, Ginny Nichols, Mike Smith, Janet Morton, and Carol O'Brien. Congratulations to all!!

The next Young at Heart meeting will be on Tuesday, April 8th at 10:00 a.m. at Charlie's Barn. There will be a presentation on mushrooms given by Dennis Chesley.

The April meeting will also be the sign-up for those wishing to take the spring trip to York Beach and eat at the Lobster Cove Restaurant.

See you there!!! ■

**Deadline for the
May Issue of
The Loudon Ledger
is Friday, April 18**

Girl Scout News

Upcoming Activities

Spring is here (no, really, it is!) and there are so many great events planned! If your girl wants to join Girl Scouts, please contact Amanda Masse at jaelmasse@comcast.net for details.

April fun includes the YMCA Swim & Gym and a day trip to New York City! Many of our girls are making the trek to the Big Apple, so check back here next month for pictures!

LEtGO Your Mind, Friday, May 9: This interactive event offers stop animation, music video creation, and a class on creating awesome art projects in Lego! Space is limited; please contact us for availability.

Camporee, Saturday, June 7: This year's theme for our annual camporee at Camp Wanakee is "Christmas in June." Our older scouts are putting together a super program, which will include team-building activities, low ropes, and dinner. The fun is held in rain or shine, with an option to stay overnight in cabins. Cost is \$22 per girl for the day.

Summer Camp! There are a wide variety of camp options for day and overnight fun this summer. Visit the website and choose one of the great programs offered at camps in NH and VT www.girlscoutsgwm.org/Camp/camp.html.

Thank You!

Loudon Girl Scouts thank everyone in the community who supported our annual cookie sale! You might have seen our girls hard at work selling cookies at Sam's Club, Walmart, TD Bank, and even town meeting last month. Our troops sold thousands of boxes, and the proceeds stay local to help to fund supplies, trips, and community projects. Thank you, and enjoy those delicious treats!

Register Now

There are so many ways to participate in Girl Scouts in the new millennium! We know that girls and their families are busy, but we want everyone to have the opportunity to experience the Girl Scout Leadership Experience. These flexible PATHWAYS offer many different types of participation to girls:

TROOPS are the most traditional form of Girl Scout programs, and meet weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly.

CAMP gives girls the experience of the great outdoors. Join other girls who have similar interests at overnight or day camp during the summer or special weeks throughout the year.

EVENTS are single-day gatherings tailored to scouts and centered on topics that interest girls.

TRAVEL groups organize trips to destinations across town, the country, and around the world.

VIRTUAL is a Girl Scout program option that lets girls interact online with other girls and volunteers in a safe secure environment. One of the virtual programs is a book club.

SERIES is an option where girls can explore their interests in a series of activities without committing to a full year. Some of the options include a kayaking/paddling group called Swift Water Paddlers, a group about anime, Coastal Rompers which is a group that meets and does several activities/events centered on the ocean and its ecosystem, and groups that are animal interest based like horses or dogs.

As you know, we are continually accepting new girls into our troops. Junior (grades 4 and 5), Cadette (grades 6–8), and Senior/Ambassador (grades 9 and up) troops are active in Loudon, and we are in need of leaders and members for the Daisy (kindergarten and first grade) and Brownie (grades 2 and 3) age groups. If you would like to become a scout, or volunteer your time and talents to lead a troop, please contact Aman-



Members of Troops 10955 and 12083 participated in a skit at Town Meeting that promoted recycling.

da Masse at jaelmasse@comcast.net or go to the Girl Scout website www.girlscoutsgwm.org to register.

Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.

Junior Troop 10454

Debbie Latham & Cammy Nolin

We had a hard time meeting in March due to all the nasty weather; but the girls have begun working on two badges and we are anxiously awaiting the spring thaw so we can get outdoors. Each girl has selected an endangered species to reflect on as part of their Animal Habitat badge, and will be preparing a presentation and poster to discuss the animal, its habitat, and ways we can protect it. They've also been learning how to read a compass and measure paces for their Geocacher badge. Our first treasure hunt ended with a geocache hidden in a snow bank — we're looking forward to a hike and finding our next cache in a dry location! Many of our girls will be taking the bus to New York in April; we'll share pictures of our adventure in the next edition of the *Ledger*. Lastly, we thank everyone who supported us by buying cookies this year, we appreciate it and hope you're enjoying those Samoas!

Junior Troop 10955 & Cadette Troop 12083

Lynnette LeBlanc and Tammy Bourque

For our first March meeting, Barbara Parent from the Town Recycling Committee joined the troops to discuss recycling and the upcoming town meeting. The troops were invited by the Recycling Committee to create and perform a skit at the town meeting about recycling and its importance! A big thank you to Barbara and the Recycling Committee for inviting the troops to represent the Committee at the town meeting!

At our next meeting, we celebrated with a Royal Badge Ceremony. We reviewed the early part of this year and the badges earned. Each girl was celebrated individually for her achievements and received her earned badges. We continued the celebration with ice cream sundaes and ended the meeting with a fun Norwegian weaving dance with the parents.

The girls of Junior Troop 10955 sported their favorite white attire and had a special night of fun at Boutwell's Bowling Center with a pizza party and glow bowling. A big thank you to the Cartier family for sponsoring this very fun night! ■



April Senior Health Clinics

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association will hold a Senior Health Clinics on April 22 from 9 a.m. until noon at Loudon VOANNE Senior Housing. If you need a ride, please call 798-5203. All Senior Health Clinic services are provided for a suggested donation of \$10, however, services are provided regardless of a person's ability to pay. Services offered include foot care, blood pressure screening, B-12 injections, medication education, and nutritional education. Call (603) 224-4093 or (800) 924-8620, ext. 5815 for an appointment.

April Walk-In Immunization Clinics

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association offers monthly Walk-In Immunization Clinics for children and adults who are uninsured, underserved, and who have no access to these needed services in order to lead a healthy lifestyle. This month's clinics will be

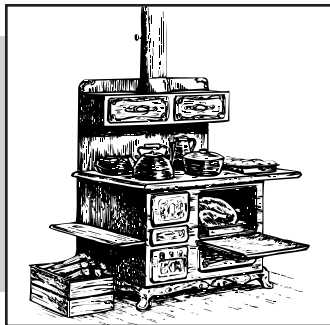
held Monday, April 7 from 1–3 p.m. and Tuesday, April 15 from 2:30–4:30 p.m.

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

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

April Walk-In Blood Pressure Clinic

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association is holding a free monthly Walk-in Blood Pressure Clinic on Friday, April 4 from 9:30–11 a.m. at Concord Parks and Recreation (formerly Dame School), 14 Canterbury Rd. in Concord. Blood pressure screenings are a good way for individuals to track their blood pressure for upcoming visits to their physician. For more information, call Concord Regional VNA at (603) 224-4093 or (800) 924-8620, ext. 5815. ■



What's Cookin'!

This month: Celebrating Greens!

Jenn Pfeifer

Spring is finally here! It has been a long, cold winter and I am looking forward to green grass, green leaves, and more importantly, green vegetables. I'm trying to lighten things up in my kitchen, since I definitely did some over eating this winter, with recipes that are low in fat and calories and high in flavor. Happy Spring Loudon!!!

BULGUR SALAD WITH SPINACH, PINE NUTS, AND ASPARAGUS — By Bev Weidner

This recipe uses two of my favorite vegetables. I like that this recipe cooks the asparagus and spinach but only enough to bring out their beautiful color. I also like to add a cup of cherry tomatoes cut in half to add extra flavor and color.

- 1 cup bulgur
- 2 Tbs. extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/2 bunch asparagus, ends trimmed and cut into a dice
- 4 cups baby spinach
- 1/4 cup pine nuts, toasted
- 3 oz. softened goat cheese
- 1 lemon
- 1/4 cup fresh basil, sliced thinly
- coarse salt and pepper

Pour two cups of water and the bulgur into a saucepan. Bring to a boil, reduce heat and simmer for about 15 minutes, or until tender. There shouldn't be any water left. Heat the oil in a medium skillet over medium heat. Add the garlic and bloom 30 seconds. Add the asparagus and cook until crisp-tender and it pops in color, about 4 minutes. Season with salt and pepper.

Add the bulgur to the skillet and stir in the spinach. Toss everything to combine. Give a good squeeze of lemon juice over the whole mess. Taste it. Throw in some more salt and pepper.

Serve on a big platter dolloped with the goat cheese and garnished with the pine nuts and thinly sliced basil. And more lemon.

SWEET-AND-SOUR GREEN BEANS — By Grace Parisi

A warm dressing made with shallots, cider vinegar, and a little sugar gives fresh steamed green beans a sweet and sour flavor. I have also made this recipe with snow peas and pea-pods but I imagine it would be great on most vegetables.

- 3/4 pound green beans
- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 medium shallot, minced
- 2 tablespoons cider vinegar
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- Salt
- Freshly ground pepper

Place the green beans in a steamer basket set over a large saucepan of boiling water. Steam until bright green and crisp-tender, about 5 minutes. In a medium skillet, heat the oil. Add the shallot and cook over high heat, stirring, until softened, about 2 minutes. Add the vinegar and sugar; stir to dissolve the sugar. Remove from the heat and add the beans. Season with salt and pepper, toss well, and serve.

CHILLED TOMATO-TARRAGON SOUP WITH CROUTONS — by The Bon Appétit Test Kitchen

This may be a cold soup recipe but it is also delicious served hot with a dollop of plain Greek yogurt.

- 1/2 cup olive oil, divided
- 7 tablespoons finely chopped fresh tarragon, divided
- 8 1/3-inch-thick baguette slices
- 3-1/4 cups coarsely chopped plum tomatoes (about 3-1/4 pounds), divided
- 1 cup chopped shallots
- 4 garlic cloves, chopped
- 1/4 teaspoon dried crushed red pepper
- 2 tablespoons tomato paste

Mix 1/4 cup oil and 4 tablespoons tarragon in bowl. Season with salt and pepper. Brush over both sides of bread. Toast bread in large skillet over medium heat until crisp, about 6 minutes per side. Transfer croutons to plate. Meanwhile, heat 1/4 cup oil in another large skillet over medium heat. Add 4 cups tomatoes, next 3 ingredients, and 3 tablespoons tarragon. Sauté until vegetables just begin to soften, about 6 minutes. Stir in tomato paste. Reduce heat to medium-low. Cover; cook until tomatoes and shallots are soft, stirring occasionally, about 10 minutes.

Strain soup into bowl, pressing with rubber spatula to extract as much of the juice and solids as possible. Discard solids in sieve. Season soup with salt and pepper.

Freeze soup just until cold, about 30 minutes. Ladle into bowls. Top with croutons; sprinkle with 1/4 cup chopped tomatoes.

SHRIMP WITH SCALLIONS AND CRISPY POTATOES — From Martha Stewart Living

I like that this recipe is simple and quick. It is very low in fat yet hearty and delicious. Served with a crisp salad this is a great weeknight meal.

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 teaspoon olive oil, for shrimp
- 2 (1/2 pound each) baking potatoes, scrubbed and cut into 1/2-inch cubes
- 2 scallions, white and green parts separated and thinly sliced
- 1 pound frozen large shrimp, thawed, peeled and deveined
- 2 teaspoons curry powder
- Coarse salt
- Ground pepper

In a large nonstick skillet, heat 2 tablespoons oil over medium-high. Add potatoes, and cook, stirring occasionally, until browned and crisp, 12 to 14 minutes. Add scallion whites, and cook 1 minute more. Transfer to a plate (reserve skillet). Add remaining teaspoon oil, shrimp, and curry powder to skillet; cook, stirring occasionally, until shrimp are cooked through, 2 to 3 minutes. Return potatoes and scallion whites to skillet, and toss with shrimp; season with salt and pepper. Serve topped with scallion greens.

RHUBARB AND GINGER BRIOCHE BREAD PUDDING — by Tamasin Day-Lewis

Rhubarb is one of the first vegetables to grow and be ready for harvest at my house and although rhubarb is technically a vegetable, most of us prefer to prepare it as if it were a fruit. Often times it is used with strawberries but if you can't wait to start cooking you should definitely try this recipe.

Rhubarb:

- 1 cup seedless raspberry preserves
- 1/2 cup water
- 1/3 cup chopped crystallized ginger
- 1 tablespoon finely grated orange peel
- 2-1/2 pounds rhubarb (preferably bright red), ends trimmed, stalks cut into 1/2-inch-wide pieces (8 to 9 cups)

Pudding:

- 3/4 cup sugar
- 3 large eggs
- 1 cup whole milk
- 1 cup heavy whipping cream
- 1 vanilla bean, split lengthwise
- Butter (for dish)
- 8 (or more) 1/2-inch-thick slices brioche or egg bread (each about 5 x 4 inches), cut lengthwise in half
- Lightly sweetened whipped cream

For rhubarb:

Whisk preserves and 1/2 cup water in heavy large skillet over medium heat until preserves dissolve. Sprinkle ginger and orange peel over. Scatter rhubarb evenly in skillet. Bring mixture to simmer over medium heat, occasionally stirring very gently, until rhubarb is slightly tender but still intact, about 10 minutes. Pour mixture into large sieve set over large saucepan. Let drain 15 minutes. DO AHEAD: Can be made 1 day ahead. Cover fruit and syrup separately and chill.

For pudding:

Preheat oven to 350°F. Whisk sugar and eggs in medium bowl. Place milk and cream in heavy medium saucepan. Scrape in seeds from vanilla bean. Bring to simmer over medium heat. Gradually add hot cream mixture to egg mixture, whisking custard to blend.

Butter 13 x 9 x 2-inch oval baking dish. Arrange enough bread slices in dish to cover bottom (some spaces will remain between slices). Spoon half of rhubarb



Loudon Food Pantry News

Donors making it happen during the Feinstein Challenge. Do you want to join them?

As of March 21st our donors have helped raise a total of \$6,415.80. Our goal this year is \$6,500. It's just 21 days into this challenge! Wow!

The breakdown of our total is food received, \$810.80 and funds received are \$5,605.00. All this is great but we could use more food. The items we need the most are fruit, jams, jellies, peanut butter, breakfast items, baked beans, beverages, frozen meat, and canned meats (we have plenty of tuna and canned chicken).

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

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

Donations can be dropped off or mailed to:

Loudon Food Pantry
30 Chichester Rd., Unit D
Loudon, NH 03307

(Please make checks out to Loudon Food Pantry)

Donations may also be made through our website at LoudonFoodPantry.org. A separate donate button for the Feinstein Challenge will be available from March 1st through April 30th.

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

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

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

Remember, even small donations can add up quickly so please don't give more than you can afford!

Event News

Loudon Center Freewill Baptist Church is hosting a Resource Fair on April 20th. Join us and see what type of area resources are available. ■

Sue, Sarah and Bill



Recipes — cont. from 10

evenly over. Repeat with bread and rhubarb. Pour custard over. Place baking dish in roasting pan. Add enough hot water to pan to come halfway up sides of dish.

Bake pudding until just set in center, about 50 minutes. Remove from oven. Let stand in water bath 30 minutes; remove.

Boil reserved syrup until reduced to 1 cup, about 10 minutes. Keep warm.

Brush top of pudding with some rhubarb syrup. Spoon warm pudding into bowls; top with syrup and whipped cream.

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



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

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Sunday, April 20, 2014

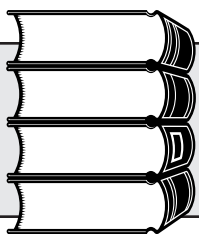
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Maxfield Public Library News



A future member of the Loudon Village Arts Association practices his talents in the Children's Room.

Loudon Village Arts — Trash To Treasure Contest

Are you artistic or crafty enough to transform an ugly or boring object into art? In anticipation of their **June 7 and 8 Fine Art Show**, the LVA invites creative people of all ages to enter their work in a Trash to Treasure Contest. No entry fee required. First prize is \$100.00. Stop by the library for an entry form with contest guidelines. The deadline for entries is May 1. Creations will be on display in the library through June 8.

National Library Week — April 13–19

Good To Grow Raffle

What better way is there to celebrate National Library Week than with visits to the library? Each time you stop in from April 13 through 19 you will receive a free chance to win a basketful of spring gardening supplies. Both children and adults can win. A well-stocked basket will be featured on each floor of the library. The winners' names will be drawn at 1 p.m. on April 19.

Guest Speaker On April 16 — Growing Fruits & Berries

Growing fruits and berries can be fun and rewarding. Join guest speaker Amy Papineau of the UNH Cooperative Extension on **Wednesday, April 16 at 7 p.m.** as she describes how to get started growing apples, peaches, blueberries, and more. She'll discuss choosing the right site and plants, and caring for those plants to produce a bounty of healthful, fresh food.

Yoga Classes

Limber up those creaky joints at any of Fran Nash's weekly yoga classes. Hatha yoga sessions take place on **Mondays at 6 p.m., Tuesdays at 1 p.m., and Thursdays at 6 p.m.** Low-impact chair yoga is held at 11 a.m. on Thursdays. Classes are \$5.00 per session.

Story Time

Spring is the time to see budding trees, sprouting flowers, and baby animals. After listening to *The Best Nest* by P.D. Eastman and Mo Willems' *There is a Bird on Your Head!* on April 1–3, story timers will create a construction paper nest filled with an egg or two.

During the week of April 8–10, we move from nests to chicks with *The Singing Chick* by Victoria Stenmark and *Tippy-Toe Chick, Go!* by George Shannon. In the craft time to follow the children will fashion a brood of chicks out of muffin cups.

April 15–17 is the week before Easter and features our annual story time egg hunt. Before the search for eggs in the children's room, we will read Lily Karr's *Easter Parade* and *Olivia and the Easter Egg Hunt* by Cordelia Evans.

April 22–24 — NO STORY TIME — see VACATION WEEK activities below.

In celebration of April showers, the children will create a storm cloud sure to bring rain. Join us April 29–May 1 to hear *A Walk in the Rain* by Ursel Scheffler and *Are You Ready to Play Outside?* by Mo Willems.

Vacation Week

Join us for an Earth Day-worthy Drop-In Craft on Tuesday, April 22, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. After digging into dirt and planting seeds, each child will leave with a creature to nurture (and mow).

Join us Thursday at 2:30 p.m. on April 24 for Movie Day. Please call the library to find out which Academy Award-winning movie will be shown. The library will provide free juice and popcorn.

New Books

Fiction

Alcott, Kate	<i>The Daring Ladies of Lowell</i>
Allen, Sarah Addison	<i>Lost Lake</i>
Berenson, Alex	<i>The Counterfeit Agent</i>
Brown, Pierce	<i>Red Rising</i>
Coben, Harlan	<i>Missing You</i>
Horan, Nancy	<i>Under the Wide and Starry Sky</i>
Jance, J.A.	<i>Moving Target</i>

There was lots of fun and creativity at the Library's Lego Time.



LaPlante, Alice
Lippman, Laura
Nesbit, Tarashea
Pratchett, Terry
Robb, J.D.

A Circle of Wives
After I'm Gone
The Wives of Los Alamos
Raising Steam
Concealed in Death

Nonfiction

Bloom, Patience
Dyer, Wayne W.
Edsel, Robert M.
Feinstein, John

Romance is My Day Job
I Can See Clearly Now
The Monuments Men
Where Nobody Knows Your Name: Life in the Minor Leagues of Baseball
The Death Class: A True Story about Life
The Meat Racket
Eliot Ness: The Rise and Fall of an American Hero
The Black Count: Glory, Revolution, Betrayal and the Real Count of Monte Cristo
The Kennedy-Half Century: The Presidency, Assassination, and Lasting Legacy of John F. Kennedy
My Age of Anxiety: Fear, Hope, Dread, and the Search for Peace of Mind

Hayasaki, Erika
Leonard, Christopher
Perry, Douglas
Reiss, Tom

Sabato, Larry J.

Stossel, Scott

New DVDs

Diana, The Fifth Estate, Free Birds, Homefront, The Hours, How I Live Now, The Hunger Games: Catching Fire, Inside Llewyn Davis, Khumba, The Lost Battalion, Nebraska, Out of the Furnace, The Spectacular Now, 12 Years a Slave, Vermeer: Master of Light, Wings, Wrestling Ernest Hemingway

Book Groups

Fiction/Nonfiction Group

Michael Patrick MacDonald's *All Souls: A Family Story from Southie* gives an unflinching view of growing up Irish Catholic, in a family of nine children, in South Boston. Southie's struggles with poverty, crime, racism, and an entrenched drug culture are concerns today just as they were when the author was a boy. Join book group for discussion on April 17, at 7 p.m.

Recreation Committee



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

Spring Youth Basketball

Skill and Drill Pick-Up Games for boys and girls in grades 5–8 May 1–29, 2014 at Loudon Elementary School from 6:00–7:30 p.m. \$20 Loudon residents/\$25 non-residents. Questions? Call Laurie Jaquith at 568-0971.

ZUMBA

ZUMBA fun continues! The 4th session of Zumba runs through the end of April; then another session will start. For information email Jen cjmercerc@myfairpoint.net.

Children's Summer Theater Camp!

Children's Stage Adventures will be back for the seventh year to offer theater camp for kids in kindergarten through high school. Save the date of July 21st through July 25th for the camp and with an amazing performance on Friday night, July 25th for all to enjoy. For more information about the Children's Stage Adventures program, visit their website at www.childrensstageadventures.org. The flyer for the camp will be located on the website www.loudonnh.org

Community Summer Fun Nights

We are thinking warm thoughts again and starting to plan our Loudon Community Summer Fun Nights. If you have ideas of events you would like to see, please let us know!!

Community Tree Lighting

The Recreation Committee was approached this past winter with an idea for a Community Christmas Tree with lighting ceremony and event. While there wasn't enough time to put together an event for this past year, we are well in the works for planning such an event for this coming December. Keep it in the back of your mind and watch for more information coming out.

Always Looking For More Help With Recreation!!!

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

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

Library — continued from page 12

Classic Book Group

Joseph Conrad's personal experiences, in the part of Africa once known as the Belgian Congo, supplied the framework for his atmospheric, psychological novella *Heart of Darkness*. Among its many themes are imperialism, civilization, and the nature of evil. Book group will meet a 2:30 p.m., on April 22, to discuss the book. There will be time at the end of the session to share your creative writing.

Book Sale

Check out the assortment of books at the library's book sale on April 26, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For email notifications of upcoming sales, contact Fran at 798-5153.

Library Hours

Tuesdays and Thursdays 10 a.m.–9 p.m.; Wednesdays 1–9 p.m.; and Saturdays 9 a.m.–1 p.m. ■



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Take Down Your Birdfeeders: Don't Get Caught By Surprise This April!

While it may look more like mid-January rather than late March across the New Hampshire landscape, don't be fooled. Spring is here. The late March sun is strong and snow will soon start to melt fast. As the days become warmer, bears will start to get active and it is time to put the birdfeeders away until late fall. Some homeowners have already reported seeing bears at birdfeeders in different areas across the state. To help prevent bear visits, the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department recommends taking down birdfeeders from April 1 to December 1.

The Fish and Game Department urges the New Hampshire public to be proactive and take action now to prevent attracting a bear to their home. Do not wait for a bear to get the birdfeeder and then respond. Doing so encourages foraging behavior by bears near residences. A single food reward will cause the bear to return and continue to search the area for food.

While bear/human conflicts during 2013 (527 complaints) were below the long-term average (695 per year), 2012 was a challenging year resulting in a record total of over 1,100 statewide complaints, according to Fish and Game Bear Biologist Andrew Timmins. Nearly 10% of the bear complaints during 2012 involved bears at bird feeders. Additionally, another 40% of the complaints were the direct result of bears raiding unsecured garbage at homes and businesses. These two common food attractants accounted for half of the total bear-human conflicts in that year and could have been easily avoided by removing or securing common food attractants around the yard, said Timmins.

The rate of bear/human conflicts that will occur this spring and summer is unknown and difficult to predict. Bears went to den in good shape due to generally abundant foods (i.e., beechnuts, apples, mountain ash berries, and choke cherries) last fall. However, it has been a long denning season and bears have depleted considerable body fat, said Timmins. When bears emerge, they will be hungry and food will be limited until spring green-up occurs. We are hoping homeowners will be vigilant and remove/secure attractants so as not to entice bears and create nuisance behavior.

Black oil sunflower seeds are simply too high a quality of food (high in fat and protein) for bears to ignore. Natural bear foods during spring and summer are generally high in carbohydrates and low in protein and fat. As a result, birdseed is high on the menu! If bears have previously acquired sunflower seeds at your home, they will be back looking for more. The best way to prevent attracting bears is to remove birdfeeders until December 1 and secure other household food attractants.

Homeowners should take action to reduce the chances of a bear visiting their home. Avoid encounters with bears by taking a few simple precautions:

- Stop all bird feeding by April 1.
- 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. If using a dumpster, inform your dumpster company that you need a dumpster with metal locking tops and doors that are inaccessible to bears and other wildlife.
- 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.
- Finally, never feed bears!

These steps will help to ensure that your backyard does not become attractive to bears and other wildlife, which is important because it prevents property damage by bears and because it keeps bears from becoming nuisance animals.

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

If you have questions about bear-related problems, you can get advice by calling a toll-free number coordinated jointly by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Wildlife Services and the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department: 1-888-749-2327 (1-888-SHY-BEAR). ■

Maxfield Public Library Free Passes!

Passes are available to museums and points of interest around the state for Library borrowers! We suggest reserving in advance either by phone (798-5153) or in person. Call for details.

Canterbury Shaker Village

Each pass entitles the bearer to 2 discounted admissions of \$6 for adults and \$3 for children under 18. Children under 6 free.

Children's Museum of New Hampshire

Each pass entitles the bearer up to 4 discounted admissions of \$4. Children under age 1 free.

Currier Museum of Art

Each pass entitles the bearer to 2 free admissions.

McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center

Valid for admission to exhibit halls for 4 people.

Mount Kearsarge Indian Museum

Free admissions for 2 guests per day.

Museum of New Hampshire History

Unlimited free admission to the Society's museum and free use of the Society's library.

Squam Lakes Natural Science Center

Free trail admissions for 2 people per day plus 4 additional discounted admissions of \$7 each.

Wright Museum

Free admission for 2 adults and 4 children (under 18 years).



Celebrate Earth Day April 22, 2014 by purchasing your new compost bin

at the Loudon Transfer Station.

LeeAnn Childress - Loudon Transfer Station & Recycling Committee

LET'S GET STARTED!

Put approximately a 6-inch layer of "brown" organic matter like shredded paper (avoid colored paper to stay on the safe side), twigs, hay, straw, old leaves, egg shells and/or sawdust in the bottom of your bin. Then add a 2 to 3 inch layer of "green" organic matter, such as grass clippings, coffee grounds, tea leaves, veggie and fruit scraps, or even high-nitrogen fertilizer, such as cottonseed meal, on top of the brown layer. After a couple of days mix the layers together. Water it a little bit - but don't soak it. And keep in mind that the smaller the materials you put in the bin, the faster it will decompose. Be sure that your compost materials haven't been contaminated with pesticides or other chemicals.

While adding materials to your bin try to use the right mixture of the browns (carbon materials) to the greens (nitrogen materials). The right ratio will encourage the pile to heat up and decompose efficiently. The ideal ration is 25 parts carbon to 1 part nitrogen.

Keep stirring it, adding a little water so it doesn't totally dry out. With luck, in a few months you'll have some nice, rich compost that your plants will thank you for!

What not to add:

- Kitchen scraps like meats, oils, fish, dairy products, and bones.
- Weeds that have gone to seed or that spread by their roots.
- Diseased or insect-infested vegetable or flower plants.
- Herbicide-treated grass clippings or weeds.
- Dog or cat feces.



*See Steve Bennett at the Loudon Transfer Station
about purchasing your new compost bin.
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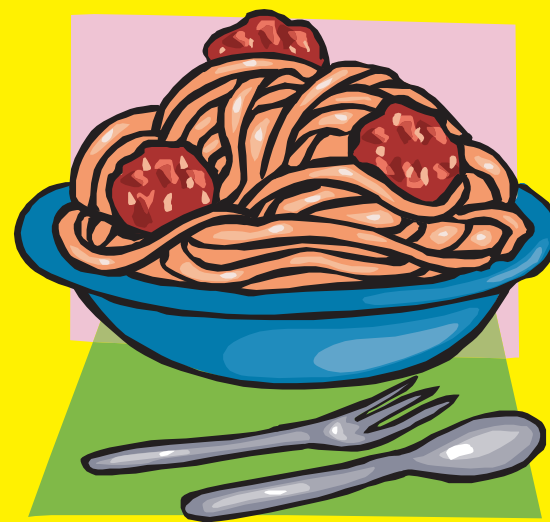
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Merrimack Valley School District News

Loudon Elementary School News

LES NECAP Results: AMO's

The following statement is from the NH DOE: "On June 26, 2013 New Hampshire's waiver request for flexibility from certain requirements of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) was approved for two years by the U.S. Department of Education. As a result, the Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) federal accountability system and related school or district or "in need of improvement" designations were suspended in favor of a differentiated accountability system; thus, the 2012-13 report card reflects the transition. The new system sets individual performance targets (referred to as Annual Measurable Objectives) for each school and each student subgroup of 11 or more students over a six year time span, with the goal of reducing any achievement gaps by half. The waiver also focuses support on Title I schools in the greatest need of assistance, beginning in the 2013-14 school year. Click the link below for a list of designated schools."

Below is the Loudon Elementary School AMO Report, which can be found at: <http://my.doe.nh.gov/profiles/profile.aspx?s=22180&year=2013&tab>

Annual Measurable Objectives (AMOs)

Subject	Student Group	Target	Actual	Met
Reading	Whole School	94.6	94.3	Y(RC)
Reading	White	94.8	94.1	Y(RC)
Reading	Waiver — Students with Disabilities only	92.3	83.0	N
Reading	Waiver — Economically Disadvantaged only	91.5	93.9	Y
Reading	Waiver — Students with Disabilities & Economically Disadvantaged	75.2	74.7	Y(RC)
Math	Whole School	91.9	90.1	Y(RC)
Math	White	92.0	90.4	Y(RC)
Math	Waiver — Students with Disabilities only	79.4	64.0	Y(RC)
Math	Waiver — Economically Disadvantaged only	90.1	84.8	Y(RC)
Math	Waiver — Students with Disabilities & Economically Disadvantaged	71.9	73.3	Y

Y=Yes Y(RC)=Yes(Risk Corridor) N=No

For those of you who have been following, I believe AMO will replace AYP in the many acromyns we use in education. As you can see, LES was unable to meet the Measurable Objective in reading with our students with special needs. It is our hope that our increased RtI efforts will help us achieve this goal in future testing years. However, the traditional NECAP assessment that has taken place in the fall will be moved to the spring under Smarter Balanced beginning in the next school year.

There are more reports available on the site such as grade level proficiency results. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Full-Day Kindergarten & Registrations

At the Annual Budget Meeting on March 6, the MVSD voters approved full-day kindergarten at all the MV elementary schools. We are already planning for the 2014-2015 school year. To accurately prepare for next fall, we need to have **registrations in for kindergarten and new first-grade students as soon as possible**. Please register your child if you haven't already and share this message with anyone you know who has an age-appropriate child. Screenings are on April 11 and 14. Parents who have registered their child will receive a letter soon.

Book Swap and AR Quiz Day

On April 17 we will have a Book Swap and AR Quiz Day. More information will be coming your way. Until then, please collect children books you no longer need to trade for books more appropriate for your child's age. ■

Ryan Head To Attend St. Anselm College

Ryan Head will be graduating from Merrimack Valley High School Saturday, June 21, 2014. He is the son of Loretta and Richie Razin of School Street, Loudon. He will be attending Saint Anselm College in the fall for a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice. ■



Granite State ACE Mentor Program Awards \$1000.00 Scholarships

Gilbane Building Company announced the inaugural year of Granite State ACE Mentor program. Participating students showcased projects and competed for one of two \$1000 scholarships. The students who will be pursuing careers in architecture, engineering, or construction are Kristin Kezar, Nicholas Eastman and Trever Russell from Pembroke Academy; Samuel Cheney from Bow High School and **Charles Wright (of Loudon) from Merrimack Valley High School**. They completed the mentor program that began in October. The program matched students with

industry mentors to introduce them to architecture, engineering and construction concepts and helped them complete a real life project the students presented to an audience on the final night. Scholarships were awarded to Charles Wright and Samuel Cheney. ■

Loudon PTA Update

By Lee Laughlin

Thanks to everyone who came out for the Luau last month. The kids had an awesome time. Thanks to the volunteers who made it happen.

Save The Date!!

The PTA has a lot of fun activities coming up, so mark your calendar and join in the fun!

Easter Egg Hunt

The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held Saturday, April 12th at the elementary school playground. The hunt begins at 10 a.m. sharp!

Touch-A-Truck is Back, Baby!

Join us Saturday, May 17th at New Hampshire Motor Speedway for Touch-A-Truck, your chance to get up close and personal with some of the vehicles that service our lives every day. Watch your child's folder for more information.

PTA Golf Tournament

On Saturday, June 7, 2014 the PTA will once again host a golf tournament at the Loudon Country Club. It will be an 8 a.m. shotgun start and includes a barbecue chicken luncheon. We are actively seeking golfers, sponsors, and donations for the raffle. If you are interested, please call the school at 783-4400.

Thanks to everyone who volunteers and supports the PTA. We are always in need of new help. Whether you have an hour or ten, we can use your help. Please contact the school if you are interested in volunteering. ■

People ask me what I do in winter when there's no baseball. I'll tell you what I do. I stare out the window and wait for spring.

ROGERS HORNSBY

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Kids' Corner

The Communications Council has decided to start a new column, "Kids' Corner." It will appear as items are submitted and will give Loudon's young writers the opportunity to share their talents. All items will be screened by the Council and we hope many different kids will take advantage of this chance to see their stories in print. Photos will also be accepted. Our first submission was written by Remus Harris and tells of a fun day he and his family had at Loon Mountain. He sent us many photos but space constraints keep us from printing them all here.

Adventure at Loon Mountain

Article by Remus Harris

Photos and Captions by Romulus Harris

Welcome to the Ice Castle in Loon Mountain, Lincoln, NH. It has a slide made of slippery ice. Kids love to slide down it. Even the workers need a break! The castle is made of farmed icicles: 200 icicles "planted" in the snow then sprinkled with water makes one wall. Furthermore there are multicolored lights embedded in the ice for a beautiful view. There are caves in the ice castle, the largest being about 12 ft. tall and five feet wide with the entrance about 12 ft. by 5-1/2 ft. and the smallest being about 2-1/2 ft. by 2-1/2 ft. with the entrance about 1 ft. by 1 ft. The goal was to cover the whole roof but because of water issues it was impossible to do.

Finally this ice castle was the first and only ice castle to be made in the Eastern United States.

We went on the zip line, Romulus and I. First you climb up the winding stairs to the zipline. Workers strap on your equipment to the zipline, then you're off! You wizz down the line and at the last moment the worker pulls the break and you slow to a stop at the end. But your ride is not over yet. You need to ride back on another line through the ice castle! You ride over and

same as before the worker pulled on the breaks and you slow to a stop.

Finally we went tubing on the mountain. We took the lift up the mountain and grabbed a tube. Unlike regular snow tubes it had breaks and steering. On the way down we had to use the breaks in order to avoid bouncing around like ping-pong balls. We raced down the hill and used the tubes as "bumper tubes."

When we were flying down the mountain there was a sign ahead that said SLOW. At the bottom of the hill I bumped a little girl. She said: "Don't ya' know how to read?" I said: "Lady, I know how to read — I just don't know how to stop!"

Finally, we rode on the Loon Mountain, wood-fired railroad. An excellent, fun, interesting trip.

After all that fun we went home in the rain and unloaded our groceries in the dark. We then went to bed and dreamed about our wonderful day at Loon Mountain.



Students eagerly slide down the slide.



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Loudon American Legion Post 88

By Shawn Jones, Post Commander

Join your co-workers and neighbors or bring your family to the annual Rock 'N Race run/walk on Thursday, May 15 in downtown Concord. The race, selected by the editors of New Hampshire Magazine as one of the best community running events, is sponsored by Merrimack County Savings Bank and benefits Concord Hospital Payson Center for Cancer Care patients and their families. The 5K sanctioned event begins near the State House Lawn at 6 p.m. Register on Wednesday, May 14 at St. Peter's Parish, 135 North State Street, Concord from 11 a.m.–7 p.m. or on race day Thursday, May 15 at the State House Plaza from noon–5:30 p.m.

Along the route, grab a bite to eat or a cool beverage from one of the many vendors including New Hampshire Distributors, The Common Man, Courtyard by Marriott, Margaritas Mexican Restaurant, and Granite State Candy Shoppe. Talented area musicians will entertain participants throughout the course and at the finish line, enjoy dinner, courtesy of Alan's of Boscawen, Inc.; O Steaks; and Weathervane Seafoods while listening to Amorphous Band on the main stage.

Pay tribute to your loved ones by signing the Rock, Race, and Reflect wall that will be placed at the State House plaza on race day. The wall, which consists of three sections each seven feet high and eight feet long, is weatherproof and will be placed on display at the Payson Center for Cancer Care's tribute garden after the event. A photo booth will also be located at the State House Plaza to take memento photos of this special day.

Safety Issues Reminder: With more than 6,000 runners and walkers in 2013, Rock 'N Race has become a meaningful community event. We want it to stay that way and ensure everyone's safety. For that reason and to adhere to USATF rules: Individuals pushing strollers and baby joggers are prohibited from running in this event and must register as walkers. Failure to comply will result in disqualification. Also, NO PETS, bikes, roller blades, skateboards, earbuds or headphones will be allowed on the course.

For more information, contact Concord Hospital Trust-Office of Philanthropy at (603) 225-2711, ext. 3076 or register online at rocknrace.org. ■

Greetings Legionnaires,

At our February meeting we discussed several things concerning upcoming officer installations in April and our annual Memorial Day parade event. Much work goes into these two events so they go off without a hitch. We began to assemble names of volunteers to fill our post officer positions for the 2014–2015 year.

We discussed purchasing a portable PA system to use along the parade route and do we want to purchase a POW/MIA flag to be carried as part of the color guard. The problem with adding another flag is finding a volunteer to carry it. We currently need a minimum of four individuals to form our current color guard. The VFW in Concord also forms up with us to carry two additional flags. We need five veterans to make up the core color guard detail if we add another flag carrier. Both ideas were tabled to the March meeting in the hope we would have more members present to weigh in on these purchases.

I distributed information and discussed a new initiative by the Lions International organization to bring in military veterans to local Lions Clubs such the Loudon Lions whereby the membership fee(s) are waived your first year of joining. For more information on this program please contact me, Joan Beldin or Gus Beldin. You can find us at the Loudon Communications Council website and look for the Lifestyles drop down menu. This goes for American Legion as well. Joining the Lions is another great way to volunteer and give back to your community.

Our March meeting was very exciting as we were able to present Norman Bowles with a Certificate of Achievement



Norman Bowles is congratulated by Dept. Vice Cmdr. Deb Demers and Post Cmdr. Shawn Jones.

for his 60 years of continuous membership in the American Legion. The Certificate was presented to him by myself and Department Vice Commander Deborah (Deb) Demers. Mr. Bowles was accompanied by his son, Selectman Dustin Bowles, and friend Cindy Merrill. Vice Commander Demers presented the post with a Silver Star Certificate for achieving 100 percent membership for 2014. We achieved 100% on January 22. Had we accomplished this before December 31, we would have received the Gold Star Certificate. Let's try and shoot for this goal for 2015. We were sixth over all in the state this year to reach 100%. Congratulations go out to all Post 88 members.

We continued to discuss Memorial Day activities, assigning individuals to make contacts with parade participants or to explore getting golf carts to use for those who have difficulty walking. Shane Labonte and myself are going to research getting a portable PA system. The membership voted to authorize spending up to \$400 to acquire a system that will meet our needs from a local vendor or an online retailer. No decision was made on whether or not to purchase a POW/MIA flag and pole. We still have time to decide on this at our April meeting. On the day of writing this article, I was informed by Dustin Bowles that the Loudon County Club would donate the use of three golf carts on the day of the parade. I would like to thank Loudon County Club for their generosity for the use of the golf carts. They will enable our members with walking disabilities to participate in our parade. I would also like to thank Dustin for contacting the LCC and making arrangements to pick up and return the golf carts.

We finalized the list of post officers at the March meeting for the next year. I will report those new officers to you in the May issue of the *Loudon Ledger*.

I was informed at our meeting that we lost a member of our Legion family on March 15th with the passing of Robert Whitten. His Loudon Post 88 family would like to extend its condolences to his wife, Marilyn, and his family.

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Dept. Vice Cmdr. Deb Demers presents Post Cmdr. Shawn Jones with Post 88's 2014 100% membership award.



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D.A.R.E. News

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

On March 19, 2014, we held our annual fundraiser, the Loudon Police D.A.R.E. Pizza Night. Our thanks to the many businesses and individuals who came out to support us and this program.

On April 5, 2014 the fifth grade D.A.R.E. class will have the opportunity to attend a Monarchs hockey game at the Verizon Arena in Manchester, against the Hartford Wolfpack.

The year is winding down for the Loudon Police D.A.R.E. program. We are organizing the annual Community Clean Up Day, which will tentatively take place on May 9. The students have the opportunity to give back to the community by raking and picking up trash between the Safety Complex, Town Office building, and the Recreation Field. Afterwards, the students will have a picnic lunch and a few hours of fun time at the Recreation Field.

The D.A.R.E. program will come to a conclusion on May 14 at 6:00 p.m. with the graduation at the Loudon Elementary School.

Thank you for your continued support of the Loudon Police Department D.A.R.E. program. If you have any questions or concerns, I encourage you to stop in or contact me at the Police Department. ■



As always, D.A.R.E. Pizza Night was well attended. If you've never been, plan to go next year — it's a great time with awesome prizes!



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Vice Commander Demers, accompanied by John Moulton, Judge Advocate for Frank E. Booma Post 6 in Portsmouth, discussed some upcoming events in the state concerning the American Legion and Auxiliary. Vice Commander Demers spoke on an important topic concerning accounting of our post volunteer activities/hours for the Consolidated Post Report (CPR). If you do any type of community service or volunteering, please keep track of your volunteer hours and who you volunteer with. It could be something as simple as donating blood to the American Red Cross or doing yard work for your neighbor. Your Post Adjutant Joe Piroso has to have something to report to the Department on our post activities for the year. We report such things as our involvement with the annual Memorial Day parade and the charitable donations we make. Please report your volunteer service hours back to me by June 1st. You can email me at uscgr1987@tds.net or better yet, come to a meeting and bring us your information.

Members present at the March meeting voted to donate \$200.00 to Wounded Warriors @ 45 North in Pittsburg, NH. This is the veteran's charity that Department Commander Maurice Anderson has chosen to be his service project during his year in office. We are going to present a check to Commander Anderson when he visits

us in April. You can get more information about Wounded Warriors @ 45 North by going to: <http://ww45n.com/>.

We also donated \$48.00 again this year to the Girls Scouts of the Green White Mountains (GSGWM). With this donation they will be able to purchase a case of 12 boxes of GS cookies and will send them to our troops overseas via the Pease Air National Guard Base.

Our Commander's Fund raffle ticket drawings are as follows: February: \$50/S. Hurst, \$25/J. Hoy, \$10/R. Denis, \$10/T. Rabbia, \$5/J.R. MacMaster. March: \$50/J. Jones, \$25/M. Timmins, \$10/L. Watson, \$10/S. Hargreaves, \$5/R. McClintock. April: \$50/B. Hemphill, \$25/S. Moffett, \$10/T. Rabbia, \$10/E. Towne, \$5/D. Bodwell. Congratulations to all of our winners!

We hope to see you at our next meeting on April 16th at 7 p.m. Remember: "Everyone is a Recruiter." Just ask a veteran, active duty, reserve or NG if they are a member of the American Legion. If not, sign them up today. I have membership applications if you need one.

Respectively submitted,
Commander Shawn Jones
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Loudon Farms: Buy Locally!

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

Aznive Farm

7046 Pleasant Street. Hay, Beef. 435-7509

B&B Syrup. Barton & Bowles

227 Flagg Road. 783-4341, 783-9123

D.S. Cole Growers

251 North Village Road. Propagators of quality products from world-wide sources. Retail store at 430 Loudon Road, Concord. 783-9561. www.dscolegrowers.com. www.colegardens.com

Hill Top Feeds

11 Storrs Drive. Live stock feed, shavings, hay, dog and cat food. Farm equipment and supplies. 783-4114, 491-4483

Liliana Flower Farm

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

Lyon Berry Farm

986 Route 129. Highbush blueberries. 435-7640

Maple Ridge Farm

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

Meadow Ledge Farm

612 Route 129. Peaches, Corn, Apples, Country Store. 798-5860

Miles Smith Farm

56 Whitehouse Road. Locally raised hormone and antibiotic free beef, individual cuts and sides. Tue, Th 4-7:30 p.m. W, 9-1 p.m., Sat 9-3 p.m. www.milesmithfarm.com. 783-5159

Moonshine Farm Organics

1517 Route 129. Certified organic farm: produce, herbs, and flowers. 568-4334

Mudgett Hill Mumbling Maplers

255 Mudgett Hill Road. Maple products: syrup & candy. 783-4447

Our Place Farm

290 Route 129. Goat milk, eggs, naturally-raised pork, grass-fed beef, pasture-raised chicken, meat goats, natural fiber handspun yarn. Stop in afternoons or call ahead. 798-3183

Pearl and Sons

409 Loudon Ridge Road. Maple products: syrup, candies & cream. 435-6587, 435-6883

Potpourri Acres

7257 Pleasant Street. "A little bit of everything and not much of anything." Organic producer — vegetables. larrabee@com or cast.net. 435-8209

Ramsay's Farm Stand

783 Loudon Ridge Road. Vegetables and Cut Flowers, Small Fruits in Season. 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Daily. 267-6522

Red Manse Farm

Corner Route 129 & Pittsfield Road. Certified Organic Produce, CSA and Farm Patron Program. Thurs.-Sun. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. www.redmansefarm.com. 435-9943

Sanborn Mills Farm

7097 Sanborn Road. Traditional working farm providing workshops. www.sanbornmills.org. 435-7314

Windswept Maples

845 Loudon Ridge Road. Vegetables, Beef, Maple Syrup, Eggs. M-F 1-6 p.m., Weekends 9-5. 267-8492



Cosmetic Changes That Can Transform a Home

By Jack Prendiville
Century 21 Thompson Real Estate

There are cost effective ways to transform your home. Perhaps you want to change the look of your home but a major remodel or professional construction project is out of the question. Here are some do-it-yourself ideas that won't break the bank and will revamp your property.

1. **Repaint and revitalize.** Never underestimate the difference a coat of paint can make in a room or even one wall.
2. **Update your hardware.** Replacing fixtures on dresser drawers, kitchen cabinets and bathroom vanities is simple. Accessories like doorknobs, and even hinges can look dated. Spice up a space by swapping out the existing hardware.
3. **Sand and stain.** Don't like your kitchen cabinets but aren't ready to completely renovate? No problem, as long as they are in good condition, you can paint or stain your existing cabinets. Be sure to do a test on the inside of a cabinet that won't be seen to make sure you get desired results.
4. **Counterculture.** New countertops drastically change a space and are available at most home improvement stores in standard sizes at a reasonable price. They are precut and ready to install.
5. **New stream.** Faucets in the kitchen, tub and sinks can be changed. They should correlate with the rest of the style in the specific room.
6. **Get floored.** Tiles can be inexpensive and transform a kitchen bath or mudroom.
7. **Kitchen views.** You can switch out a kitchen backsplash without moving cabinetry or appliances, and the sky's the limit in terms of color and style. ■

Payson Center's Anticancer Lifestyle Program Presents Ken Cook

Cancer is a worldwide epidemic. Scientific research consistently points to important links between cancer and chemicals we're exposed to everyday in food, air, water and consumer products. We also know that by reducing "exposure events" in daily life we can reduce the risk from a wide range of cancers.

Join nationally acclaimed environmental health researcher and advocate Ken Cook on Thursday, April 10 from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Concord City Auditorium, Concord, N.H. as he presents Kicking The Cancer Habit: Reprogramming Our Brains for Environmental Health. Ken is the co-founder and CEO of the Environmental Working Group, an environmental health research and advocacy organization.

This lecture aims to reconnect people with the environment by focusing on the power of human habit as an agent of cancer prevention. By adopting "habits of environmental health," we can promote behaviors that are central to cancer prevention.

This presentation is free and does not require registration however, space is limited. For additional information contact Concord Hospital Payson Center for Cancer Care HOPE Resource Center at pccinfo@crhc.org or (603) 227-7000 ext. 6937. This presentation is sponsored by Charter Trust Company.

Learn more about Concord Hospital Payson Center for Cancer Care's Anticancer Lifestyle Program at anticancerlifestyle.org.

About Ken Cook

Ken Cook, president and co-founder of Environmental Working Group (EWG), is widely recognized as one of the environmental community's most prominent and effective critics of U.S. farm and food policy and a leading voice on federal chemicals and pesticides law.

EWG is the nation's most effective environmental health research and advocacy organization. Its mission is to conduct original, game-changing research that inspires people, businesses and governments to take action to protect human health and the environment. EWG's easy-to-use website ewg.org, is a great resource, packed with tools for consumers to learn more about toxins in their personal care products as well as in the food they eat, the air they breathe and the water they drink and will help them make safe choices for themselves and their family. ■

OBITUARIES

SHAWN P. McCARTHY

Shawn P. McCarthy, 28, of Loudon, died suddenly Wednesday, March 5, 2014, in his home in Loudon following a lengthy illness.

Shawn was born in Derry on March 2, 1986, a son of Roger Wheeler and Sharon McCarthy-Wheeler. Formerly living in Windham, he was a graduate of Salem High School, Class of 2005. Shawn later graduated from McIntosh College in Dover with a degree in Culinary Arts in 2008. Shawn was a huge Batman fan, enjoyed drawing, loved food, and had many friends on Facebook.

In addition to his parents of Windham, he is survived by his maternal grandmother, Pauline "Memere" McCarthy of Loudon; two sisters, Amy Wheeler of Austin, Texas, and Maureen Wheeler of Windham; as well as many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Memorial contributions may be made to the N.E. Medical Center/Tufts Pediatric Hematology-Oncology Clinic, 800 Washington St., Boston MA 02111. ■

SHEILA JANE MOODY

Sheila Jane Moody, 55, of Loudon, passed away peacefully at home Saturday, March 15, 2014, after a valiant five-year battle against brain cancer.

Sheila was born in Concord, Sept. 16, 1958, the daughter of Richard "Dick" Croteau and the late Lorraine (Arsenault) Croteau. She was a life-long resident of Loudon.

Sheila loved flowers of all kinds. She greatly enjoyed following Boston sports teams, camping, and going to Hampton Beach, but nothing made her happier than spending time with her family and especially with her pride and joy, her grandson, Jacob Richard.

Sheila is survived by her husband, Rick Moody, with whom she shared 35 wonderful years of marriage; her son, Jason Richard of Sanbornton; her daughter, Laura Jane of Loudon; her grandson, Jacob Richard; her brother, Richard Croteau of Loudon; her sister, Karen Wlodyka of Boscawen; a very special mother-in-law, Lotte Moody of Loudon; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews and in-laws.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Sheila's name may be made to the Dana Farber Cancer Institute Neuro-oncology floor, 450 Brookline Avenue, Boston, MA 02215 or online at dana-farber.org. ■

ROBERT CARLTON WHITTEN

Robert Carlton (Bob)(Santa) Whitten was 66 when he passed away peacefully in his sleep Saturday, March 15, 2014, at his home in Loudon. He was born in Framingham, Mass. on Feb. 26, 1948, to Louville and Christy Ann Whitten. He grew up in Natick, Mass. and spent childhood summers in Nova Scotia. He joined the Army and served in Vietnam as a Scout Dog Handler in the 9th Infantry Division. He received the Bronze Star for Valor. After the war, he attended MIT and later graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering from Saint Anselm College. He was an electrical engineer for 30 years at Osram Sylvania and held two patents.

Bob was married for 40 years to his beloved wife, Marilyn Whitten. He was actively involved with the community serving as 4-H leader and scoutmaster for the Loudon Boy Scout Troop #247 for many years. He had many hobbies that included reading, debating, woodcarving, popcorn stringing day, leather-working, traveling, poetry, music, farming and inventing. He especially enjoyed riding motorcycles with his wife, family and friends. He founded the Concord HOG chapter and the Northerners motorcycle club. He was a member of the VFW and American Legion Post #88.

Since retiring Bob and Marilyn have served the Salvation Army as Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus (complete with pipe) in downtown Concord.

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He is survived by his wife, Marilyn; his sister, Sherry Morrison; four children and eight grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the Salvation Army Red Kettle Bell donate.salvationarmyusa.org. ■

PATRICK MICHAEL KILEY

Patrick Michael Kiley, 58, died unexpectedly of a sudden, short illness on Sunday, March 23, 2014 at his home in Loudon.

Patrick was born Dec. 28, 1955, in Woburn, Mass. to John Henry Kiley and Kathryn Louise (Seminatore) Kiley. In his youth, he lived in Hyde Park, Mass., and in Raymond, Bethlehem, Concord, and Barnstead, playing football at Rundlett Junior High School and going on to graduate from Pittsfield High School in 1974.

Holding a job at the Concord Airport to earn his flight training, he twice became the youngest pilot in the United States: first, after completing his first solo flight on his 16th birthday in Concord, and again after receiving his private pilot's license on his 17th birthday. Patrick served for three years in the United States Army in the 2nd Armored Division as an air traffic controller, and subsequently worked for a number of years as a carpenter with his father, with Hampshire Living, for Bonnette, Page & Stone, and at his own company, P&M Builders. He was a licensed master plumber and a licensed master electrician, and worked installing furnaces for Pittsfield Gas & Oil, and as an automotive mechanic and inspector for Loudon Garage. His great love of aviation, though, eventually led him back to a nearly 30 year long career as an air traffic controller with the Federal Aviation Administration in Norwood, Mass. and in West Lebanon and Nashua. He was a charter member of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, as well as a charter member of the National Air Traffic Controllers Association, and a longtime member of the Experimental Aircraft Association and an enthusiastic participant in their Young Eagles program, where he volunteered to give children their first flights in noncommercial aircraft free of charge.

After their marriage on March 10, 1979, Patrick and his wife, Melanie Beth (Chesley) Kiley designed and constructed their own home in Loudon and have been living there with their two children, Erin Marie Kiley and Timothy Patrick Kiley, for 27 happy years. Patrick lent his knowledge, skill, and creativity in carpentry and wood-working to various projects such as home-built aircraft, boats, and furniture, and he enjoyed sharing these and many other hobbies with his siblings, friends, children, and most recently, with his grandson, Rowan Thomas Kiley.

In addition to aviation and wood-working, Patrick greatly enjoyed riding motorcycles and spending time at his

Present: Chairman Krieger, Selectman Ives and Selectman Bowles.

Also present was Fire Chief Rick Wright and Road Agent Dave Rice.

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

Selectman Ives moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Monday, January 27, 2014 as written. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board met with Road Agent Dave Rice.

Mr. Rice explained that the John Deere tractor is at John Deere for repairs.

Rice showed the Board a quote he received for new road posted signs. He explained that the signs he has are old and the RSA number has changed.

Mr. Rice said they have been working on scraping bridges and trying to get ice cut back where they can.

Mr. Rice said the budget line for salt will run over this year. Selectman Ives said to be sure to take it out of that line even if it runs over, so they know where to adjust the budget next year.

The Board met with Fire Chief Rick Wright.

Chief Wright explained that the dry hydrant project on Loudon Ridge Road has been completed and tested; it works. He said additional ground work will need to be done when the weather warms up. Chief Wright submitted a copy of a thank you letter he sent to John Zudell of NHMS for helping with that project by loaning them a large portable pump.

Chief Wright submitted a copy of a thank you letter he sent to Best Septic for the help he received from Paul, Eric and Greg with the freeze up at the South Village Road dry hydrant.

wife's family's camp in Moultonborough, where he and his family shared many joyful memories. He will be remembered for his cheerful presence, friendly hugs, his humor and playful disposition, his big ideas, and the pride he took in his work, his family, and his many, many friends.

He put his often-cited "Luck of the Irish" to good use in many ways, and considered himself fortunate not only to have had so many good friends and close family members who loved him dearly, but also to have survived an airplane and a motorcycle accident, as well as numerous construction and carpentry accidents without losing an ounce of his affable humor.

Patrick is survived by his mother, his wife, his daughter and her husband, Carlos Eduardo Cardoso Borges, his son and grandson, and his siblings, Deborah Kiley of Melbourne, Fla., Michael Kiley of Center Barnstead, John Anthony ("Tony") Kiley of Barnstead, and Beth Kiley Sirrine of Epsom, along with many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his father.

Donations in Patrick's name may be made to the Loudon Food Pantry or to the charity of one's choice. His soaring spirit will remain forever in our hearts and our memories. ■



Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — February 4, 2014

Chief Wright submitted a lease extension agreement from the Town of Chichester for an additional month rental of the 1991 E-One Fire Pumper Truck. The Board agreed that they are willing to go along with extending the agreement on a month to month basis.

Chief Wright said he, Firefighter/EMT Henley, Northrop, Brooks and Cyr met with the Boy Scouts this weekend at their Klondike Derby at NHMS. Chief Wright said they demonstrated rescue techniques, explained how equipment on the ambulance and rescue engine is used and showed them how the water rescue suit works. Selectman Ives said that is great public relations.

Chief Wright said he a memo regarding the Pittsfield Road subdivision cistern. Chief Wright said that based on last week's meeting he checked with Donna White regarding requirements for when fire cisterns are in be installed and operational. He gave the board copies of pages 71 and 72 from the Zoning Ordinance, an email regarding board meeting minutes when the fire cistern was discussed and a copy of the section of the final plan that shows the cistern. Chairman Krieger asked if there is anything that states when it is to be done. Chief Wright said he couldn't find anything in writing that states when it has to be done. He said there was discussion last week that it's generally been expected it's done at the beginning not at the end. Chairman Krieger recognized Ray Dumont, TTD LLC from the audience. Mr. Dumont said he couldn't find anything that says he has to install a cistern prior to receiving a CO on any property. He said he understood that by the time the fourth property came along he'd have to have a cistern installed. Mr. Dumont said that cisterns are expensive so he'd like to sell a house first and then install it. Chairman Krieger said he didn't know when the cistern had to be installed so he appreciates Mr. Dumont giving them the week to research it. Selectman Ives clarified that Mr. Dumont will install the cistern after he sells the first house and asked that Mr. Dumont put that in writing. Mr. Dumont agreed. Jeff Green, Land Surveyor working for TTD LLC said that the requirement is that any subdivision over three houses requires sprinklers, cistern or some sort of fire protection, so he feels that they should be allowed to do the first three houses and then there shouldn't be any permits until the cistern is in, bonded or there is some agreement. Mr. Green said they don't want to set precedent so they are asking for three houses. Selectman Bowles said Mr. Dumont agreed to the first house and now Mr. Green is asking for three houses. Mr. Dumont said he doesn't want to set precedent so maybe they should go with three houses. Selectman Bowles asked if it's fair to the three houses that don't have fire protection to wait until the fourth house is built. Chairman Krieger said he would agree to allow the first CO as long as something is in writing that says the cistern will be installed before the second CO is issued. Selectman Ives agreed, saying that the cistern has to be installed and approved by the Fire Department. Chief Wright said that he needs the plans and other submittals for the cistern. Chairman Krieger told Mr. Dumont that if there is any other issue in the future they meet every Tuesday night; he can call the office and request a meeting with the Selectmen. Mr. Dumont said that as soon the Board gets something written up he will come in and sign it.

Selectman Ives moved to go into a non-public session per RSA 91-A: 3, II (c) at 6:24 p.m.; seconded by Selectman Bowles. Roll call vote: Ives – yes; Bowles – yes. All in favor. Motion carries. Selectman Bowles made a motion to seal the minutes for five years because it is determined that divulgence of this information likely would affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of this board. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Roll call vote: Ives – yes; Bowles – yes. Motion carries. Selectman Bowles moved to come out of executive session at 6:37 p.m.; seconded by Selectman Ives. Roll call vote: Ives – yes; Bowles – yes. All in favor. Motion carries.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received a letter from Town Counsel regarding *Moser/Jones v. Loudon and New England Flower Farms*.

The Board received a letter and appointment paper from the Loudon Conservation Commission regarding Rob Buzzell. *Selectman Ives made a motion to appoint Robert Buzzell as an alternate member to the Loudon Conservation Commission, appointment to expire March 31, 2015. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.*

The Board received a letter of Intention forwarded from Code Enforcement Officer Fiske regarding someone renting a bay at Harry O's. Chairman Krieger said it appears to be a change of use and the Planning Board needs to address this. Selectmen Ives and Bowles agreed.

The Board received information from Central NH Regional Planning Commission regarding the 2014 Transportation Data Collection Program.

The Board received ESMI's 4th quarter 2013 Host Community Fee report.

The Board received an abutter notification for a Shoreland Permit application for tax map 1, lot 5.

The Board received information from PSNH regarding CORE Energy Efficiency Programs.

The Board received miscellaneous correspondence including a letter from a Loudon resident stating that he does not want to see night racing at the track.

The Board received two Petition and Pole Licenses from PSNH. Selectman Bowles made a motion to approve pole number 52/75-1A on Lower Ridge Road and pole number 54/4S on Pittsfield Road. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board received the following reminders:

Wednesday, February 5, 2014 – the 2nd budget hearing has been cancelled due to the impending storm.

Monday, February 10, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. is a broadband internet meeting at CNHRPC.

Monday, February 10, 2014 at 7:15 p.m. is a MVSD school board meeting.

Tuesday, February 11, 2014 – the regular Selectmen's meeting has been cancelled.

Tuesday, February 18, 2014 is the regular Selectmen's meeting and also Board of Permit.

Selectman Bowles moved to adjourn at 6:57 P.M. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Robert P. Krieger, Chairman

Steven R. Ives, Selectman

Dustin J. Bowles, Selectman

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — February 18, 2014

Present: Chairman Krieger, Selectman Ives and Selectman Bowles.

Also present: Fire Chief Rick Wright.

Chairman Krieger called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

Chairman Krieger read the following aloud:

Notice of Public Hearing, Town of Loudon. In accordance with RSA 32:5-1, the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Loudon will hold a Public Hearing for review of the Proposed Budget and Warrant Articles for Fiscal Year — 07/01/2014 to 06/30/2015. The Hearing will be held Tuesday, February 18, 2014 at 5:30 pm at the Loudon Community Building located behind the Town Offices. The proposed budget will be voted on at the March 2014 Town Meeting. Loudon Board of Selectmen: Robert P. Krieger, Chairman, Steven R. Ives, Selectman and Dustin J. Bowles, Selectman.

Selectman Ives stated that the only change in the proposed budget is line 01-41531-300-320. He explained that this is the legal line and they changed it from \$20,000 to \$80,000. Selectman Ives said there are no other changes to the budget since the last public hearing. Selectman Ives asked if there were any questions from the public regarding the budget. There were none.

Selectman Ives stated that there are no changes to the proposed revenues since the last public hearing.

Selectman Bowles said that since the last public hearing Article 10 was added which was brought forth by petition. Selectman Bowles explained that this article is a resolution regarding tar sands oil and the pipeline from Alberta Canada to S. Portland Maine.

Chairman Krieger made a motion to adopt the proposed budget for fiscal year 2014-2015 in the amount of \$4,142,211. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion Carries. Selectman Ives said he thinks it is a good budget.

Chairman Krieger closed the budget hearing at 6:02 p.m. and opened the regular Selectmen's meeting.

Selectman Ives moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, February 4, 2014 as written. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board met with Fire Chief Rick Wright.

Chief Wright explained that members of the Fire Department met with members of the Sno-Shakers Club at their annual ride-in on Sunday. The Fire Department demonstrated how the rescue sled works. Selectman Bowles said it's another good connection with the public and good that the Sno-Shakers know the department is there if they need them.

Selectman Bowles asked Chief Wright about the fire on Friday. Chief Wright said it was a fire on Route 129. He said they tried to put it out themselves and then called the department. Chief Wright said it pretty much stayed in the basement; the heat and smoke got up to the main level but he believes it is fixable.

Selectman Ives moved to go into a non-public session per RSA 91-A: 3, II (c) at 6:05 p.m.; seconded by Selectman Bowles. Roll call vote: Krieger — yes; Ives — yes; Bowles — yes. All in favor. Motion carries. Selectman Ives made a motion to seal the minutes for five years because it is determined that divulgence of this information likely would affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of this board. Seconded by Chairman Krieger. All in favor. Roll call vote: Krieger — yes; Ives — yes; Bowles — yes. Motion carries. Selectman Ives moved to come out of executive session at 6:24 p.m.; seconded by Selectman Bowles. Roll call vote: Krieger — yes; Ives — yes; Bowles — yes. All in favor. Motion carries.

Selectman Bowles mentioned the passing of two residents in town. He said that Jim Venne was a Zoning Board member and business owner here in town. Paula Miller worked with the Cate Van for many years. The Board sends their thoughts and prayers to their families.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received a letter from NH Charitable Foundation regarding the Loudon Veteran's Memorial/Monument Maintenance Fund.

The Board received the ESMI Self-report for January 2014.

The Board received a letter from the Timberman Triathlon; the Selectmen were asked to start and watch the event on August 17, 2014.

The Board received a letter from Tony Merullo regarding an impact fee and road bond. The Board will look further into this issue.

The Board received an email from Merimack Valley School District that states that the Annual School Reports will be delivered to the Loudon Post Office, the Library, the Town Office and the Elementary School on Thursday, February 20. The report will also be available on the school website.

The Board received a letter from Town Council regarding *Moser & Jones v. Loudon & NE Flower Farms*.

The Board received a letter from a Loudon resident regarding Loudon Ledger policies. The resident would like to be able to submit letters to the editor. Selectman Ives said this resident has requested this previously; the policy the Ledger is organized under does not allow them to put editorial comment in their paper. Selectman

Bowles said this Board does not have the authority to make that change.

The Board received miscellaneous correspondence.

The Board received the following reminders:

Thursday, February 20, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. is the Planning Board meeting.

Tuesday, February 25, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. the Selectmen will be meeting with Bryan Christensen from Comcast to discuss the franchise agreement.

Chairman Krieger thanked the Police, Fire, Highway and Town Office employees for coming into work during this weather; he appreciates everything they do.

Selectman Ives moved to adjourn at 6:40 P.M. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.

LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Robert P. Krieger, Chairman

Steven R. Ives, Selectman

Dustin J. Bowles, Selectman

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — February 25, 2014

Present: Chairman Krieger, Selectman Ives and Selectman Bowles.

Also present: Road Agent Dave Rice and Police Chief Bob Fiske.

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

Selectman Bowles moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, February 18, 2014 as written. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board met with Road Agent Dave Rice.

Mr. Rice said they had a tough week last week; a couple of trucks got stuck.

Mr. Rice said they are patching holes.

Mr. Rice said they have three more loads of salt to get and that's all they can get. He thinks they will be ok.

Chairman Krieger asked how the new guy is working out. Mr. Rice said great.

Mr. Rice said he is working with Chief Fiske on something regarding people plowing into and across the roads. Chief Fiske suggested that the 1982 minutes regarding this issue be incorporated into this, he also suggested that the fine be raised from \$25.00 to \$100.00. Chairman Krieger asked if there would be a warning before the fine. Mr. Rice said they have spoken to most of the people that are doing it; he doesn't think they should be given another warning. Mr. Rice said that it's too late to get something into the *Ledger* for March so this is something they will work on for next winter. Selectman Ives said they need to get something in the *Ledger* next fall stating that they will be enforcing this ordinance and the fine will be \$100.00.

The Board met with Police Chief Bob Fiske.

Chief Fiske introduced John Mortimer from Millennium Running. Mr. Mortimer explained that Millennium Running is his company and he puts on running events. Mr. Mortimer said the company is a for-profit company however they bring in non-profits for each event they produce. He stated that last year, their second year in business, they donated \$137,000.00 to local non-profits through their charity program.

Mr. Mortimer said he came up with an event working with the speedway. He said

this event will run from the speedway to the state capital. Mr. Mortimer said he is here to get permission and permits to start the race at the track. Chairman Krieger asked how long it will affect traffic. Mr. Mortimer said about 30 minutes; he explained that the race would start at the track and his crew would follow and clean up so that as the runners leave town so does any evidence that they were here. Selectman Ives asked how many runners they expect. Mr. Mortimer said they don't know because it's a new event. Mr. Mortimer said it takes about 3 minutes to get 2,000 people over the starting line. He explained that they will start at the entrance of the speedway, cone off either the center line or breakdown lane of the southbound lane, close the road for 3-4 minutes so the runners can get out of the track and across 106. Chief Fiske asked if they would then run in the breakdown lane. Mr. Mortimer said ideally he would like the runners to have the southbound lane and the breakdown lane for two miles and delay the traffic. Selectman Ives explained that the issue is that they are having more and more of these events at the track and our citizens are getting fed up with the impact. Mr. Mortimer says he realizes the impact and it's something they don't take lightly. Chief Fiske asked Mr. Mortimer how long it will take for the last person to get from the track to the Loudon town line at Old Shaker Road. He said that it will take the first person about 15 minutes and the last person about 30 minutes. Mr. Mortimer said they have proposed 9 a.m. as a start time but it could be 8 a.m. if that would be better. Chief Fiske asked if DOT has been contacted about this. Mr. Mortimer said they have; they don't approve anything until the town does. Selectman Bowles asked if they intend to shut down the dirt roads also. Mr. Mortimer said no it would be open course at that point but what they do is hire local charities to be "course marshals" in areas that don't have police details. The "course marshals" would be in reflective vests to help monitor traffic. Selectman Ives said he is concerned with people trying to get out of

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their driveways. Mr. Mortimer said they will contact every resident on the route with a flyer and knock on their door to tell them the time of impact. Chairman Krieger said he would like to take it under advisement. Mr. Mortimer said that the proposed date is September 28. Mr. Mortimer said that if they need to change things or edit time-tables anything to facilitate the process he's willing. Mr. Mortimer said that Concord would take over from the Concord line and have already approved this unanimously. He also explained that the runners would park in Concord and be bused to the start so they have their vehicles in Concord at the end of the race. Chairman Krieger said he would like to talk with the Fire and Police Chief about it, talk to the track to see how many other events they are planning and they will get back to Mr. Mortimer soon.

Chairman Krieger recognized Bryan Christiansen from Comcast.

Mr. Christiansen explained that he forwarded a draft franchise agreement to the Selectmen for their review. The agreement Comcast has with the town has expired. Chairman Krieger explained that the roomful of people is because most these people want cable and feel there are enough houses in the area to get it. Chairman Krieger said that is one thing they would like to talk about. Mr. Christiansen said he suspects a lot of them are from the County Club area. Chairman Krieger said they are also from Currier Road and Coaster Road. Mr. Christiansen said that the franchise agreement they are operating under now is for 20 houses per aerial mile and 25 houses per underground mile. He said they are about one to one and half houses short of that for Greenview Drive. Mr. Christiansen said they want to get as many customers as they can but it needs to make economic sense. He explained that it's roughly \$25,000.00–\$35,000.00 per aerial mile to install and underground is a case to case basis. Selectman Ives asked if all 25 houses have to subscribe in order for it to go in or can just one house. Mr. Christiansen said one and that's why there is a density requirement; because there is no guarantee on investment. Roger Maxfield said the draft agreement has a franchise fee, which the old agreement did not have. He asked what the franchise fee would be and asked if in lieu of a franchise fee can they just hook up the entire town. Mr. Christiansen explained that the fee is a percentage that is collected by Comcast from the subscriber and submitted to the town. Selectman Bowles clarified that the fee would be part of the contract, so the Selectmen would actually be imposing the fee if they decided to include it in the contract. Mr. Christiansen agreed. Mr. Christiansen said other than Chichester and Concord not a lot of other communities have the fee. Mr. Christiansen said that Greenview Drive will cost about \$100,000.00; they are about \$21,000.00 short because they don't have the density. Mr. Christiansen there could be a mecha-

nism in place that if people on Greenview would sign up for a minimum amount of service for a minimum amount of time it could be installed. Kathy Whedon said that since she moved to Greenview she has been talking to Comcast, she was told that once they get the association in place Comcast would talk to them. George Hunton from Currier Road related his experience over the years. He explained that he has received offers from Comcast he calls them; they show up to install and then tell him they can't install it. He said they gave him a quote of \$24,000.00 to get to his house so he had given up. He then noticed that they extended towards his house so he called for another quote and got one for \$13,000.00. He said that due to where he lives and the minimum lot sizes he feels there is never going to be the minimum number of houses per square mile. Mr. Hunton said there are about a dozen houses in the area without it. He said he's willing to chip in for it but can't pay \$13,000.00. Mr. Christiansen said that there can be a mechanism put in the franchise agreement that says something like if you have 10–15 people willing to sign up for basic service for two years Comcast will install it. Mike Moffett from Greenview Drive said he wanted to clarify that they are 1–2 houses short of getting cable. Mr. Christiansen said they are 1.4 houses short on Greenview Dr. Selectman Ives said what they have learned tonight is that if a group of people get together and make a commitment Comcast will work with the numbers. Mr. Christiansen said yes; they will work with that in the agreement. A resident from Greenview Drive asked the Selectmen if they have entertained bids from any competing cable companies. Selectman Ives said he contacted MetroCast and they are not interested in Loudon. Mr. Christiansen said that the wires on the poles belong to Comcast so if MetroCast were to come in they would have to run their own wires. Chairman Krieger asked if he has a commitment letter for residents to fill out, Mr. Christiansen said he can develop one and he welcomes working with somebody to come up with a formula. Selectman Bowles said that since Greenview Drive is a private road and they are forming an association Mr. Christiansen should work with them directly. The Board agreed that Mr. Christiansen should work directly with the Greenview Drive residents and offered the Community Building for meetings if they need it. George Hunton said that Comcast is really his only option for high speed internet without going broke or getting junk. He said he doesn't have an association but he can talk to his neighbors. Chairman Krieger suggested that Mr. Hunton contact his neighbors. Selectman Bowles said they will help out anyway they can. Beth from 144 Greenview thanked the Selectmen for giving the taxpayers time tonight, she also asked when Mr. Christiansen can have the number for commitment that they would need. Mr. Christiansen said by the end of March and then they will move forward with a new franchise agree-

ment that says if "x" number of subscribers sign up they meet the density. Mr. Moffett asked Mr. Christiansen what his title is and suggested that he is tuned into PR implications and if someone from Greenview Drive wrote a letter that ended up in the Monitor saying that Greenview is one house short of getting service, that whoever reads these things will say "Bryan why did you let it get into the paper when we could have worked something out from within the company," it would look kind of bad. Chairman Krieger told Mr. Moffett that Bryan has already agreed to work with them without the number of houses needed so they don't need to go there. Mr. Christiansen said they are in 100% compliance with the franchise agreement. Chairman Krieger suggested that they have their association meeting and then Ms. Whedon will contact Mr. Christiansen. Chairman Krieger said he can't tell Mr. Moffett what to put in the paper, he wouldn't want to violate his first amendment right but it sounds like Bryan is going to work with them anyhow. Mr. Hunton asked if he can meet with Bryan. Mr. Christiansen agreed. A Greenview resident pointed out that she doesn't need Comcast for entertainment, she needs it for business. The Board thanked Mr. Christiansen for coming in.

Chairman Krieger recognized Iain Wilson from the *Concord Monitor*.

Mr. Wilson explained that he is new to the paper and wanted to introduce himself.

Mr. Wilson explained that he noticed that the Legion has been torn down and according to *Monitor* files a new town office will be built there. Selectman Bowles explained that the Legion became available, after public hearings and discussion the property was bought with the understanding that the building would come down to make way for the future town office. Selectman Ives added that another reason they wanted that lot was to protect the parking for the rec field behind it. Selectman Bowles explained that they tried to sell the building with no luck so they made a deal with Mr. Cabot that if he removed it he could have it and he will reconstruct it in the future on his site. Mr. Wilson asked if they have solicited proposals for the new office. Selectman Ives said they are forming a committee. He explained that the town has been putting away \$100,000 per year in a capital reserve fund for this building. Selectman Ives said the plan is to build it with what they have; they don't want to bond it. Selectman Ives said they hope to use local people to help keep cost down. He said that they built Fire Station 2 for about a quarter of a million due to volunteered time and local contractors; he's hoping they can do the same thing with this building. Mr. Wilson asked the Board to talk a little bit about the need for a new town office. Chairman Krieger suggested that Mr. Wilson tour the building. He explained that after the earthquake last fall, the cracks got bigger, the building is old, very narrow, there is a storage container outside, Chairman Krieger said that the town has very good people that work for them and the peo-

ple in that building deserve to work in something better, the town has outgrown the building. Selectman Ives said the building was supposed to be temporary. Mr. Wilson asked what the building was originally. Selectman Bowles said it was a house and the community building was a cow barn. Chairman Krieger said the goal is also to make it safer. Mr. Wilson asked how old the Legion building was. Selectman Bowles said that Mr. Fifield who took done the building dated it at about 1830. Mr. Wilson asked if it was always a Legion. Selectman Bowles said they believe it was a church, academy, grange hall and legion. Mr. Wilson asked what will happen to the Town Office. Selectman Ives said the Town will keep it, the Historical Society is crammed into their space so they might expand into it.

Mr. Wilson asked what happens to the tank. Selectman Ives explained that the federal government owns it and it is going to Whitefield.

Mr. Wilson said he would like to keep in touch with the Board and asked the Board to let him know if there is anything going on.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received a letter from Canterbury ZBA the appeal for a rehearing regarding Mourning Dove Holdings, LLC has been denied.

The Board received a letter from Town Council regarding Moser & Jones v. Loudon and NE Flower Farms regarding a Motion for Reconsideration was denied.

The Board received a letter from Town Council regarding Fairpoint Litigation.

The Board received a letter from State of NH Division of Forests regarding the appointment of Richard D. Wright to Forest Fire Warden.

The Board received a letter from PSNH regarding their payment of property taxes.

The Board received information from NH Department of Agriculture regarding emerald ash borer. Information will be handed out to with Intent to Cuts.

The Board received information from HealthTrust regarding scholarship applications. The John B. Andrews Scholarship is open to any high school senior of a NH municipal, school, county and village district employee that is covered by HealthTrust or NH Municipal Association. Seventeen scholarships in the amount of \$2,000.00 will be awarded. Scholarship information is available at www.healthtrustnh.org or Lisa at 230-3315.

The Board received miscellaneous correspondence.

The Board received the following reminder:

Thursday, February 27, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. is the Loudon Zoning Board meeting.

Selectman Ives moved to adjourn at 7:39 P.M. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.

LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Robert P. Krieger, Chairman


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Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — March 4, 2014

Present: Chairman Krieger, Selectman Ives and Selectman Bowles.

Also present: Fire Chief Rick Wright and Deputy Fire Chief Bill Lake.

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

Selectman Ives moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, February 25, 2014 as written. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board met with Fire Chief Wright.

Chief Wright said they have pumped the dry hydrant at the dam a couple of times and its working. He explained that they are trying to keep it active and ready in case they need it.

Chief Wright said he got the details of the Millennium Race. Selectman Ives asked Chief Wright what he thought about it. Chief Wright said as they do with the Timberman Triathlon they would want to staff a second ambulance one hour before the race starts until everyone crosses the Loudon Town line. Selectman Ives said they aren't sure about approving it due to it being the week after the NASCAR race. Chairman Krieger said they need to consider whether the event is a benefit or hindrance to the town; there are so many of these events and they keep adding more and more of them throughout the year. He said that the runners will leave the track, run though the dirt roads in Loudon into Concord; they won't be stopping at Loudon's stores or businesses. Deputy Lake pointed out that they will be shuttled in from Concord so they won't be stopping anywhere in Loudon. Selectman Ives said they talked about possibly 1,000 runners; how will people get out of their driveways. Chairman Krieger said they need to talk to the track to see how many events like this they are putting together for the entire season.

Chief Wright said they have talked a lot about the twenty year plan for the three engines and the tanker. He said they have talked in the past about setting up a capital reserve fund for a ladder truck replacement. Chief Wright said the one they have now is 33 years old, for reference he looked into what a ten-year old truck would cost and found that it would be about \$325,000.00. He explained that they would be able to afford to do this in a year or two out of the capital reserve fund apparatus line that they have if the town voted for it. Chief Wright said that would push back the next engine to 2020 so instead of 20 years it would be 24. Selectman Ives clarified that Chief Wright would add another apparatus to the rotation and extend it out 24 years instead of 20. Chief Wright agreed. Chairman Krieger said with the work the fire department has done and the way things are going since Chief Wright has been there he thinks the town will be pretty receptive to something like this. He has heard nothing but good comments. Chairman Krieger said this plan is something he would support, Selectman Ives

agreed. Deputy Lake said that this would alleviate putting away extra money as they have discussed at the Capital Improvement meetings it would just mean pushing back the engines. Selectman Ives asked if the ladder would continue in the rotation. Chief Wright said it wouldn't necessarily have to be replaced then; they would see how it's going. Chief Wright said he doesn't want to ask the taxpayer's to put away \$100,000 for the engine and another \$100,000 for a ladder; he said they haven't done that yet but it was the plan. Selectman Ives said we definitely don't need a million dollar ladder truck. Chief Wright agreed saying that he doesn't think we use it enough to justify that kind of money. Selectman Bowles asked if they put this plan in place would the engines remain on the 24 year cycle, he said he thinks that would be good. Chief Wright said that is how it would work out to be.

Chief Wright said that he also wants to talk about the old engine 2. This is the engine that Chichester has been leasing; it could be coming back as early as next week. Their truck is supposed to be fixed and back to them this week. Chief Wright said they will have to decide whether to sell it. Chief Wright said engine 3 has a pump problem; the estimate to fix it is \$9,500–13,500.00 and they would be without it for 30–50 days. Chief Wright suggested that they hang onto engine 2 until they get engine 3 fixed. Chairman Krieger said that makes sense. Selectman Ives asked if there is money in the budget this year for the repairs. Chief Wright said there is not, it will have to be after July 1. Selectmen Ives suggested that if there is any money left in this year's budget that it be encumbered. Selectmen Ives agreed that engine 2 should stay until the other is repaired but the end game is to sell it.

Selectman Bowles said a question that might come up during town meeting is the possibility of replacing the chassis and cab and keeping the body of the ambulance. Selectman Bowles said they know the truck and whether it's falling apart or not, he doesn't; but he thinks they should be prepared in case the question comes up. Deputy Lake said it's something they will look into.

Chairman Krieger recognized Bill Palmer from the Bee Hole Beavers Snowmobile Club.

Mr. Palmer explained that there is a snowmobile bridge on Wiggins Road that they would like to replace. He explained that it is on town property; a class 6 road, right before Bee Hole Road. Mr. Palmer said the project is state funded; they are asking for permission to replace and upgrade the bridge. He explained that the state has changed the laws for tracked ATV's to use snowmobile trails so the bridge needs to be wider. Mr. Palmer said eventually they would like to upgrade all of their bridges so they can get a larger groomer. Selectman Ives asked who would be doing the bridge. Mr. Palmer said the Bee Hole Beavers would be. Selectman Ives asked if they have

spoken to DES. Mr. Palmer said they have not; this is the first step. Mr. Palmer said they will gate it off so vehicles can't get on it; they will allow ATV's and dirt bikes to use it. Joshua Sheehy submitted paperwork for the Selectman to sign as Landowner.

Chairman Krieger recognized Dan Plourde from the audience. Mr. Plourde said he met with Mary Pinkham-Langer and he went over on one of his lots, he would like to take some land out of current use to square it off and then seed the lot. The Board asked Mr. Plourde to put something on paper and bring it back to them. Mr. Plourde agreed.

Selectman Bowles moved to go into a nonpublic session per RSA 91-A: 3, II (c) at 6:36 p.m.; seconded by Selectman Ives. Roll call vote: Krieger- yes; Ives - yes; Bowles - yes. All in favor. Motion carries. Selectman Bowles made a motion to seal the minutes for five years because it is determined that divulgence of this information likely would affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of this board. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Roll call vote: Krieger - yes; Ives - yes; Bowles - yes. Motion carries. Selectman Bowles moved to come out of executive session at 6:59 p.m.; seconded by Selectman Ives. Roll call vote: Ives - yes; Bowles - yes. All in favor. Motion carries.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received copies of the current expenditure report.

The Board received a check from the NH Charitable Foundation for the Tewksbury Memorial Fund, in the amount of \$355.09.

The Board received a check from the NH Charitable Foundation for the Veteran's War Memorial in the amount of \$1967.49.

The Board received a leave request from an employee.

The Board received a News Release from State of NH DOT regarding a meeting on Tuesday, March 18 at 6:30 to discuss the widening of Route 106 at the Staniels Road/Josiah Bartlett Road intersection and installation of traffic signals.

The Board received an email from Representative Lorrie Carey regarding a bill about "The Right to Know."

The Board received an invitation from the Town of Tilton and Town of Sanbornton to a meeting to discuss welfare issues. A copy will be forwarded to Welfare Director Roger Maxfield.

The Board received a copy of the January 23, 2014 ZBA minutes.

The Board received a copy of ESMI's 2013 Tier II submittal to NH Dept of Homeland Security.

The Board received a Notice to Mortgagee of impending tax deed from the Loudon Tax Collector.

The Board received information from Central and South NH Planning Commissions regarding a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy.

The Board received a scholarship memo from Brenda. The Board decided to set the deadline for high school applications for May 13, 2014 and the college deadline for June 13, 2014. Selectman Ives said the committee needs to meet to discuss the guidelines.

The Board received the 2014 Block Grant Aid Roadway Inventory from NHDOT.

The Board received miscellaneous correspondence.

The Board received the following reminders:

Wednesday, March 5, 2014 – Town meeting set-up at LES at 4:00 pm and Candidate's Night at 7:00 pm.

Thursday, March 6 – MVSD Annual Meeting. Polls are open 6-7:30 pm, meeting starts at 7:00 pm.

Monday, March 10 – Selectmen's Meeting and Board of Permit at 6:00 pm.

Tuesday, March 11 – Town Elections, polls are open 8am to 7pm.

Saturday, March 15 – Town meeting starts at 9 am at Loudon Elementary School.

Tuesday, March 18, 2014 – Selectmen's meeting at 6:00 pm and Public hearing with DOT regarding 106/Staniels/Josiah Bartlett Roads at 6:30 pm.

Selectman Bowles said Town Reports are out, he thanked the girls in the office for their time and effort in putting it together; it came out very good. Chairman Krieger agreed 100%.

Selectman Ives encourages everyone to attend candidate's night and ask questions.

Selectman Ives moved to adjourn at 7:16 P.M. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.

LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Robert P. Krieger, Chairman

Steven R. Ives, Selectman

Dustin J. Bowles, Selectman

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — March 10, 2014

Present: Chairman Krieger, Selectman Ives and Selectman Bowles.

Also present was Office Manager Brenda Pearl.

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

Selectman Ives moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, March 4, 2014 as written. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Krieger recognized Jessica Ferreira, Director of Events from NHMS, and Jerry Gappens, Executive Vice President & General Manager of NHMS. Also present was John Mortimer owner/founder of Millennium Running.

Ms. Ferreira explained that she wanted to introduce herself to the Board; she is the new Director of Events at the speedway. She said she recently read in Selectmen meetings minutes that the Board wanted to speak to her about 2014 speedway events. She explained that in 2013 they brought in a lot of new events and were able to see which worked and which they are not interested in bringing back. Chairman Krieger said that last year there was a couple of events where they didn't expect what happened. He said that's a concern because they got a lot of complaints. Chairman Krieger said there are other events that come through town such as the Timberman Triathlon so they are trying

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to get a handle on what people are planning. Ms. Ferreira gave the Board a schedule of event. She said that the Color Run was a successful event and has been confirmed for October 11. She explained that as always they will submit letters of intent as well as working closely with Gil Rogers and DOT regarding traffic and the amount of cars they anticipate. Ms. Ferreira said another is the run with John and Millennium on September 28. Selectman Ives said their concern is not only with the events that go on in the track but also go outside the track such as this run which is not confined to the track. Chairman Krieger noticed that the Renegade is not on the list and asked if they would be doing it. Ms. Ferreira said probably not. Selectman Ives asked about the Tough Mudder. Mr. Gappens said they were basically used as a parking facility; the event was held at Gunstock. He explained that he and his staff need to weigh the risk and the reward and then decide if the event is worth the hassle. Mr. Gappens said in this case he doesn't think it was but the only way to find out was to try it. Chairman Krieger asked what the difference between the Color Vibe and the Color Run is. Ms. Ferreira explained that they are basically the same, just two different organizations. Chairman Krieger asked which one had the traffic problems. Ms. Ferreira said the Color Vibe. She explained that it was the first big 5K event that they had; after that they had the Color Run which went extremely smoothly. Selectman Bowles asked about a run that was scheduled in December that got snowed out. Mr. Gappens explained that it was a run through the light display. Selectman Ives said he didn't hear any problems

with the lights this year. Mr. Gappens said they didn't have any with the entrance at the south end. Chairman Krieger asked that Ms. Ferreira keep the police department informed as she does with DOT about the number of cars anticipated for an event. She agreed and Mr. Gappens said he wants Chief Fiske copied on any emails so it's documented. Selectman Ives said another thing to consider is that an event outside the track will need ambulance coverage. Chairman Krieger said he doesn't have any problem with the Color Vibe and Color Run that they did last year, the question is this new event. Chairman Krieger explained his concern about taking up half of 106 with runners from the track to Shaker Road, then half of Shaker Road to Old Shaker Road. Selectman Bowles said they won't be able to have any traffic once they get on Old Shaker Road because it's dirt and narrow. Mr. Mortimer explained that it will be more of a rolling delay. He said they understand the inconvenience of the community and he makes sure they are aware of it. Selectman Ives asked how committed Mr. Mortimer is to that date. Mr. Mortimer said it is an ideal date for them in terms of the speedway schedule, and in terms of the overall race schedule in the state. Selectman Ives explained that after the September race people are thinking it's done for the summer and now this event will be the week after that race. Selectman Bowles said his biggest concern is notifying the residents and asked how that will be done. Mr. Mortimer said that any residence or business on the route or on an abutting street is notified with a flyer on their door. He explained that they notify every single one three times; the first about one month out, then two weeks out and then the week of the event. Selectman Ives asked Mr. Ferreira about the schedule;

does she anticipate any more events. She said the ones on the list are pretty definite, they have worked with them before and they are comfortable working with them again. Ms. Ferreira said if a proposal comes across her desk she will let the Board know. Ms. Ferreira said they have worked with John before and are extremely comfortable with the way he does business which is why she brought him in. She said they aren't really interested in events outside of the track but they trust him and the way he puts on events are flawless. Chairman Krieger asked what will happen at the track that day. John said to minimize impact in Loudon they will have race day packet pick up in downtown Concord the day before, there will be a couple of porta-johns and a couple of 10x10 popup tents at the track the day of the event. Chairman Krieger asked if there will be vendors. Mr. Mortimer said no there will not be vendors. Selectman Bowles suggested that they try it this year. He also asked that any debris along the route be picked up. Selectman Ives said that as long as they follow through with the notification that was discussed tonight he is okay with it. Chairman Krieger said he's good with it also. Selectman Bowles said that they want to be kept informed about the traffic plan. Chairman Krieger asked about an ambulance. Mr. Mortimer said Concord has one available if the Board wants him to hire theirs. Chairman Krieger said that that Loudon's second one can be scheduled; contact Chief Wright. Mr. Mortimer said

that he will get the flyers to the Selectmen for approval before they go out.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received a letter from a tax payer regarding overdue property taxes. The Board will take this under advisement.

The Board received a copy of the current Capital Improvements Program for their review.

The Board received a report from Nobis Engineering regarding the Transfer Station. The Board agreed that the report should be forwarded to NHDES.

The Board received miscellaneous correspondence.

The Board received the following reminders:

Tuesday, March 11 – Town Elections, polls are open 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Saturday, March 15 – Town meeting starts at 9 a.m. at Loudon Elementary School.

Tuesday, March 18, 2014 – Selectmen's meeting at 6:00 p.m. and Public hearing with DOT regarding 106/Staniels/Josiah Bartlett Roads at 6:30 p.m.

Selectman Bowles moved to adjourn at 6:37 P.M. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Robert P. Krieger, Chairman

Steven R. Ives, Selectman

Dustin J. Bowles, Selectman

Planning Board Meeting Minutes — February 20, 2014

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

Attendance:

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

Bob Ordway was appointed as a voting member in the absence of Stan Prescott.

Acceptance of Minutes:

January 16, 2014 Regular Meeting – Bob Cole made a motion to approve the minutes; seconded by George Saunderson. All were in favor.

Discussion:

Michael Rowe informed the Board that he wants to rent a bay at Harry-O's and was told by Bob Fiske to submit a letter of intent, which he did. That letter went to the

Board of Selectmen and from there he was told that he would have to see the Planning Board because it is a change of use. He presented copies of the letter to all Board members. Mr. Rowe explained that he and his cousin buy storage containers of various goods, and they need a place to clean the stuff up and stage for flea markets that they do during the summer. He said he advertises the goods on Craigslist and meets buyers by appointment. This would be a pick up spot, there would be nothing stored outside, and they might do a yard sale once a year to clear out inventory. Dustin Bowles said he sees no problem if there are no complaints of extra traffic, noise, etc. The Board briefly discussed the intent and agreed if Mr. Rowe is storing goods and meeting by appointment there would be no real impact. It was

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agreed to write it up as such, make sure that Bob Fiske has a copy, and if Mr. Rowe expands beyond the intent stated in his letter then the Board would want him to come back for a full review and notification of abutters. *Bob Ordway made a motion to approve the use of the bay at Harry O's for the intent stated in Mr. Rowe's letter; seconded by Bob Cole. All were in favor.*

Old Business:

Application #14-01, Bumfagon, LLC – Lot Line Adjustment on Bumfagon Road in the AFP District, Map 52, Lots 5 & 5-1. Tom Dow read a request from Web Stout, the applicant's representative, to continue the application to the meeting of March 20, 2014. He also read a letter from Joe Bohi and Mark Plantier requesting the same. *George Saunderson made a motion to continue the application to March 20, 2014; seconded by Bob Cole. All were in favor.* The meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Building and there will be no further notification.

Board Discussion:

Master Plan update – Mike Tardiff and Matt Monahan from Central NH Regional Planning Commission met with the Board for a review of the update process to date.

Mr. Tardiff explained that the Transportation chapter is complete, the Economics chapter is ready for review, and they would like to work on a visioning session. He said they could have the background information ready for May or June and would be ready for a visioning session or two. Mr. Tardiff said it would probably be best to do the session some evening as it might be difficult to get public participation on a weekend. He said having 25–30 people would be nice. Mr. Tardiff said they would update demographics and mapping with the group. He said a Saturday morning could work as well. Board members agreed that a Saturday would be best; it seemed to work well when they did previous sessions. Donna was asked to check on the school's availability for a Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon, mid-May/early June. It was suggested that the ZBA be included as well and that representatives of the Conservation Commission assist with the Natural Features (previously referred to as Conservation, Preservation, and Open Space) section. The visioning session will be promoted at the upcoming town meeting.

Mr. Monahan said he would like to meet one more time with the Economics sub-committee. He presented the chapter update, a summary of actions taken to date. He said they will mesh the chapter together after the visioning session. Mr. Tardiff and

Mr. Monahan will come to the March 20th Planning Board meeting to discuss the update in further detail. The Board was asked to provide names of Conservation Commission and Planning Board representatives for the Natural Features section. Mr. Monahan will get some dates to Donna for the Economic sub-committee meeting.

Capital Improvements Program Public Hearing:

Because there was nobody present for this public hearing it was moved from the beginning of the meeting to this point on the agenda. Chairman Dow stated that the public hearing is to review the changes made to the CIP but having previously done this as a Board, there was no reason to go through it again since there was no one from the public at the hearing. Board members agreed. *Henry Huntington made a motion to approve the Capital Improvements Program 2014/15 to 2019/20 as presented; seconded by Tom Moore. All were in favor.*

Board Discussion:

Cisterns – Donna informed the Board of a recent issue with regard to the issuance of a certificate of occupancy prior to the installation of a cistern at the TTD, LLC subdivision on Route 129 and Pittsfield Road. The cistern is a requirement of the approval based on the number of lots in the subdivision but the developer did not feel that the cistern had to be installed at this point as there was only one house being built. The matter went to the Board of Selectmen who agreed that the CO could be issued for the first house, but an agreement that the cistern had to be installed and operational prior to the issuance of any additional COs would be established between Mr. Dumont and the Town. The Board discussed the need to stress the timeframe of cistern installation;

John Reese submitted proposed language to address this in the Zoning Ordinance. It was suggested that the matter be addressed as an application checklist item, clearly stating that any fire department residential water supply must be operational before the issuance of the first occupancy permit for the subdivision.

TTD, LLC well overlay – The Board reviewed a lineament overlay map that was submitted by TTD, LLC as a condition of their subdivision approval.

Traffic count – The Board recommended that any roads/areas that have not been part of the yearly traffic count for the last five years, especially if there has been new development, be included in this year's request to CNHRPC.

Broadband meeting – George Saunderson and Bob Cole recently attended a meeting on broadband in NH. They said CNHRPC would be glad to assist the town in any way they could. Dustin Bowles reported that the Selectmen will be meeting with Brian Christensen from Comcast in the near future to discuss the franchise agreement.

Report of the ZBA:

There is an application for a special exception for operating hours for ESMI on this month's ZBA agenda.

Report of the Board of Permit:

There was no meeting this month.

Adjournment:

Dustin Bowles made a motion to adjourn at 8:20 p.m.; seconded by Tom Moore. All were in favor.

*Submitted by,
Donna White
Administrative Assistant*

**Deadline for the
May 2014 issue of the
"Loudon Ledger" is
Friday, April 18, 2014**

Planning Board Meeting Minutes — March 20, 2014

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

Attendance:

Chairman Tom Dow, Vice Chairman Stan Prescott, George Saunderson, Tom Moore, Alternate Bob Ordway, Ex-Officio Dustin Bowles

Bob Ordway was appointed as a voting member. Bob Butler represented the Conservation Commission and John Reese represented the Fire Department.

Acceptance of Minutes:

February 20, 2014 Regular Meeting – *Tom Moore made a motion to approve the minutes as written; seconded by George Saunderson. All were in favor.*

Discussion:

Aaron Holt – Mr. Holt purchased Speedway Self Storage and would like to continue parking cars during major race events as has been done by the previous owner. He was advised to submit a parking layout plan per the fire department's specifications.

Joanne Sanborn – Ray Dumond spoke on behalf of Mrs. Sanborn. Mr. Dumond explained that Mrs. Sanborn owns two parcels, one with her home and the other being vacant. He said the vacant lot has the required frontage to be a buildable lot but it would be a long, costly access to develop so she would like to have that lot's access over her driveway. They feel this would make the vacant lot more marketable. Mr. Dumond explained that the access to the vacant lot would be 350' on the right-of-way used by Mrs. Sanborn and 150' on her own property. It would cross to the 48.76 acre vacant lot. He mentioned that an access from the road

into the vacant lot would involve some wet area. Tom Dow asked if the right-of-way used by Mrs. Sanborn is over Mr. Epp's property. Mr. Dumond said that was correct. Mr. Dow asked if Mr. Epp is aware of this proposal. Mr. Dumond said he is very much aware of it and is fine with it, in fact Mr. Epp feels it would be the best solution because of the danger at the lot's own access. Bob Ordway asked if they would block off the vacant lot's 50' frontage access. Mr. Dumond said they would not. He said that would be left for a new owner to decide as they could decide to put in a driveway at some point. Dustin Bowles said he would want a letter from Mr. Epp for the record. John Reese said the fire department's concern would be the 9-1-1 address which would be based on the lot's frontage, yet the access would be at #100's right-of-way. There was discussion about the numbering of Mrs. Sanborn's lot not matching where her access is and potential issues with this proposed access. It was noted that the access would cross the lot's side setback so ZBA approval would be needed. Mrs. Sanborn was advised to see the ZBA, the fire department, and the road agent regarding the address. Mr. Reese said the access would need to be very clearly marked if approved.

Old Business:

Application #14-01, Bumfagon, LLC – Lot Line Adjustment on Bumfagon Road in the AFP District, Map 52, Lots 5 & 5-1. Web Stout of FWS Land Surveying represented the applicant. John and Donna Reardon, Jack Reardon, Erin Lambert, and Mark Plantier were present. Tom Moore and Tom

Dow recused themselves from this matter as direct abutters. Stan Prescott stepped in as acting chairman.

It was noted that this matter was tabled last month to allow the parties to agree on the movement of some lines. Mr. Stout pointed out that Lot 5 is now exactly five acres and showed a line that was moved approximately 24' to the north. He noted that he has to update one abutter on the plan as that property sold between notification and meetings. Mr. Stout stated that approximately seven acres will go back to the large parcel as a result of this lot line adjustment which is by court order and all parties are in agreement. The larger lot, Lot 5-1, will have a total of 239.03 acres and a total of 746' of frontage.

Abutter Tom Moore asked if a pin would be set where the new line crosses the stone wall. Mr. Stout said his concern is that some would see that as a corner of the lot. Hearing no further questions from the public, Acting Chairman Prescott closed the hearing to the public and opened it to the Board for discussion. *Dustin Bowles moved to accept the application as complete; seconded by George Saunderson. All were in favor. There were no questions from the Board. Dustin Bowles made a motion to approve the application as presented; seconded by Bob Ordway. All were in favor.*

Tom Moore and Tom Dow returned to the table.

New Business:

Application #14-02, Greenpeace Nominee Trust – Major Site Development on Route 106 in the C/I and RR Districts, Map 61, Lot 2. Jeff Lewis of Northpoint Engi-

neering represented the applicant. Applicant Dave Pritchard and abutter NHMS representative John Zudell were present.

Mr. Lewis gave an overview of the conceptual consultation done previously with the Board, the layout of the land, meetings with the Conservation Commission, site walk done with the Conservation Commission and Zoning Board, and Zoning Board approvals. He showed exhibits of the buildable area as it is and with the ZBA approvals which gave an increase to 4.62 acres in buildable area. Mr. Lewis reviewed a past conceptual plan that showed the lot's development potential and one that showed parking areas with possible future development. He recapped the ZBA approvals as follows: variance for driveway off the heavier traveled road, variance for work in steep slopes, variance for ground disturbance within the wetland buffer, and variance for filling of wetlands. He stated that they applied to DES for a wetland permit last summer and that has been submitted with this application.

Mr. Lewis stated that this phase is for the parking area only. He said it would have a paved access off Route 106 and would be gravel on two tiers. He said they have submitted to DES for an Alteration of Terrain permit and have submitted to DOT for a driveway permit.

Tom Moore moved to accept the application as complete and move to public hearing; seconded by Stan Prescott. All were in favor.

Mr. Lewis explained the fully designed drainage system on the parcel, pointing out some of the areas.

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Chairman Dow read a waiver for Article 13.4.9 (e). *Bob Ordway moved to approve the request; Stan Prescott seconded the motion with the condition that they know they have to come back for any further development. All were in favor.*

Chairman Dow read a waiver for Article 13.4.9 (g). *Tom Moore made a motion to grant the waiver based on the intended use as presented; seconded by George Saunderson. All were in favor.*

Chairman Dow read a waiver for Article 13.4.10 (a-f). There was discussion on the topography of this and the abutting lot which would make a cross access not really feasible. Mr. Lewis said a future developer would probably ask for the same waiver. George Saunderson asked John Reese if the fire department would want a cross access. Mr. Reese said it would not be necessary as long as they can get around the full building at the time of development. *Stan Prescott made a motion to approve the waiver as it applies to this application; seconded by George Saunderson. All were in favor.*

Chairman Dow read a waiver for Article 13.5.4. *George Saunderson moved to grant the waiver; seconded by Stan Prescott. All were in favor.*

Chairman Dow read a waiver for Article 23.12.5. *Stan Prescott moved to grant the waiver as agreed to by the Conservation Commission and Zoning Board; seconded by Tom Moore. All were in favor.*

The Board reviewed the full set of plans and approvals. Tom Dow asked if visually from the road there was any intention to change anything, noting that there are a lot of trees along there. Mr. Lewis said there is a 150' depth of trees that will not be changed where most of it is very wet.

Tom Dow clarified that the intention of this application and plan is for the function of site development and that the parking permit is a separate process. Tom Moore asked if there would be any signage or lighting. Mr. Lewis said there would not be as part of this, noting that anything more than being presented would have to come back. Stan Prescott asked if they are anticipating summer construction. Mr. Lewis said Mr. Pritchard has to wait for the snow to be gone and the wetland levels to subside. He said he would like to have it ready for the first race.

Tom Moore pointed out notes about temporary erosion control. Mr. Lewis said that would be used during construction to stabilize the areas; once stable with grass and packed areas, the temporary controls could come out. Stan Prescott noted that the silt fence on the NE side is not closed up. Mr. Lewis explained the way silt fence is used and the drainage in the area. Tom Moore asked about the gravel. Mr. Lewis said it would be crushed on top of bank run, 6 on 12. Tom Dow addressed the planting detail and asked if they would really be doing those. Mr. Lewis said the Conservation Commission asked for some plantings in an area real close to the wetland. It was noted that the planting locations are not shown; this will be corrected.

Tom Moore asked about the design standard for the retaining wall. Mr. Lewis explained that they will not know exactly what will be needed until they get in and see what the ledge is like. He said it would probably be a rock wall, 2'-4' at the most. He explained the requirement for wetland protection; they are not allowed to impact it any more than the permit is approved for. Dave Pritchard stated that he has Weaver Brothers do all of his work, and they are familiar with all of the State requirements and will do good work.

Bob Butler asked if the buildable area and drainage stay as shown in the next phase when developed further. Mr. Lewis said someone developing would have to come in with their plan. He said they have pretty much maxed out to what DES would permit. He said he feels the drainage system would be permanent, but if anyone wanted to enlarge they would have to go back through the process.

Stan Prescott noted that the landscape plan is stamped but the existing conditions plan is not. Mr. Lewis said they will provide stamped final plans. Tom Moore asked about the design standards for the detention pond. He asked if it was designed for this pervious plan or for an impervious plan at that time. Mr. Lewis said it was sized to provide treatment of water from that buildable area, and a developer would probably have to provide additional detention, maybe under a paved parking lot. He said the current plan is sized for this use. Tom Dow asked if it is anticipated that the ledge will be face ledge. Mr. Lewis said they will know better once they get in there, but yes.

It was noted that water flow arrows should be shown at the driveway.

John Zudell asked how many cars can be parked on this lot. Mr. Lewis said 184 spaces are shown on the plan but they will have to redo the plan to meet the parking permit requirements at the time of applying for the permit.

Stan Prescott said this is good utilization of the lot. Tom Moore said he was impressed that they could make something of the piece. Chairman Dow closed the hearing to the public and opened it to the Board only.

There was a review of corrections/outstanding items needed. *Tom Moore made a motion to approve the application with the following conditions: 1) correct typographical errors, 2) show planting locations, 3) show arrows for drainage along 106, 4) Alteration of Terrain permit, 5) DOT permit, 6) redraw level spreader at #1 detention pond, and 7) surveyor stamp on existing conditions page; seconded by George Saunderson. All were in favor.*

Board Discussion:

Master Plan update – 1) The Board reviewed a notice to be submitted to The Ledger about the upcoming visioning session scheduled for May 10th. It was agreed to send it as written. 2) CNHRPC has designed a website on the MP update and has asked the Board's preference for posting the site. It was agreed that the information should be directly on the Town's website rather than CNHRPC's, making it more accessible to residents. 3) Stephanie

Alexander is ready to begin work on the Natural Features chapter. Four or five committee members are needed. Donna will contact Stephanie for meeting time preferences. 4) A contract between CNHRPC and the Town for the update was reviewed. A correction will be made to the chairman of the Selectmen and copies will be signed.

Election of Officers:

Stan Prescott made a motion to nominate Tom Dow as Chairman; seconded by George Saunderson. All were in favor. Mr. Dow accepted the position.

George Saunderson moved to nominate Stan Prescott as Vice Chairman; seconded by Tom Dow. All were in favor. Mr. Prescott accepted.

Dustin Bowles moved to appoint Bob Ordway as an Alternate for one year; seconded by Stan Prescott. All were in favor. Mr. Ordway accepted, noting that it would be good to have another alternate available as well.

Report of the ZBA:

There is no ZBA meeting this month as no applications were received.

Report of the Board of Permit:

There was no meeting this month.

Adjournment:

Tom Moore made a motion to adjourn at 9:12 p.m.; seconded by Dustin Bowles. All were in favor.

*Submitted by,
Donna White
Administrative Assistant*

Zoning Board Meeting Minutes — February 27, 2014

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

ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Chairman Dave Powelson, Howard Pearl, Roy Merrill, Vice Chairman Ned Lizotte, Earl Tuson, and alternate George Saunderson.

Howard Pearl asked that a moment of silence be observed in honor of ZBA member Jim Venne who passed away on February 16th.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Regular Hearing – *Earl Tuson moved to accept the minutes of January 23, 2014; seconded by George Saunderson. All were in favor.*

PUBLIC HEARING

Application #Z14-02, Environmental Soils Management, Inc (ESMI) – Special Exception, C/I District, Map 50, Lot 24 on International Drive. Rich Trudeau, Robert Martin, Steve Bennitt, and Andy Drobot represented ESMI. Mr. Trudeau explained the proposal to be able to operate 24/7 at some points during the year. He said this has

been a tough winter and natural gas prices have spiked. Mr. Trudeau said the typical average is \$7,000/day to operate in the summer, and they have seen up to \$90,000/day to operate this winter. He explained that ESMI contracts with environmental companies and it is hard to predict costs like these that have a huge impact on the business. He spoke about the number of tons of material treated and recycled each month, noting that they cannot afford to operate at those high costs. Mr. Trudeau explained that they are looking for some relief on operations. He said gas prices are typically lower on week-ends since the draw of businesses is usually during the week. He said they would not operate every weekend, only when economical for them. He stated having some relief in the fall would put them in better shape for winter, allowing them to better manage through the spikes. Mr. Trudeau spoke about not being able to buy in the futures market if they cannot run on the weekend as they would have to sell it back if not used.

Roy Merrill spoke about a show he had seen on energy, with the liquid natural gas

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coming into Boston. There was brief discussion on the gas situation. Mr. Trudeau stated that ESMI has been a viable business in Loudon for twenty-two years; the business pays a host community fee to the Town, supports the local school, etc. Ned Lizotte asked how many days they have operated in recent months. Andy Drobat said they ran six days in February, eight days in January, and had a heavy workload in December so had to run despite the higher costs. Mr. Lizotte asked to clarify if they got relief they would be able to do weekends. Mr. Drobat explained that it would depend on temperatures and costs as they need warmer weather for lower cost. Rich Trudeau said they would not want 24/7, 365 days a year; they just need some flexibility to get through tougher spots. He said things pick up after Labor Day weekend so they were thinking the fall and winter.

George Saunderson asked if they would operate Tuesday through Sunday or something like that during the spring and summer since it is price generated and the gas is cheapest on Saturday and Sunday. Mr. Trudeau said they would not need to during the spring and summer as the prices stabilize. Mr. Saunderson asked if it would help if the Board gave six months of relief. Earl Tuson suggested October 1st through March 31st. There was discussion about why Sunday hours had been restricted.

Resident Carole Soule said the plant is still loud. Rich Trudeau pointed out that one item in the agreement from years ago was that ESMI would work on cutting the noise. He said they have done that with several modifications to the process and structures. Ms. Soule said she was glad that was done. Ned Lizotte reviewed the reason behind the request for weekend hours as Ms. Soule arrived after the applicants had addressed that. Mr. Trudeau stated that they do not anticipate the total annual operating hours to increase. He said this is all temperature and cost driven; they could operate on a Sunday but might not be able to operate other days.

Dave Powelson spoke about the history of the changes and reviews over the years. He said they increased hours to cut the hours of cool down and start up. Mr. Trudeau said that was correct as the shut-down/start up process is hard on equipment.

He said the key is to keep the unit running. Mr. Powelson reviewed that the current operating hours do not include from 5 p.m. on Saturday to 6 a.m. on Monday and that the applicant is asking for those hours with flexibility.

Chairman Powelson asked Ms. Soule if she had any suggestions or concessions that she would like considered. Ms. Soule said her biggest concern is Sunday as they have visitors at their farm and inn. She mentioned that they have new windows which do cut the night noise and with ESMI's efforts to lessen the noise she felt it would be okay. She said she does not want to stand in the way of them making money. Andy Drobat noted that the cost of ESMI being there is minimal to the Town, speaking about the low number of fire and ambulance calls over the years, being on a private road, and having no impact on the school system.

The chairman stated that the applicant is looking for modification of operating hours when economically necessary. He went through the points of the application with Steve Bennett. Chairman Powelson asked if there were any questions from the Board. Howard Pearl said he could be comfortable extending the hours from October 1st through March 31st. He asked Ms. Soule if she was okay with that proposal. Ms. Soule said she appreciated being asked and being able to offer input. She stated that she would be in agreement with that proposal. Earl Tuson suggested that the Board might grant the rest of this winter. Roy Merrill suggested they give them a year since this winter is about done.

Howard Pearl said they have seen improvements at the facility and efforts to work with the Town. He noted that there were no abutters present and only one member of the public so he did not feel there was too much concern from the public. Chairman Powelson spoke about others who were involved in previous meetings on ESMI and the notification process. Roy Merrill stated that abutters have been notified and this is a legally noticed meeting. He said the Board would not typically worry about if interested parties were notified or not in other situations.

Robert Martin explained that they need maintenance days at the plant so would not run weeks on end. He said six day operation is the maximum as they have to maintain a high level of efficiency. ESMI representa-

tives noted that they are not staffed to run non-stop.

Chairman Powelson asked if there were any abutters wishing to speak in favor of the application. He read an email from Brad Thompson of Northern Precast Design, in favor of the proposal.

Howard Pearl stated that ESMI has demonstrated that they are very willing to work with the concerns of residents and the Town is not getting complaints. He said this speaks well for the business. Mr. Pearl made a motion to allow ESMI to operate seven days a week, twenty-four hours a day, from October 1st through March 31st, conventional hours per the agreement to run from April 1st through September 30th and receiving hours to remain the same year-round; seconded by Ned Lizotte.

The chairman asked if Board members were in agreement with the points of the application. George Saunderson said #2 was a little "iffy," noting that sound is a funny

thing but he basically has no problem with the request. Mr. Powelson said he hedged on #2 as well because of the history. Andy Drobat said ESMI wants to operate a professional business with professional operators. Roy Merrill said he has known Mr. Drobat for several years and he has always done what he said. He said their track record speaks for itself.

A roll vote was taken: Earl Tuson — yes; Ned Lizotte — yes; Dave Powelson — yes; Roy Merrill — yes; Howard Pearl — yes. Unanimous — APPROVED

ADJOURNMENT

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

Submitted by,
Donna White
Administrative Assistant



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